

Agenda - DTx New Nordics 2026/BSR Health Informatics Day						
Topic: “From Ambition to Reality: EHDS Readiness and Clinical Digital Health Challenges in the Baltic Sea Region”.						
Time: 26 August 2026						
Venue: V Spa Conference Centre (Riia 2, Tartu)						
Program committee: Jaanus Pikani, Gunnar Pihö, Lars Lindsköld						
Time	Agenda item	Moderators/Speakers	Organisation/Job Title	Country	Bio	Objective
09:30–9:45	Registration & Welcome Coffee					
9:45–10:00	Opening Remarks	Karmen Joller (TBC)	Ministry of Social Affairs / Minister	Estonia		
10:00–10:30	Setting the Scene (Welcome address by host/moderator of the day) – Keynote	Dipak Kalra	The European Institute for Innovation through Health Data (i-HD) http://www.i-hd.eu Professor of Health Informatics, UCL Visiting Professor, University of Gent	UK	Professor Dipak Kalra is President of The European Institute for Innovation through Health Data (www.i-hd.eu), a Professor of Health Informatics and a former London general practitioner. He plays a leading international role in Electronic Health Record R&D, including the reuse of EHRs for research. He has led the development of ISO standards and participates in multiple European Commission funded projects including support for the accelerated uptake of digital health innovations, scaling up the quality, interoperability and the reuse of health data for research including inputs to the European Health Data Space, the collection and use of health outcomes towards more value-based care, the development of an AI-powered federated learning platform in lung cancer and initiatives to improve a patient’s understanding of their medication. In his opening keynote, he will frame the opportunities and responsibilities of the European Health Data Space (EHDS) for the Baltic Sea region, and what is needed to make health data high-quality, interoperable and trustworthy across borders.wikipedia+5	
10:30–12:00	Session 1 - Clinical Leadership and Technology Strategy in Digital Health Transformation Panel discussion (45 min)	Moderator: Lars Lindsköld	President of the European Federation for Medical Informatics (EFMI) / Board Member of the Swedish Federation for Medical Informatics (SFMI)	Sweden		
		Dr Petter Hurlen - "The clinician’s role in digital transformation – from users to co-governors of digital health."	Head of Clinical Informatics Unit, Akershus University Hospital	Norway	Dr Petter Hurlen is a radiologist, clinical informatician and one of the most experienced Nordic voices in healthcare digital transformation. He has served as Head of the Clinical Informatics Unit at Akershus University Hospital, leading the design, implementation and evaluation of electronic health record systems, imaging workflows and decision support. Petter has contributed to European standardisation through CEN TC 251 and is Secretary of the European Federation for Medical Informatics (EFMI). In his keynote he discusses the clinician’s role in digital transformation: how involving professionals in requirements, procurement, implementation and governance is vital to achieving real value, safety and user acceptance.imia-medinfo+3	
		Prof Johan Magnusson - "A brave new world: Toward a viable technology strategy in healthcare"	Professor of Information Systems at the University of Gothenburg	Sweden	Professor Johan Magnusson is Professor of Information Systems at the University of Gothenburg and Director of the Swedish Center for Digital Innovation (SCDI). His work focuses on governance, digital transformation and AI in large organisations, especially in the public sector and healthcare. He has led several applied research programmes with public leaders on how to redesign governance to unlock digital capability and innovation.	

