The HL7 Europe Laboratory Report FHIR IG

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Published the HL7 Europe Lab Report FHIR IG!





HL7 Europe Laboratory Report (FHIR IG)



History

Publication (Version) History

This guide defines a set of common rules to be applied to HL7 FHIR to define how to represent a Laboratory Report in the coveres laboratory reports within the core fields of in-vitro diagnostics, for example clinical biochemistry, haematology, imi microbiology, immunology, while leaving out some specialised laboratory domains requiring specialised reporting structure or medical genetics.

The following versions have been published:

Date	IG Version	FHIR Version	Description	Links
Current Vers	ions			
2024-02-26	0.1.0	4.0.1	This is the Edition 1 STU 1 release	
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STU 1 Seque	nce			
2024-02-26	0.1.0	4.0.1	This is the Edition 1 STU 1 release (Permanent Home)	
2023-10-22	0.1.0-ballot	4.0.1	This is the version released for the STU 1 ballot	

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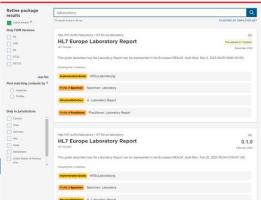






EHDS - Art 5 Priorities





About FHIR FHIR Packages Publish a Package

What this is about?





https://hl7.eu/fhir/laboratory

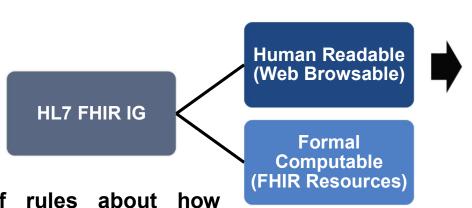
Common European rules for representing in HL7 FHIR a Laboratory Report

Facilitate the harmonization among the national initiatives

Support the development of the European-EHRxF



What is a FHIR Implementation Guide (IG)



HL7 **HL7** FHIR **HL7 Europe Laboratory Report** This page is part of the HL7 Europe Laboratory Report (v0.1.0-ballot: STU 1 Ballot 1) based on FHIR R4. This is the current published version. For a full list of 1 Home Official URL: http://hl7.eu/fhir/laboratory/ImplementationGuide/hl7.fhir.eu.laborator Version: 0.1.0-ballot Draft as of 2023-10-22 Computable Name: H17EuLaboratorvIg Copyright/Legal: Used by permission of HL7 Europe, all rights reserved Creative Commons License 1.1 Notes for ballotters Ballotters are invited to evaluate and provide their feedbacks of the following open issues: • Purpose Allow for more than one DiagnosticReport resource as Bundle.entry. See Bundle-eu-lab for more details Background Allow Composition to have as section entry the DiagnosticReport resource. See Composition-eu-lab for more . Adoption of obligations, See the Obligations page for more details https://hl7.eu/fhir/laboratory 1.2 The laboratory domain Clinical laboratory results play an important role in diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up of patients. The availability

of high quality test results, and the capacity of sharing them, is therefore essential being often the basis for clinical decision making. For this reason the Laboratory

has been selceted as one of the priority domains for the European EHR eXchange Format (E-EHRXF)

Set of rules about how FHIR resources are used (or should be used) to solve a particular problem, with associated documentation to support and clarify the usage.

Laboratory Results



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What this guide is about..



Laboratory Results



Laboratory Report

- No Pathology or Genetic Laboratory Report
- Complete reports with structured elements available for re-use

Only the content!

• Not how reports/results are searched and exchanged

European context

- Not only cross-border
- Reusable nationally for different use cases

Not only human beings

• Human Subjects can be "recognized" persons or not



A cooperative work









Experts from several countries

European projects and initiatives engaged (e.g. XpanDH, MyHealth@EU)



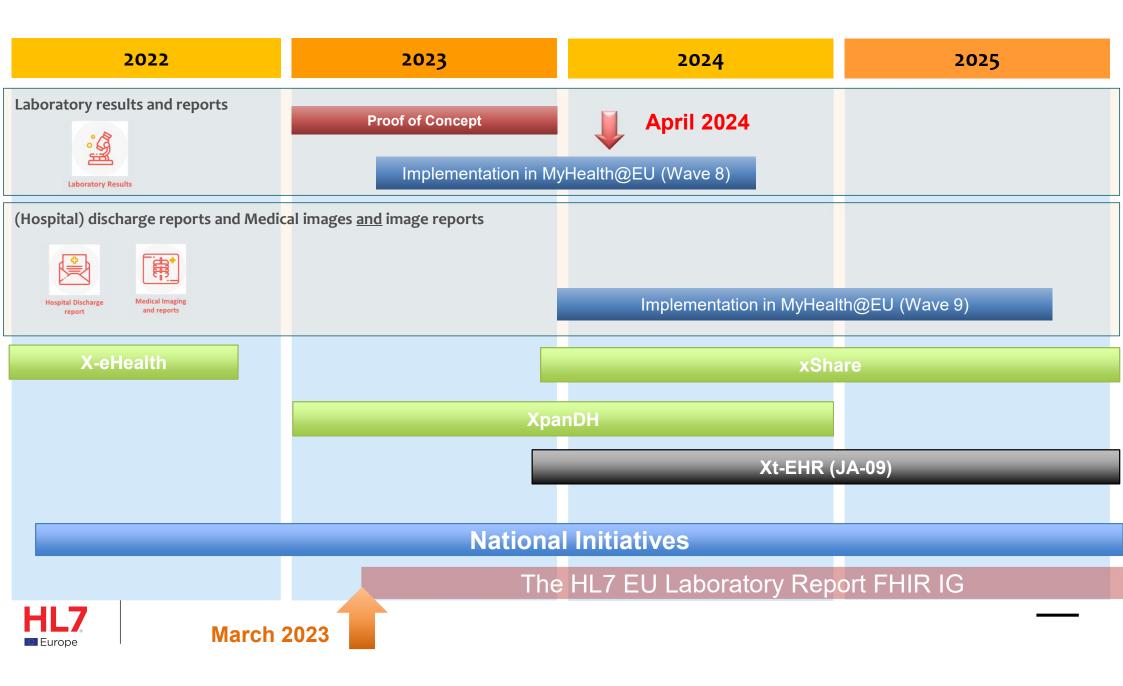
- functional requirements /semantic
- HL7 FHIR specifications

