X-eHEALTH INTEROPERABILITY AWARD

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the X-eHealth Interoperability Award?

As part of its mission and project objectives, X-eHealth is holding its Interoperability Award in 2022. With this event we aim to recognize excellence and innovative endeavor, in other initiatives or projects the field of health data interoperability. By placing a spotlight on outstanding work and celebrating innovative solutions, we hope to further extend existing partnerships, generate new synergies, opportunities, and recognition - thus leading to stronger networks and increasingly collaborative ties in the future of eHealth.

What is the X-eHealth project?

X-eHealth is a project of strategic relevance for tomorrow's European eHealth Union. Assembling a shared commitment of 47 health actors, the underlying idea of this project is to develop the basis for a workable, interoperable, secure and cross border Electronic Health Record Exchange Format to lay the foundation for the advance of eHealth. You can learn more about our work in our website.

What is the reward for winning?

This award aims to promote and disseminate noteworthy endeavors throughout the eHealth community, and to recognize the winners in our Innovation Day Event. It does not carry a financial prize, or a material reward.

When is the award ceremony?

The Innovation Day Event will be held after the X-eHealth project has ended, during the Summer of 2022. As soon as a definitive date is scheduled, we will notify the public via our official communication channels (website, email newsletters, and social media platforms), and all award applicants directly.

How are the applications evaluated?

A jury consisting of members of the Executive Board members of the X-eHealth project will assess applications according to 4 selection criteria:

a. <u>Criterion 1: Trust-inspiring</u>. The project shows transparency, security and ethical responsibility in handling data, and/or the focus of it is to provide solutions to improve the
b. transparency, security and ethical responsibility of others handling health data.
c. <u>Criterion 2: Innovative excellence</u>. The project is committed to advancing potentially paradigm-shifting innovation in the field of health data interoperability.
d. <u>Criterion 3: Technical excellence</u>. The project demonstrates great attention to data quality, employing (or creating) methodologies and tools to ensure that users and stakeholders can have consistently high-quality data.
e. <u>Criterion 4: Following X-eHealth</u>. The project is positioned to be a beneficiary of X-eHealth's outputs or has been a contributor to the project's work.

How does the award process work?

The application phase will run until the end of April. The jury will then make an evaluation of the applicants according to the 4 abovementioned criteria. All applications that pass this initial phase will move to a public vote (running between mid-May and the end of June), where the eHealth community will elect which project should win the award. In parallel, the jury will also select 4 Honorable Mentions acknowledging the best applications in each of the 4 criteria.

Who is eligible?

Any project, initiative or workgroup (public or private) working to improve the health data interoperability paradigm is welcome to apply. Ongoing projects with outputs that are expected to impact the field will also be considered. Please note that, in the interest of promoting diversity, we will select a maximum of 2 applications per country.

How can I apply?

Please fill out an application form, to tell us about your project. We will ask some information related to our award criteria, as well as some basic information about your project. If you are unclear about any of the questions asked in the form, you can get in touch with us for clarification.

How can I get in touch?

You can get in touch with us for any questions via email, at x-ehealth.secretariat@spms.min-saude.pt.