		Kristaps Krafte - "Digital Transformation in Latvian Primary Care: A GP-Centric Approach to AI Integration"	Founder and CEO of Vigo Health	Latvia	Kristaps Krafte is a Latvian health tech entrepreneur and ecosystem builder. He is Founder and CEO of Vigo Health, a digital stroke rehabilitation company that achieved the first public reimbursement for a digital therapeutic in the Baltics. As Chair of the Digital Health Association Latvia, he contributes to national digital health strategy and co-organises the Health Data Summit Riga. In his talk "Digital Transformation in Latvian Primary Care: A GP-Centric Approach to AI Integration", he will present early experiences of AI-based decision support in general practice and discuss clinical workflows, incentives and ethics.	
12:00–13:00	Lunch Break					
13:00–14:30	Session II - Health Data Governance and EHDS Implementation in the Baltic Sea Region Panel discussion	Moderator: Elina Drakvik				
		Elina Drakvik - "Health data use and secondary use in the European Health Data Space."	Senior Lead at Sitra, the Finnish Innovation Fund	Finland	Elina Drakvik is Senior Lead at Sitra, the Finnish Innovation Fund, where she leads international cooperation on health data and future wellbeing solutions. She coordinates the TEHDAS2 joint action on secondary use of health data, which supports the practical implementation of the European Health Data Space through common guidelines, governance models and technical approaches. With around 15 years of experience in European health and research collaboration in Finland and Sweden, she brings together policy, practice and innovation to make health data more usable for better care, research and business. Her talk will highlight concrete EHDS insights and open questions relevant for the Baltic Sea region.	
		Julius Juodakis - "The Lithuanian health data landscape: from clinicians' screens to research and innovations."	Health Data Lead at the State Data Agency of Lithuania	Lithuania	Dr Julius Juodakis is the Health Data Lead at the State Data Agency of Lithuania. He has a PhD in Statistics and more than 10 years of experience as a researcher, having worked in various areas of biology and medicine across 5 different countries. For the last few years, he has been leading the health data reuse process in Lithuania; his goal is to make Lithuania a global leader in digital medicine, where data is available quickly and equally to researchers, hospitals and private innovators.	
		Nele Labi - "What Actually Makes Digital Health Work: Estonia's Experience"	Deputy Secretary General for Innovation at the Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs	Estonia	Nele Labi is Deputy Secretary General for Innovation at the Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs, where she leads national efforts in developing e-services, promoting innovation in health and social care, strategic planning, and data-driven policy. She is passionate about proactive government services and integrating healthcare and social services through user-centred and seamless digital solutions. She advocates for innovation that transcends traditional sectoral boundaries. Estonia's leadership in digital governance provides a powerful platform for these advancements.	
14:30–15:00	Coffee Break & Networking					
15:00–16:30	Session III - From Data to Impact: Patient-Centred and Applied Digital Health Solutions Panel Discussion	Moderator: Gunnar Piho				

		- Jeppe Eriksen - "Innovations in patient-centred digital health - a user perspective"	Associate Professor at Aalborg University and Vice President of the Danish Society of Digital Health	Denmark	Dr Jeppe Eriksen is an Associate Professor at Aalborg University and Vice President of the Danish Society of Digital Health. His work examines how citizens perceive, experience and make use of digital health services and technologies such as telemedicine and patient-reported outcomes (PROs). He has contributed to comparative Nordic research on willingness to share health data and on equity in digital healthcare, positioning Denmark as a “critical case” for both the benefits and risks of far-reaching digitalisation. In his talk, he will present lessons for designing user-centred technologies that promote equity in health.	
		Prof Dr Dagmar Waltemath - "Dataportal4NUM: Toward a National Health Data Portal to foster secondary use of routine data in the German Network University Medicine"	Professor of Medical Informatics and Head of the Data Integration Center at University Medicine Greifswald	Germany	Prof. Dagmar Waltemath is a Professor of Medical Informatics and Head of the Data Integration Center at University Medicine Greifswald, Germany. Her research focuses on biomedical data integration, including the development of strategies and tools for research data management, data provenance, and the integration of biomedical data with clinical and health data. Through her work, she contributes to advancing data-driven healthcare and enabling more effective use of biomedical and clinical data for research and innovation.	
		Thomas Karopka - “Co-creating human-centric ecosystems for EHDS implementation”	Senior Projektmanager AI and Digital Health at BioCon Valley GmbH / Vice-chair at Network of German Health Regions e.V. / Vice-chair at ScanBalt	Germany		
16:30–17:00	Coffee Break & Networking					
17:00–18:00	Panel Discussion from a Government Perspective The programme will conclude with a panel of government representatives, offering national perspectives on the direction of developments in health data use, digital health systems and the implementation of the European Health Data Space.	Moderator Dipak Kalra				
		Aiga Balode	Deputy State Secretary Latvian Ministry of Health			
		Sari Palojoki	Senior Advisor, Team Leader for International Digitalisation Policy, PhD Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health			
		Nele Labi	Deputy Secretary General for Innovation at the Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs			
		<i>additional panellists to be confirmed</i>				
18:00–18:05	Closing Remarks (Lars Lindsköld)					