Tested and improved during the HL7 FHIR Connectathon in Athens (about 30 people in the track)









When .. the timeline

Balloting

Mar '23
• Kick Off

Jan '24

• HL7 FHIR Connectathon

May '24

• HL7 FHIR Connectathon













Oct '23

- •1st frozen version
- •STU ballot open

Feb '24

•STU Publication ...

- Continuous maintenance
- •STU to Normative

Continue Specification Feedback



HL7 FHIR

How to be engaged ...



STAYING TUNED (WEBINARS, TUTORIALS)



PROVIDING YOUR FEEDBACK (JIRA, BALLOT)



ATTENDING THE HANDS-ON EVENTS (HL7 FHIR CONNECTATHON)



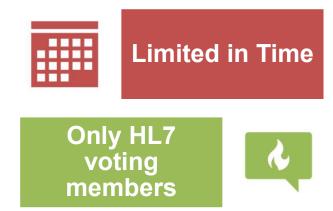
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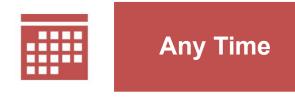


Two distinct processes

Balloting

the formal process that HL7 uses to get feedback and comments on specifications prior to publication





Anyone



Specification Feedback

the official mechanism for providing feedback about any HL7 specification



Specification Feedback



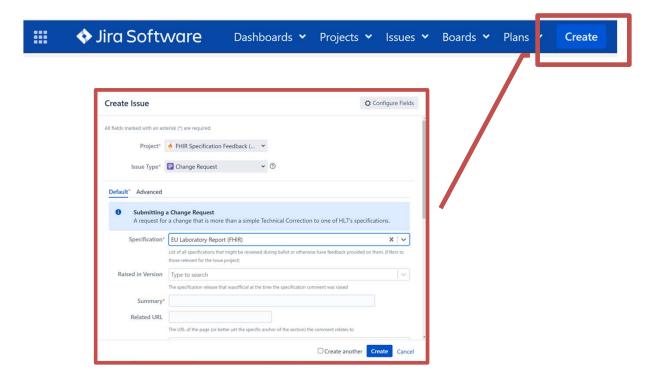
Any Time

Anyone (registered user)





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https://confluence.hl7.org/display/HL7/ Specification+Feedback#SpecificationFeedback-submitting



WHAT IS IN THE GUIDE...



What's in it...





HL7 FHIR Logical Models

eHN Guidelines







How data are represented in HL7 FHIR

Models to Profiles Mapping



HL7 FHIR Profiles

How to use HL7 FHIR

Obligations



Guideline data set formalization



eHealth Network

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the electronic exchange of health data under Cross-Border Directive 2011/24/EU

Laboratory Results

Release 1.1

4 LABORATORY RESULT DATASET

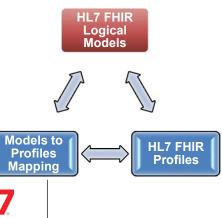
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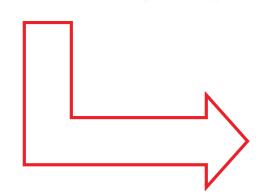
It is up to each implementation project to decide on the conformity and cardinality (i.e. data elements required or optional and number of repetitions), unless specifically stated.

Implementation projects need to make a final decision on mandatory and/or required (null allowed) elements.

4.1 Report header

Field		Field description	Preferred Code System					
A.1 Repo	A.1 Report header data elements							
A.1.1 Identification of the patient/subject								
A.1.1.1	The family name/surname The family name/surname/last name of the patient. The contain more than one element or multiple fields could be		_					
A.1.1.2	Given name	The given name/first name of the patient (also known as forename or first name). This field can contain more than one element.						
A.1.1.3	Date of birth	The date of birth of the patient [ISO TS 22220]. As age of the patient might be important for correct interpretation of the test result values, complete date of birth should be provided.						
A.1.1.4	Personal identifier	An identifier of the patient that is unique within a defined scope. Example: National ID (birth number) for Czech patient. Multiple identifiers could be provided.						









