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# **TRILLIUM BRIDGE AND BEYOND: STATE OF PLAY AND FUTURE PROSPECTS**

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# Trillium Bridge Project

- What:
  - Pragmatic Feasibility study on the exchange of Patient Summaries across the Atlantic
- How:
  - Comparing, analyzing, and mapping patient summaries starting with Meaningful Use 2 C-CDA/CCD and EU patient summaries (epSOS)
- When:
  - From: July 2013 to June 2015
- Who:
  - A stellar consortium comprising EU member state ministries, provider networks, industry, associations, SDOs





# Trillium Bridge Use Cases

- **One Value proposition:**
  - When patient needs unplanned care overseas, a EHR summary fit for the purpose of safe and efficient health care is available.
  - After the health care encounter, patient receives encounter report in a format and language that can be understood back home.
- **Two use cases:**
  - Provider mediated (citizen controlled, provider initiated)
  - Patient mediated (citizen initiated, citizen controlled)
- **Blazing the transatlantic path – constraints and assumptions**
  - Translation of narrative unstructured content (not in scope)
  - Incorporate patient summary elements in EHR or PHR (not in scope)
  - Preconditions: citizen empowerment
    - EU Citizens have access to their EU Patient Summary (e.g. epSOS PAC, HECR)
    - US Citizens have access to their Clinical Summary in C-CDA/ CCD



# Achievements of Trillium Bridge

**We are here**

## Selecting Grounds:

- Pilot Use Cases
- Business Architecture
- Gap Analysis

## Building the Bridge:

- Aligning Structure & Terminology
- Trust Agreements
- Interoperability assets

## Testing the Bridge:

- Testing Tools
- Data Sets
- Validation Reports

## Policy Convergence:

- Feasibility Analysis
  - Cross-vendor integration
  - Incentives
  - Standardization
  - Innovative Business models
  - Identification,
  - Security and privacy
  - Education
  - Clinical Research



# Under the Hood

## Transformer Gateway

**TBXform**

**CCD**

## Transformer Components

**CCD**

**Structure Transformation**

**Language Translation**



**Code Mapping**

**EPSOS**

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**CTS-2**

**Open Source Software**



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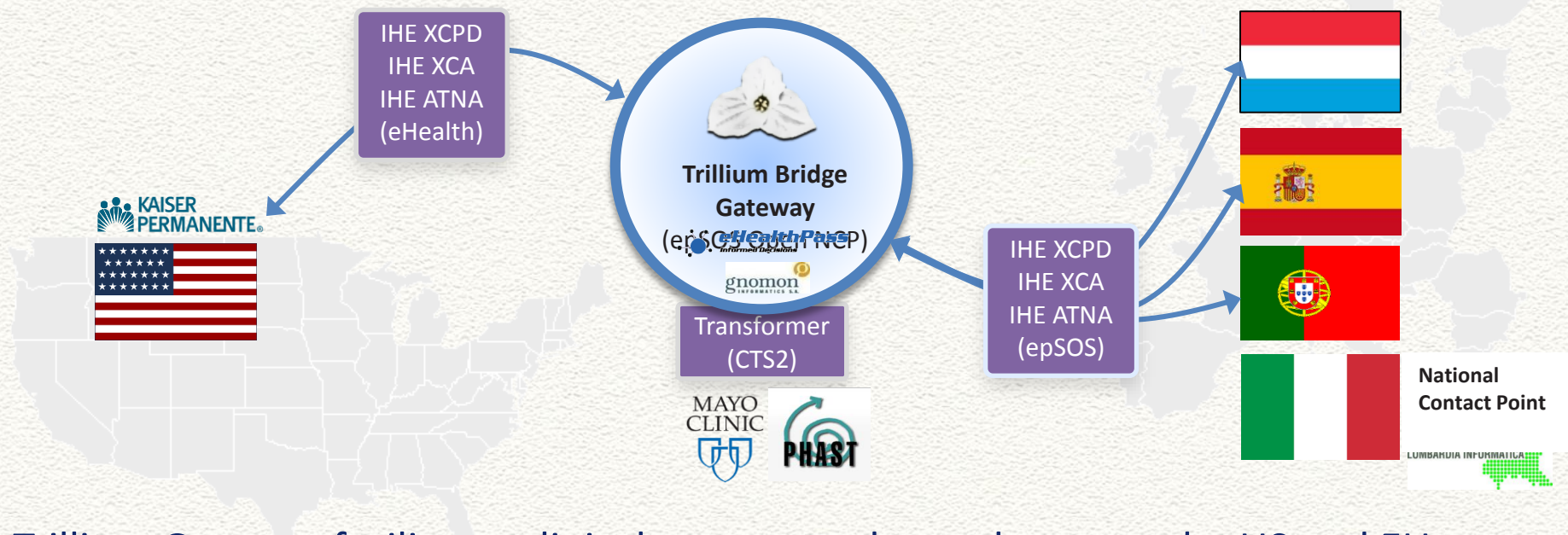


