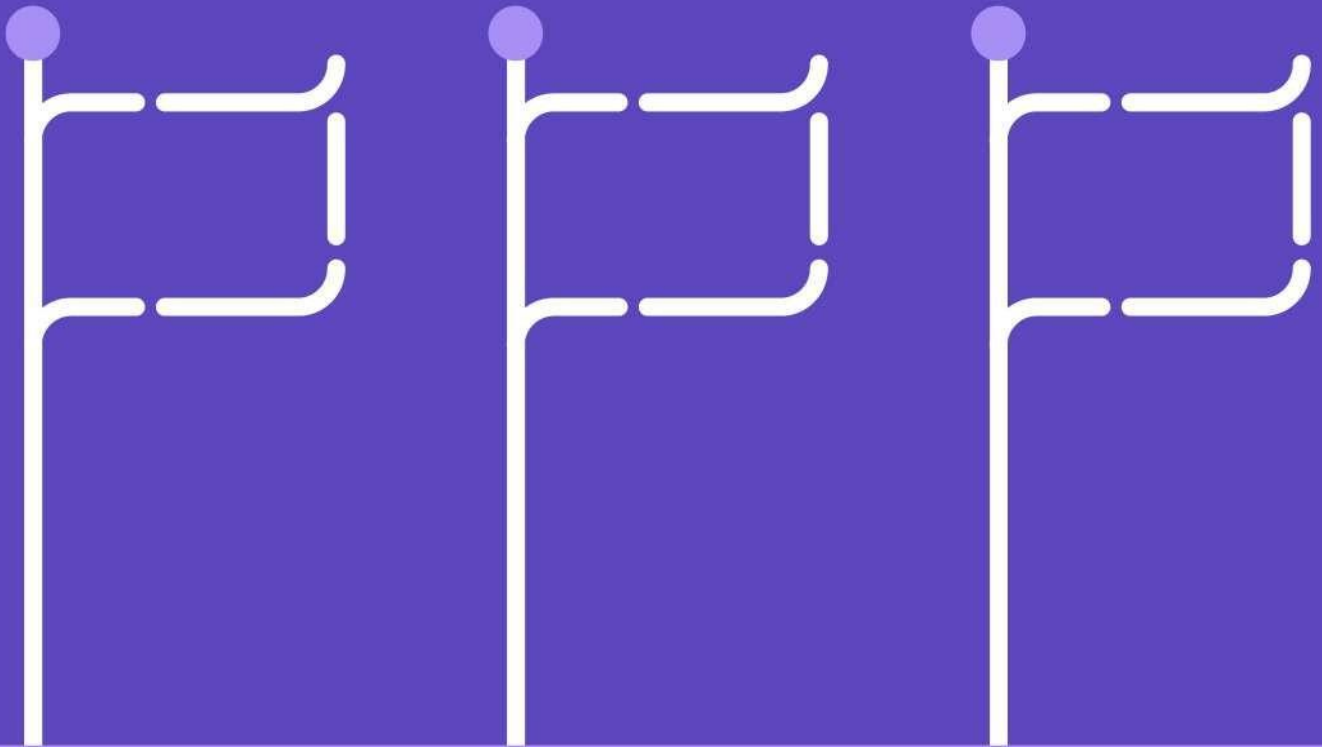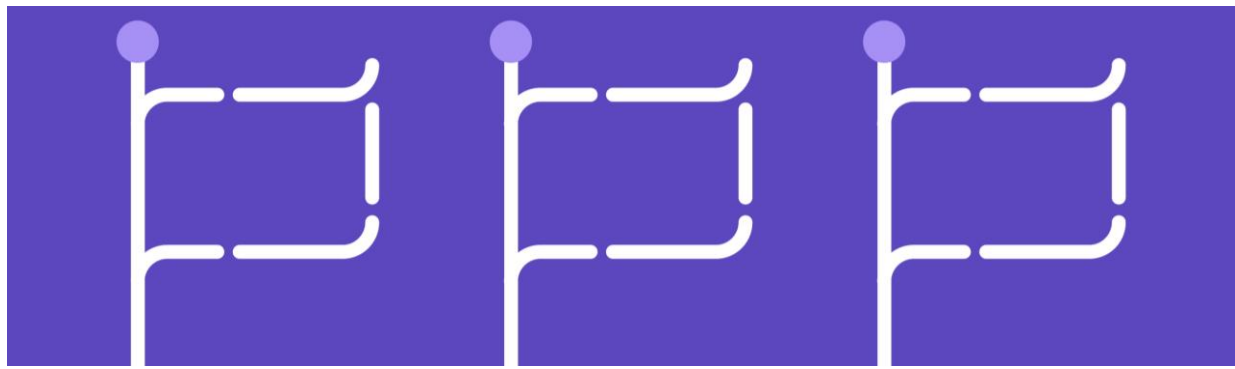science
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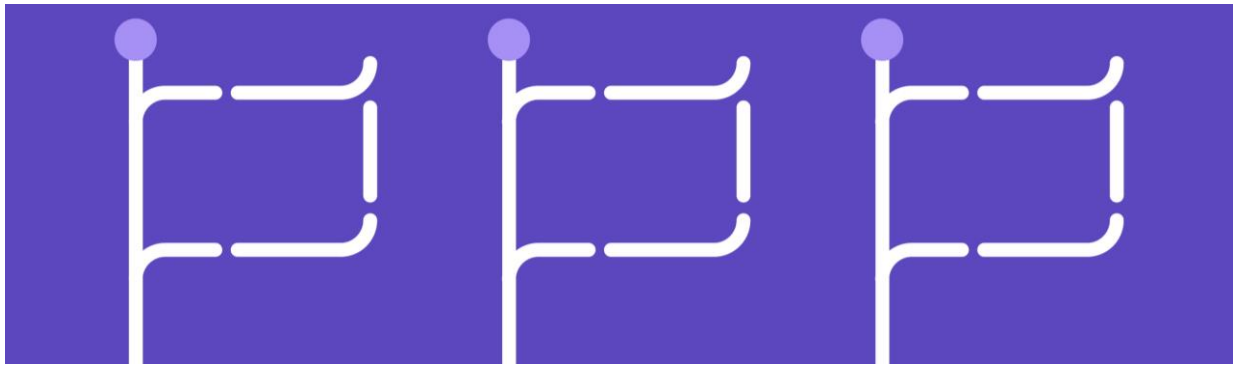# Vanguard Initiative Innovation Networking Initiative Accelerating the Digital Transition in Health