Logical Model

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LabReport	0.	*	Base	Laboratory Report
header header	1.	1	BackboneElement	A.1 Report header data elements
	1.	1	Subject	A.1.1 - A1.2 Patient/subject
	0.	1	Payer	A.1.3 Health insurance and payment information
	0.	1	Recipient	A.1.4 Information recipient
	0.	*	Author	A.1.5 Author
	0.	*	LegalAuthenticator	A.1.6 Legal authenticator
validator	0.	*	Validator	A.1.7 Result validator
metadata metadata	1.	1	BackboneElement	A.1.8 Laboratory report metadata
type	1.	1	CodeableConcept	A.1.8.1 Document type
🕥 status	1.	1	CodeableConcept	A.1.8.2 Document status
dateTime	1.	1	dateTime	A.1.8.3 Report date and time
<u>title</u>	0.	1	string	A.1.8.4 Document title
custodian	0.	1	BackboneElement	A.1.8.5 Report custodian
	0.	*	Order	A.2-A.3 Order
	0.	*	SpecimenLab	A.4 Specimen information
result	0.	*	Result	A.5 Results data elements



Guideline data set formalization

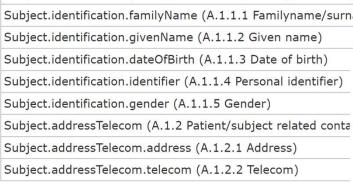


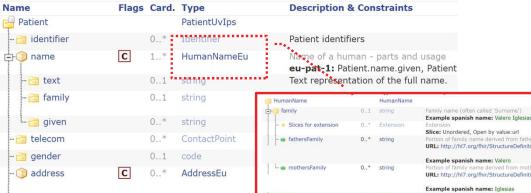


Source Code	Relationship	Target Code
Subject.identification (A.1.1 Identification of the patient/subject)	is related to	Patient
Subject.identification.familyName (A.1.1.1 Familyname/surname)	is equivalent to	Patient.name.family
Subject.identification.givenName (A.1.1.2 Given name)	is equivalent to	Patient.name.given
Subject.identification.dateOfBirth (A.1.1.3 Date of birth)	is equivalent to	Patient.birthDate
Subject identification identifier (A 1 1 4 Personal identifier)		















Example spanish name: Borja



Obligations



Structural constraints

- •e.g. Patient.birthdate
- Observation.code derived from the Value Set XYZ (extensible)
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Functional constraints

- e.g. The sender shall populate the Patient.birthdate if known
- Observation.code.text shall be displayed by the consumer if applicable
-

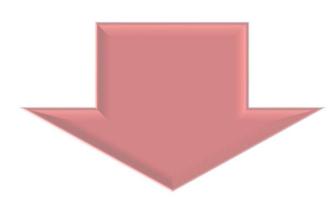




It describes the capabilities that each Actor may, should, or shall support



Balancing different (EU) requirements



Legally signed documents

Often structured and including different kinds of test results

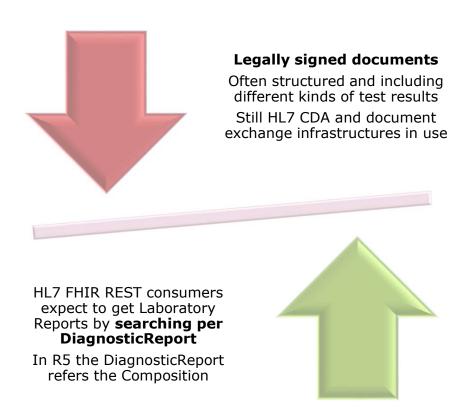
Still HL7 CDA and document exchange infrastructures in use

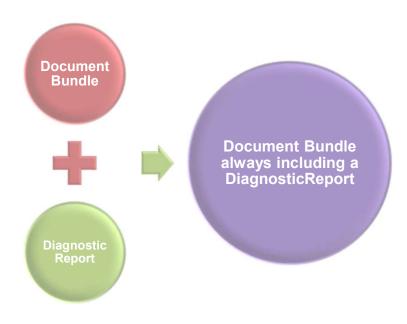
HL7 FHIR REST consumers expect to get Laboratory Reports by **searching per DiagnosticReport**

In R5 the DiagnosticReport refers the Composition



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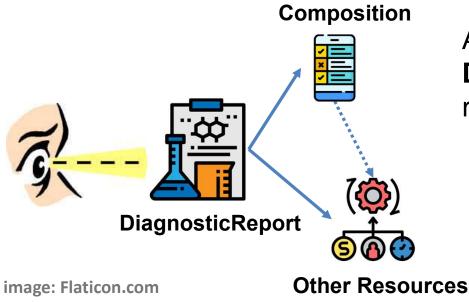