# Statistics: coverage of value sets

epSOS Value Set	epSOS Code System	concepts with corresponence/ concepts present/ (% covered)	CCD Value Set	CCD Code System	concepts with corresponence/ concepts present/ (% covered)
epSOSActiveIngredient	ATC	606/5592 (6%)	Medication Drug Class	NDF-RT	1365/10699 (13%)
epSOSActiveIngredient	ATC	2836/5592 (51%)	Medication Brand Name	RxNorm	3329/13885 (24%)
epSOSActiveIngredient	ATC	2836/5592 (51%)	Medication Clinical Drug	RxNorm	9642/31214 (31%)
epSOSAllergenNoDrugs	SNOMED CT	79/112 (71%)	Ingredient Name	UNII	5315/63996 (8%)*
epSOSRoutesofAdminis- tration	EDQM Standard Terms	55/73 (75%)	Medication Route FDA	NCI Thesaurus	57/118 (48%)
epSOSDoseForm	EDQM Standard Terms	28/457 (6%)	Medication Product Form	NCI Thesaurus	99/153 (65%)
epSOSIllnessesandDisor- ders	ICD-10	1775/9525 (19%) IHTSDO maps	Problem	SNOMED CT	7204/16443 (44%) IHTSDO maps
epSOSIllnessesandDisor- ders	ICD-10	1147/9525 (12%) NLM maps	Problem	SNOMED CT	6914/16443 (42%) NLM maps
epSOSVaccine	SNOMED CT	27/31 (87%)	Vaccine Administered	CVX	87/163 (53%)



# Trillium Provider Mediated Exchange



Trillium Gateway facilitates clinical content exchange between the US and EU

- Remediate differences between IHE exchange specification implementation (epSOS and eHealth)
- Clinical content transformer service
- EU Continuity of Care Document to US Consolidated CDA patient summary

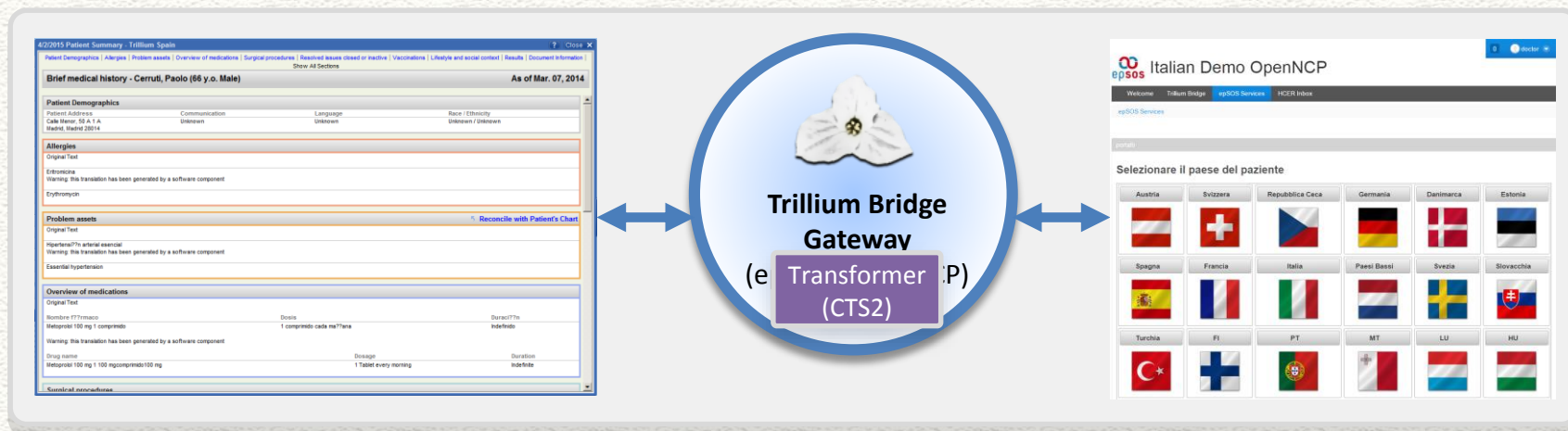


# Trillium Exchange Demonstration

## *Proof of Concept Implementation Complete*

**Working bidirectional exchange between Kaiser Permanente, Spain, Portugal and Luxembourg**

- Kaiser Permanente Exchange Platform
- Trillium Gateway and Transform Services
- Reference epSOS nodes representing the EU Countries