The Vanguard Initiative innovation networking Initiative (VI INI) is a series of 5 events which will focus on the acceleration of the digital transition in health, as it is essential to reduce the burden of traditional healthcare services and to assure the interoperability of medical data.

The VI INI aims at outlining collaboration methods and know-how transfer techniques, and thereby accelerate the process of digital transformation in the domain. One essential objective is to engage stakeholders within a European value chain network of digitalized healthcare services and products.

Networking initiatives are effective instrument to pursue innovation and create opportunities to stimulate territorial and societal renewal, which is the main objective of 'The Vanguard Initiative: New Growth through Smart Specialisation' – the Vanguard Initiative (VI).

In this context, East NL, Lower Austria and North East Romania will also organise a series of interactive international conferences with dedicated workshops on smart health, where the triple helix partners will be brought together at regional level, with the following aims:

- developing solutions together with researchers and social actors to issues defined by the administration in the field of Smart Health.
- engaging stakeholders within a European value chain network of digitalized healthcare services and products.
- outlining collaboration methods and know-how transfer techniques, and thereby accelerate the process of digital transformation in the domain.
- facilitating cooperation between local authorities and the interested parties at the regional level, but also the collaboration between regional ecosystems at EU level.
- Results of the workshops will feed back into administration processes that support the connection of digital and health activities at regional level
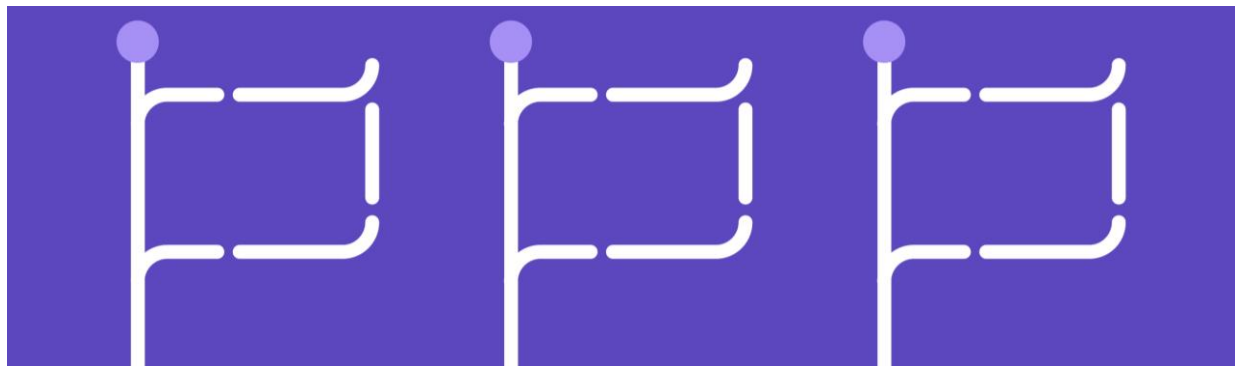
Launch Event

Date: **Thursday 3 March**
Time: **10:00-13:00**
Location: **Microsoft Teams**

The Kick-off event aims at presenting the Innovation Camp plan, timeline, and facilitate relevant engagement of all VI regional stakeholders.