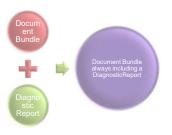


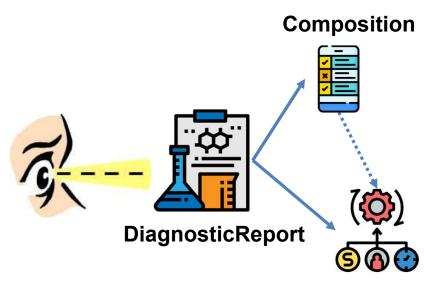
A Lab **report** is always **represented by** a **DiagnosticReport**. This resource always refers a Composition

The Composition defines the report structure (it might be just a single section) and it acts as an "index" for all the used resources

REST Perspective







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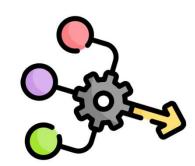
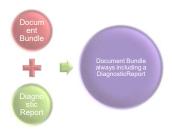


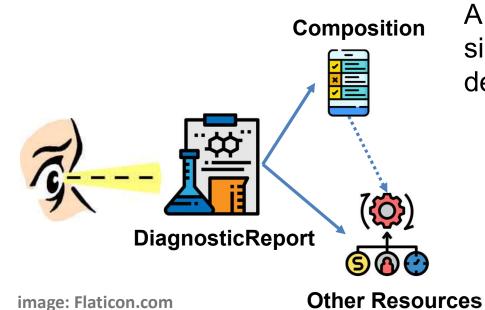
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REST Perspective

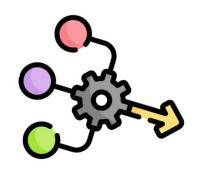
It is the mean for assembling the report as a document (document Bundle)





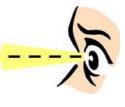


A **document Bundle** represents the legally signable report, and it includes all the data defining the report.



Bundle
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REST Perspective

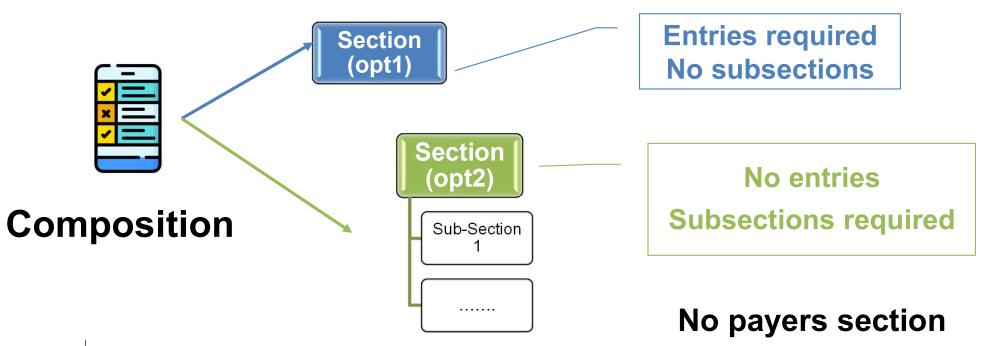
Document Perspective





Document Bundle

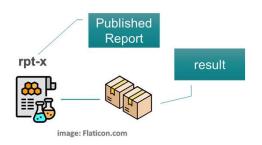
(For results) Same structure of the IHE XD-LAB CDA body

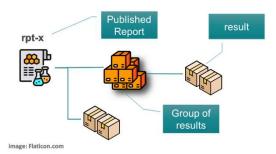




A single solution for different structural choices

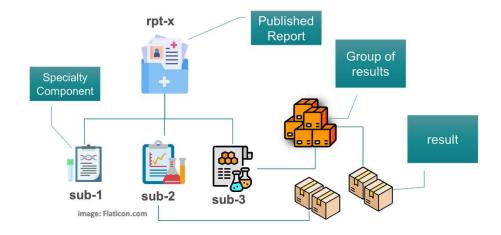
Very simple report (e.g. single panel)





Single-specialty report

Multi-specialty report

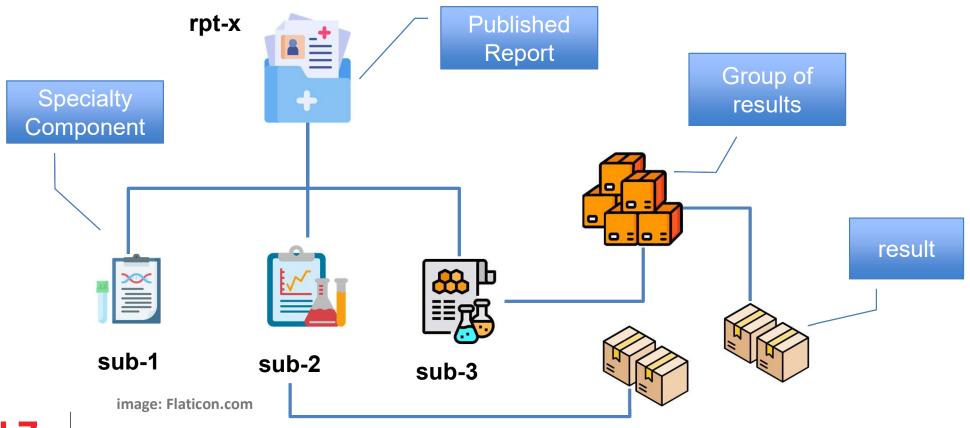






Multi-specialty report





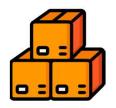


Multi-specialty report











DiagnosticReport (→ Composition), recorded into a Document Bundle

Composition.section

Observation(→ Observation)

Observation

(Set of) Composition.section

Composition.section



.. before taking a look....