# Trillium Exchange Lessons Learned



*Team worked through differences in how the specifications (IHE XCPD and XCA) were implemented in order to achieve successful exchange across the Atlantic*

## Examples of most significant issues with specification alignment

- **Certificates:** Self signed for purposes of demonstration
- **SAML:** Significant differences in the requirements for eHealth versus epSOS implementation
- **Patient Discovery:** Demographics versus identifier based search
- **Document Query:** Difference in Class Code for Document Type used
- **Document Retrieve:** Country specific identifier is used to retrieve for epSOS





# Future Prospects in Spain

- **Trillium Bridge fits eHealth Strategy:**
  - Testing and validating requirements
  - Automated generation for all citizens
  - All-bilingual approach - Multilingual terminologies
  - Stimulus for standards adoption
  - Solving practical legal issues
  - Complete semantic units approach fostering innovation
- **Moving forward**
  - Agreement levels: EU-USA, bilateral, patient led
  - “Convincing” industry about business added value of PS will require proof of feasibility and large-scale adoption
  - Population coverage measuring will be essential
  - Trillium Bridge documents may guide and teach





# Portugal (about 3,5/9M Patient Summaries ready for exchange)

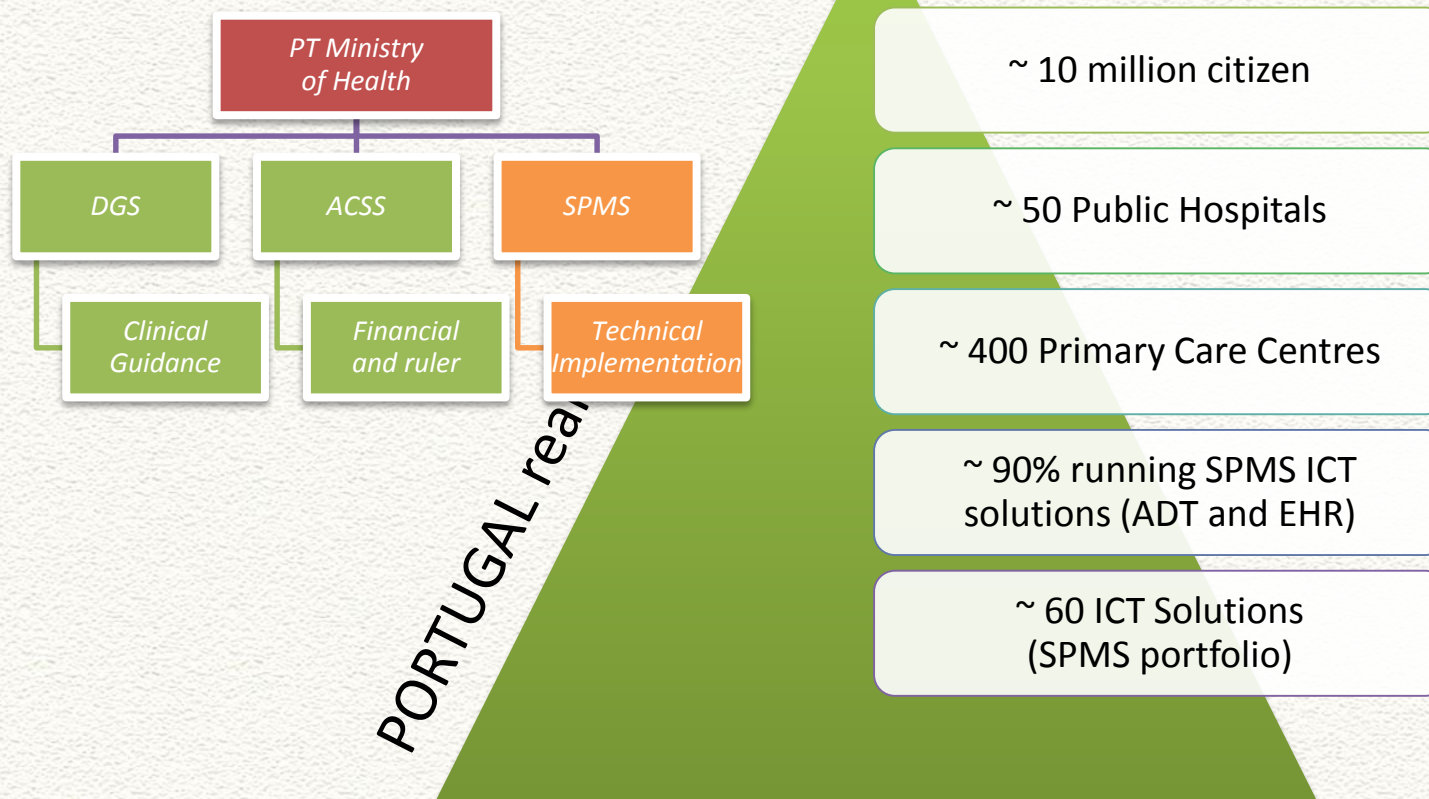


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2014: American tourism in Portugal 227M€,  