It is organized in the framework of the VI Smart health Pilot which, through the VI methodology 'learn, connect, demonstrate, commercialise', can facilitate the mobilisation of the quadruple helix in the Innovation Camp, to identify innovative solutions for accelerating the digital healthcare transformation at EU regional levels, by bringing further the development of the new RIS3 strategies from the different regions participating in Vanguard Initiative, and in particular in the VI Smart Health Pilot.
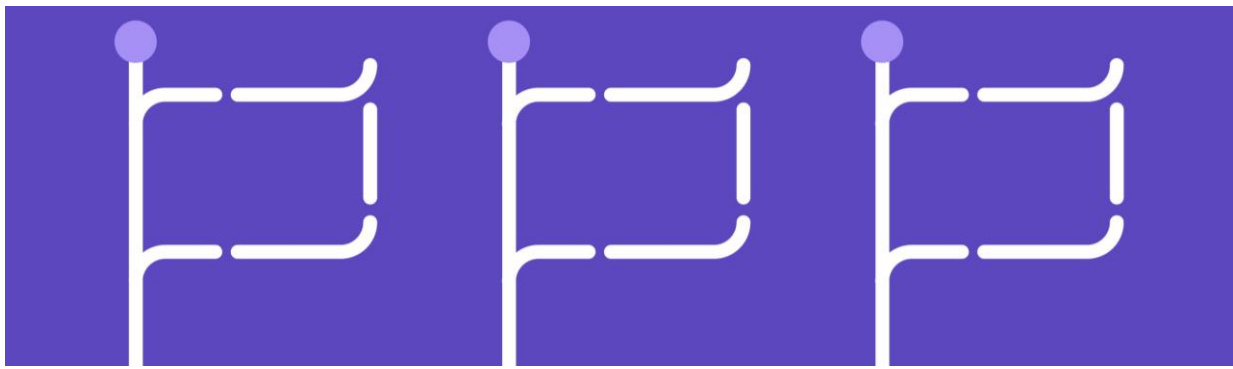
Engagement and discussion will kick-start on the basis of SAPHIRe - a Consortium for Securing the Adoption of Personalised Health in Regions, which aims to structure the application of personalised health at regional level, which will drive the transition towards sustainable healthcare and personalised health (https://www.saphire-eu.eu/).

Please click here to register.

Programme

10:00 – 10.05	**Welcome by Moderator** **Kathleen D'Hondt', VI Smart Health Pilot Co-lead**
10:05 – 10:20	**Keynote Speech** **DG SANTE– TBC**
10:20 – 10:35	**Introduction – Science Meets Regions** **Stijn Verleyen, Policy Officer, European Commission – Joint Research Centre**
10:35 -10:45	**The Vanguard Initiative Innovation Networking Initiative** **Eleonora Nadin, Vanguard Initiative Information Officer**
10:44 – 11:00	**VI Smart Health Pilot** **Melissa Campagno, VI Smart Health Pilot Co-lead**
11.00 – 11.15	**SAPHIRe (introduction) - roadmap presentation and main message** **Jolien Roovers, Flanders**
11:15 – 12:45	**Guided discussion on questions on page 5***
12:45 – 13:00	**Wrap-up, AOBs**

- **How to ensure that European Structural Funds are used to strengthen the regions and simultaneously ensure an overarching platform?**
  - ○ **What is the link between the regional approach and a broader interaction (cross-border/cross-regional). How to align this better? How to integrate regions in the National and pan-European context? How to create common roadmaps across regions?**
  - ○ **How can the European Structural Funds (and its operational programme the ERDF) be used maximally to include the needs and strengths of the regions, both within and across countries?**

- **Focus on inclusiveness: how to include regions less experienced in terms of interregional collaborations? How can VI accelerate this inclusion?**
  - ○ **On different levels: implementation of innovation, absorption of innovation, R&I, academia, industry**
  - ○ **In HEU pillar 3**

- **Which area would you prefer to focus on most within the VI Smart Health pilot?**
  - ○ **Data and digital technology**
  - ○ **Converging technologies**
  - ○ **Preventive health**
  - ○ **Sustainability of health**

- **What are needs to be able to attract public financing? And to attract private financing? What is most important? How can Europe help in getting more access to funding?**

- **Roadmap recommendations: do you agree with these recommendations? Are they feasible? How can Europe contribute to this?**
  - ○ **All stakeholders should be consulted in a transparent process from the start. Such a stakeholder consultation should also form the basis of a regional SWOT analysis (an analytical tool to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats), together with existing and commissioned studies and input from stakeholders and experts.**
  - ○ **A region should set up and support a health ecosystem to ensure cooperation within healthcare by committing public investments for infrastructure, research, innovation as well as the healthcare system.**
  - ○ **The actions that regions can take depend on the authority they have on the healthcare system and/or on R&I policy, and/or on supporting policies required including justice and education. It is fundamental to align the policy levels to establish the right supporting conditions for PM to deliver upon its promises.**
  - ○ **It is important to ensure cross border R&I and healthcare. It encompasses specific issues with respect to EU-wide access to the electronic health records. This should ensure access to the most advanced therapies and interventions for all citizens in Europe, regardless of the absorption capacity or whether the region is remote and sparsely populated.**