Specify a set of rules to be applied to HL7 FHIR to define how to represent a Laboratory Report in the European Context, coherently with the European eHN Guidelines (see the European eHealth - Key documents ₫).



The guide in one slide



- The Lab FHRI IG is out!
- Result of a participatory multi-stakeholders and Europe wide standardization and review effort (not limited to EU)
- A flexible structure supporting REST and document perspectives; covering different usage contexts (e.g. human and non-human subjects) and different report structural choices
- Common rules applicable EU-wide, aiming to help the development of the European-EHRxF

A baseline for any Laboratory Report (HL7 FHIR) specifications



THE JOURNEY TOWARDS THE EHDS



A complex and multiform scenario



 Needs and expectations are different and there is not a one-fits-all solution

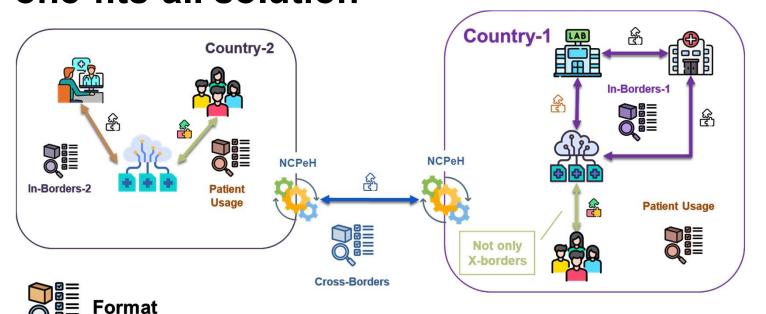




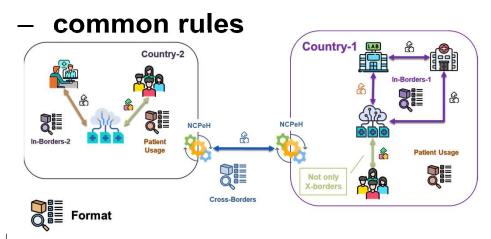


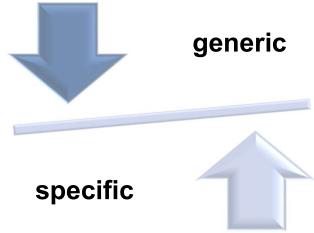
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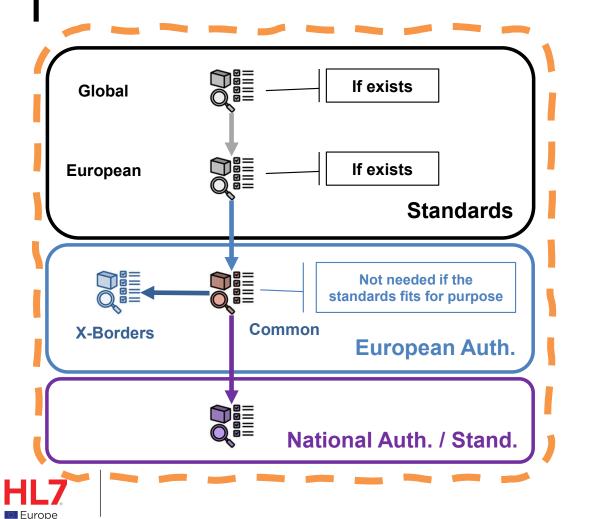
- Needs and expectations are different and there is not a one-fits-all solution... but.. no European interoperability without:
 - serving and being useful in all these situations







The vision



A consistent system (i.e. a federation) of layered, coherent and possibly standard-based specifications

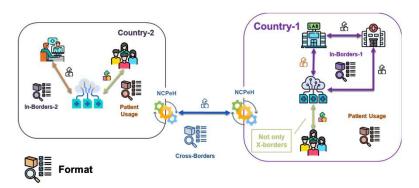
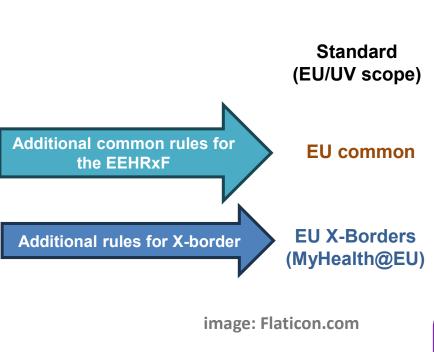
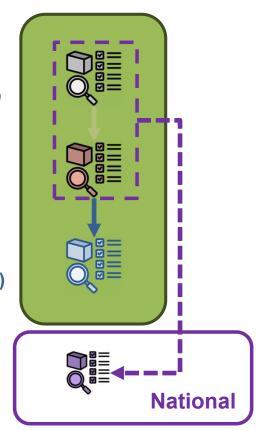