(47.8M€, +26.7% from 2013): 156100 persons  
in 6 months, ~3548000 hotel nights (21,8%)



# Luxemburg...



- **Trillium Bridge fit with the eHealth strategy of Luxembourg?**
  - By definition the eHealth Strategy of Luxembourg is cross border enabled
  - 45% of residents are expatriates
  - Luxembourg hosts many EU institutions
- **How do Patient Summaries and Trillium Bridge work in Luxembourg?**
  - Patient Summaries are part of the national strategy
  - The size of Luxembourg make it a perfect reference implementation and Large scale pilot
  - Trillium provides guidance on solving legal/organizational issues
- **What are the prospects you see for the future?**
  - Patient mobility will increase
  - Patient engagement is part of EU and US strategies
  - Patient role in his care both planned or unplanned



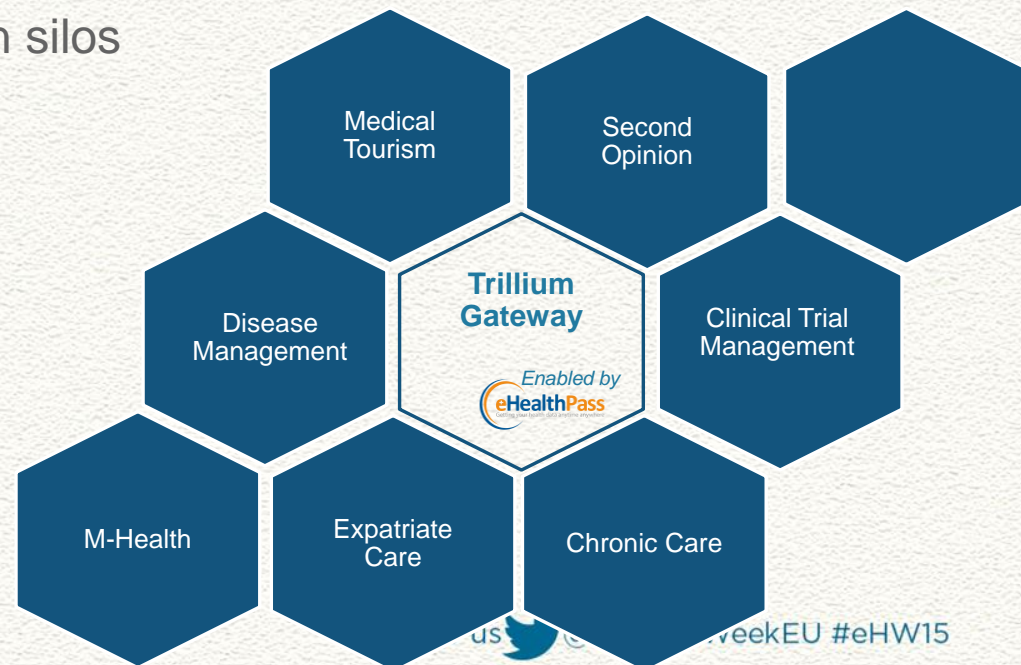
- ca. 550.000 Inhabitants
- Foreign nationals (45%)
- ca. 155.000 Commuters (FR/BE/GE)
- Three languages  
Luxembourgish  
French  
German



# Global vision for citizens on the move

- Accommodate **new business models**
  - Create an interoperable “healthcare e-passport” service
  - Establish a **global encounter report** format compliant to standard based patient summaries
  - **Patient outsourcing**
  - Patient **mobility** –
    - break the m-health information silos
  - Focus on **prevention** and information flow
- Technology is not a barrier (i.e. Trillium Bridge)

## What's next?



Interoperability?  
We make it available.