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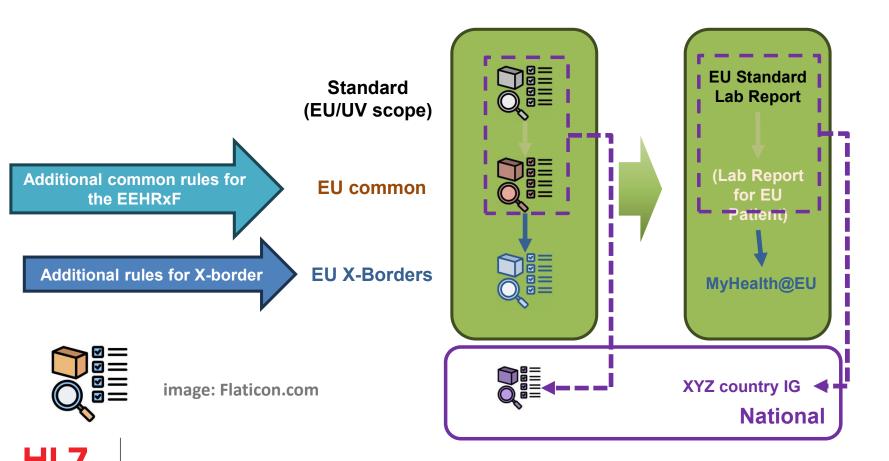


It doesn't mean to multiply the specifications, but enabling a progressive adoption of the format.

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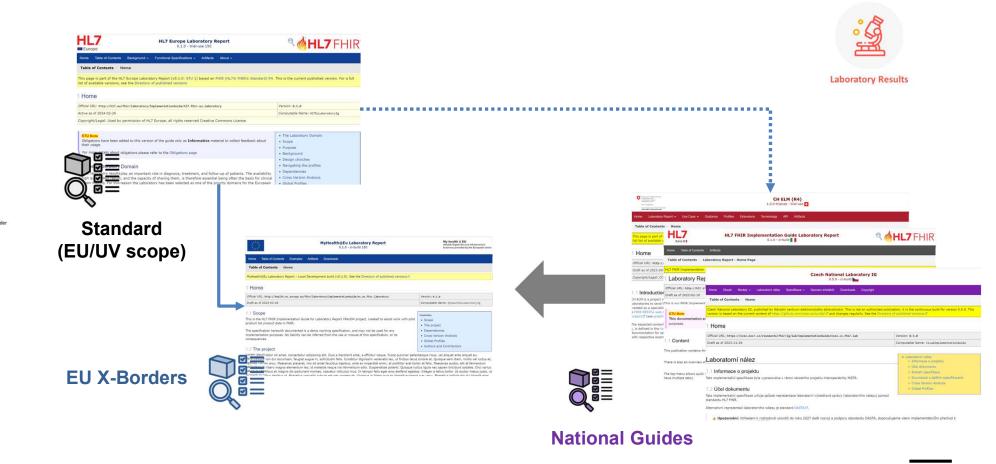


Instantiating the vision





The vision made real..





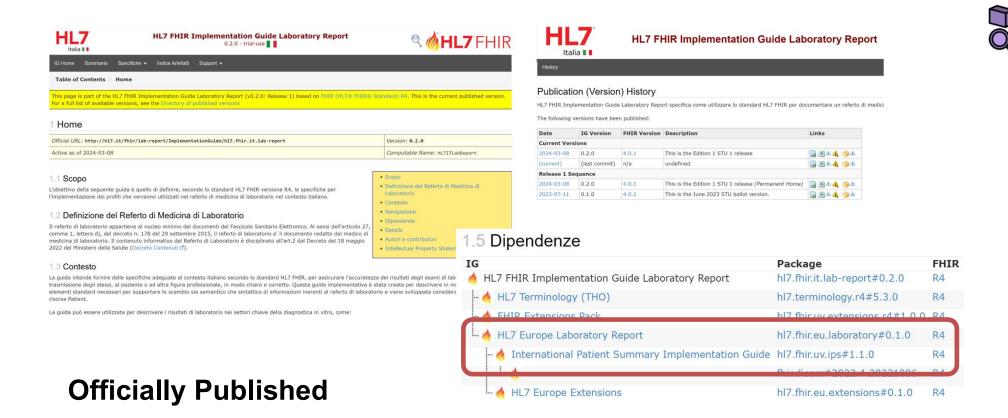
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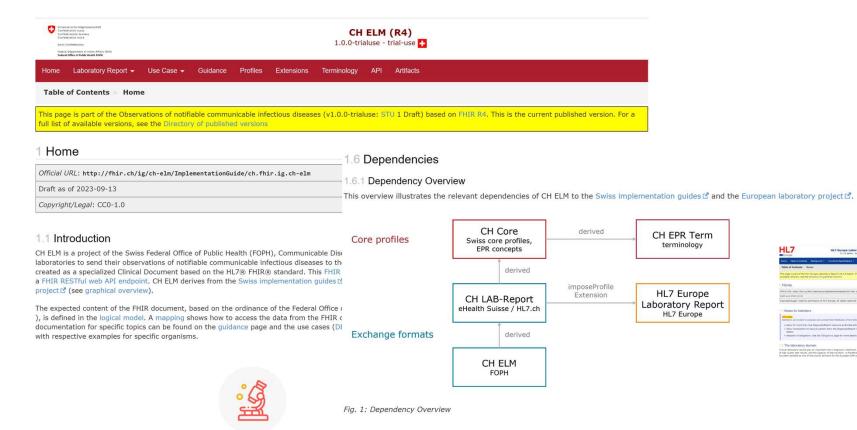
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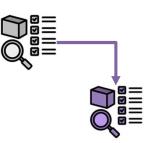




A vision made real..