# Trillium Bridge: achievements

- **Gap analysis**
  - Compared patient summary specifications in EU/US
  - Shared clinical elements: problems, medications, allergies
- **Interoperability Assets**
  - Established a terminology prototype CTS-2 service
  - Developed Transformer of Patient summaries
- **Validation activities: 4 EU countries/ Kaiser Permanente**
  - EU/US Marketplace; HIMSS 2015; IHE Europe Connectathon 2015
- **Feasibility study:**
  - Reflected upon standards, cross-vendor integration, incentives, clinical research, security and privacy, innovative business models, education



## **Recommendation:**

develop an international patient summary standard for people to communicate their allergies, medications, and problems anytime and anywhere as needed.



# Joint Initiative Council - San Francisco declaration



*The JIC will contribute to better global patient health outcomes by providing strategic leadership in the specification of sets of implementable standards for health information sharing.*





# Recommendations on future standardization for Standards Developing Organizations (SDOs)

- **Future Standardization**
  - Cooperate International Patient Summary (PS) standard
  - Offer Terminologies & value sets at least for problems, medications, allergies, etc. in a frame similar to U.S. VSA
  - Address PS for planned care and secondary use.
- **cross-Vendor integration**
  - Export PS as part of societal responsibility
  - Offer PS for at least problems, medication, allergies
  - Support Trustworthy transatlantic exchange and use of PS.



# Recommendations on incentives, security & privacy



## Incentives

- Incentives for keeping complete and up-to-date patient summaries (PS)
- Accreditation or training for health professionals on PS
- Staff appraisals or comparative reporting on quality PS

## Privacy and Security

- Legal basis for safe and secure exchange of PS
- Clear security safeguards for EU/US exchange of PS
- International agreements for PS discovery



# Recommendations for Innovation, education, research



## Promote Innovation with Patient Summaries (PS)

- Showcase events with social value demonstrating PS, perhaps in Olympics
- Encourage trialability of Innovative business models for PS
- Promote patient engagement with PS and Personal Health Records

## US and EC work on a joint Educational program with professional associations and patient advocacy groups

- develop guidance for health professionals on the creation, maintenance and use of high quality PS
- foster initiatives that motivate and engage patients with keeping PS

## US and EU Joint Research program including items like

- advance the accurate risk analysis of patients based on PS
- demonstrate the value of sharing high-quality PS



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# Vision of *e*Standards

## eHealth Standards and Profiles in Action for Europe and Beyond

Think of a global eHealth ecosystem where:

- **people** (digital natives and immigrants)  
**enjoy** timely safe and informed health, anywhere around the globe
- interoperability assets fuel **creativity, entrepreneurship, and innovation**

where *e*Standards :

- **nurture** large-scale eHealth deployments to strengthen **Europe's voice** and **impact** locally on its citizens and globally on the world
- enable **co-creation** in interoperability where **trusted dialogs** on health, costs, and plans meet **great expectations**.





# The How of eStandards



- Alignment of eHealth standards
  - accelerate knowledge-sharing, and promote wide adoption of standards.
- Evidence-based Roadmap
  - Convergence, iterative consolidation, broad acceptance of eStandards
- Quality Management System
  - interoperability testing & certification of eHealth systems.
- Coexistence of standards in large-scale eHealth deployment
- International interoperability action
  - EU/US MoU roadmap
  - Influence global standards
  - Boost competitiveness
  - Fuel innovation
- Socio-economic aspects of interoperability
  - language for user/vendor co-making' in trust



# eStandards and its siblings

## nurturing large scale eHealth Deployment

Assess CT: the challenge of terminologies



- problems

OpenMedicine: the challenge of medication identification and substitution



- medications

eStandards: co-existence, change narrative, focus on tools



- Allergies

- valueHealth: sustainable business models



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