Laboratory Results









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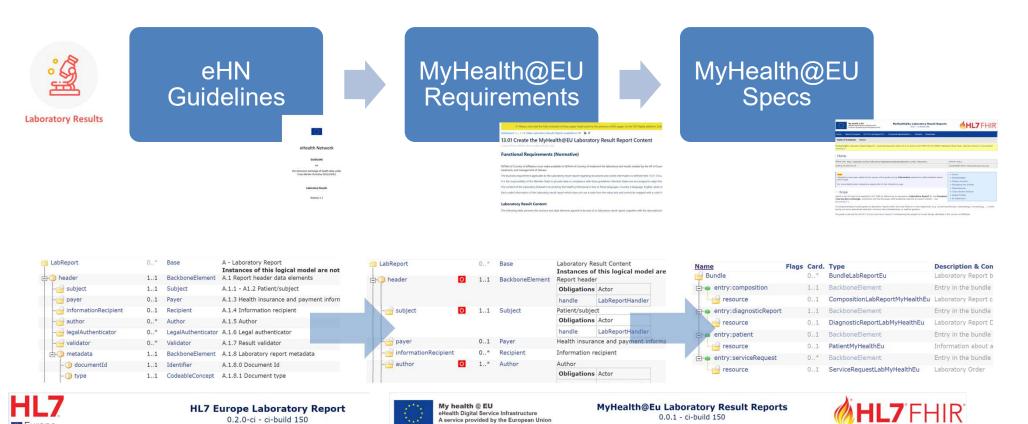




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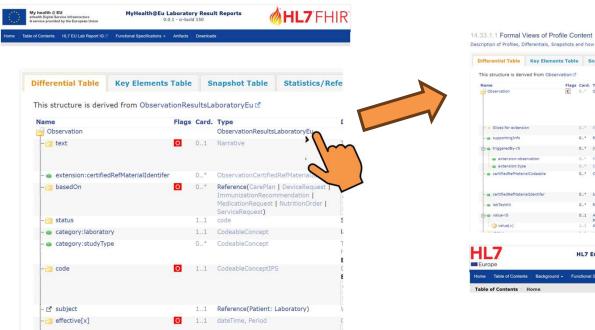


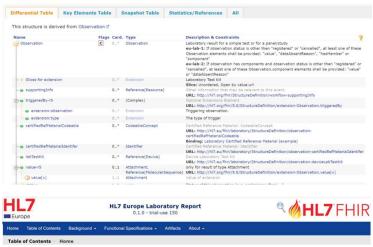
The MyHealth@EU guide





Easy to navigate "federated" guides





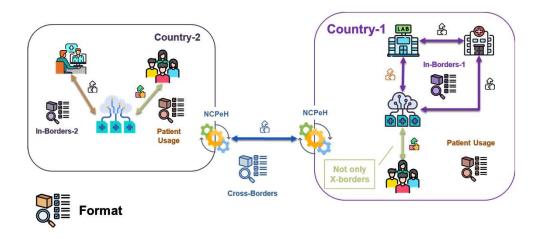




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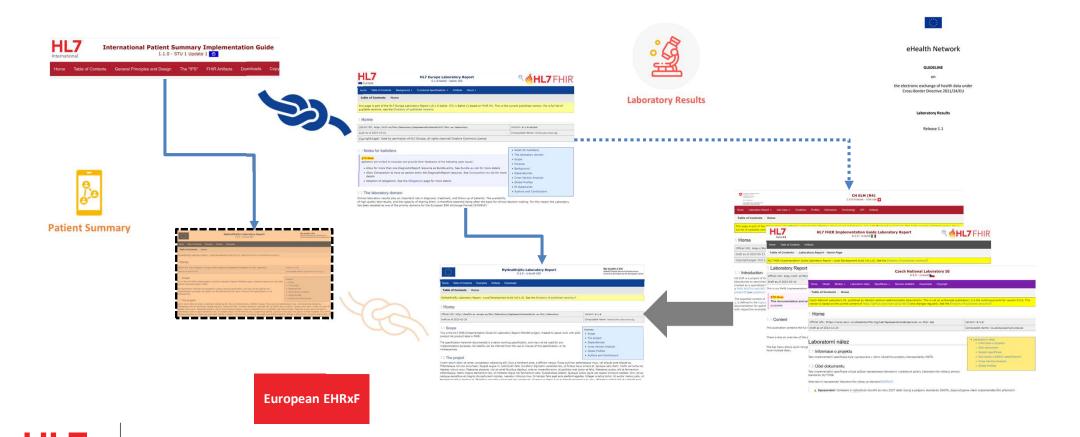


- Serving different needs for the same domain is a basic requirement... but this is not enough..
- .. data should be reusable across domains





Enabled for reuse



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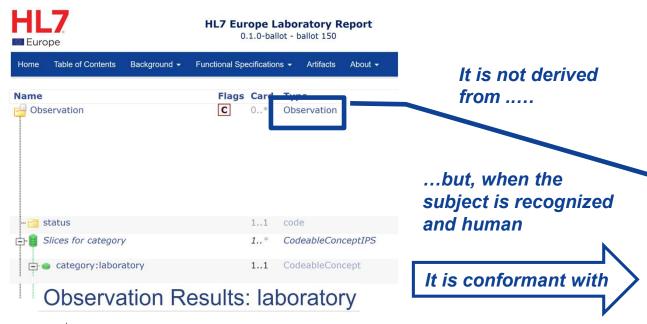








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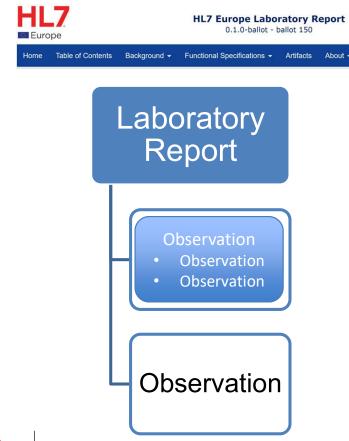


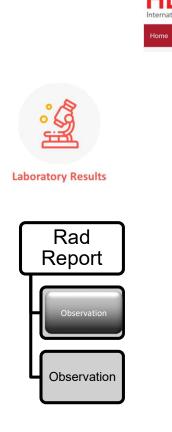


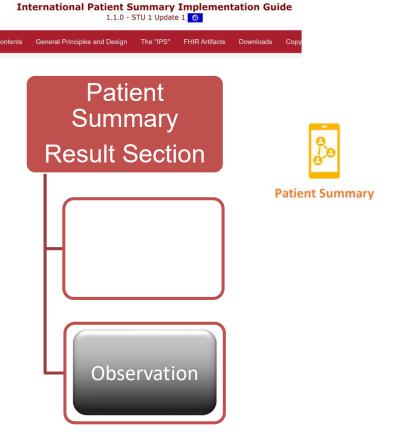
Observation Results: laboratory (IPS)



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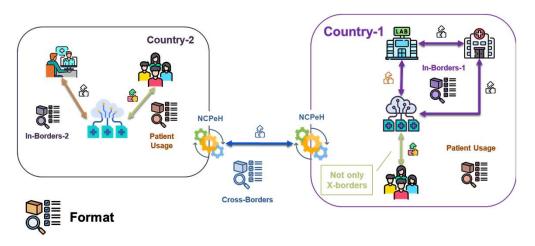






Take-away messages

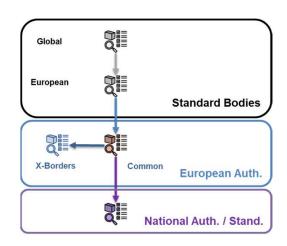
- There are no one-fits-all solutions
- Need of sharing common rules (i.e. standards), enabling data reuse across domains, and covering the national expectations.

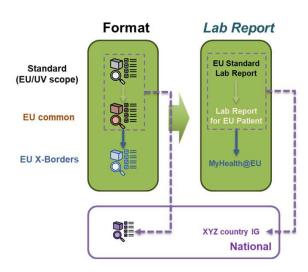




Take-away messages

• The way to fulfill all these expectations is that of having a system (i.e. a federation) of layered, coherent and possibly standard-based specifications enabling a progressive adoption of the format.



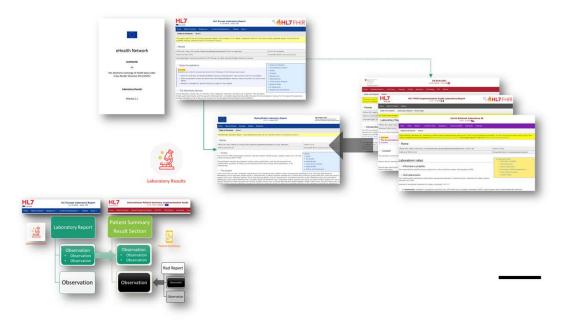




Take-away messages

- The Laboratory Report FHIR IG has been published
- This experience gives evidence of the added value and the concreteness of this approach!







What's next

- Laboratory Report
 - Bi-weekly call working on "semantric" and functional requirements
 - Laboratory track @HL7 WGM Dallas (May)
 - Hands on session @IHE Plugathon Trieste (June)
- Medicinal Prescrition and Dispense HL7 FHIR IG
 - Joint effort with IHE Pharmacy (part of the Gemini project)
 - Next meeting Thursday 18th 4 pm CEST



Let's take a look!





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