



KONFIDO means  
“trust” in Esperanto

## Increasing digital security of health related data on a systemic level

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## Problem statement

- Ideally, EU citizens should be guaranteed uniform QoS of health care
- Uniform here means:
  - Does not depend on the specific country of origin
  - Does not depend on the specific country of (possibly temporary) stay
- Potentially, this can be enabled by ehealth technology
- However, current ehealth technology is hampered by two main limitations:
  - Lack of interoperability
  - Lack of security

## Claim of this talk

- Advancements are needed wrt the SOTA of eHealth technology, to provide better security while achieving interoperability
- This requires a holistic approach to security challenges related to protection, processing, transfer, and storage of eHealth data
- Solutions must:
  - Allow independence of individual stakeholders/domains while favouring cooperation
  - Comply to existing solutions and/or standards
  - Build on previous investments/achievements

## Challenges



- Develop a **holistic secure solution** for **interoperable eHealth services**
- Consider all stages/layers, namely: **storage, dissemination, processing, and presentation**
- Handle **legal, privacy, and ethical** issues
- Ensure **interoperability** and **scalability**
- Build on **existing solutions (OpenNCP, STORK, etc.)**
- **Commercially** exploit the outcomes

## Innovation Pillars

**1<sup>st</sup> Pillar:** Enhancement of the trust and security of interoperable eHealth services

**2<sup>nd</sup> Pillar:** Continuous validation and Proof of concept demonstrations

**3<sup>rd</sup> Pillar:** Focus on stakeholders, improving user acceptance, adhering to standards and legal and ethical directives

## Technology pillars

- Exploit the new **security extensions of COTS CPUs** for creating protected execution environments for eHealth applications
- Develop novel **photonic encryption key generation** technologies
- Build an efficient **homomorphic encryption** mechanism supporting secure health data storage, processing and exchange
- Develop **customized SIEM solutions** for real-time monitoring of the security of eHealth applications
- Implement **disruptive logging and auditing** mechanisms
- Design and implement a **STORK compliant eID infrastructure**

## Organization of the European ehealth infrastructure - 1

- Each country has its own federated architecture, where individual local governments that are relatively independent of each other coexist and cooperate (to some extent)
- Multiple regions can cooperate to provide health services at a national level
- This results in a first level of hierarchy already at the national level
- No standard solutions exist that are widely accepted

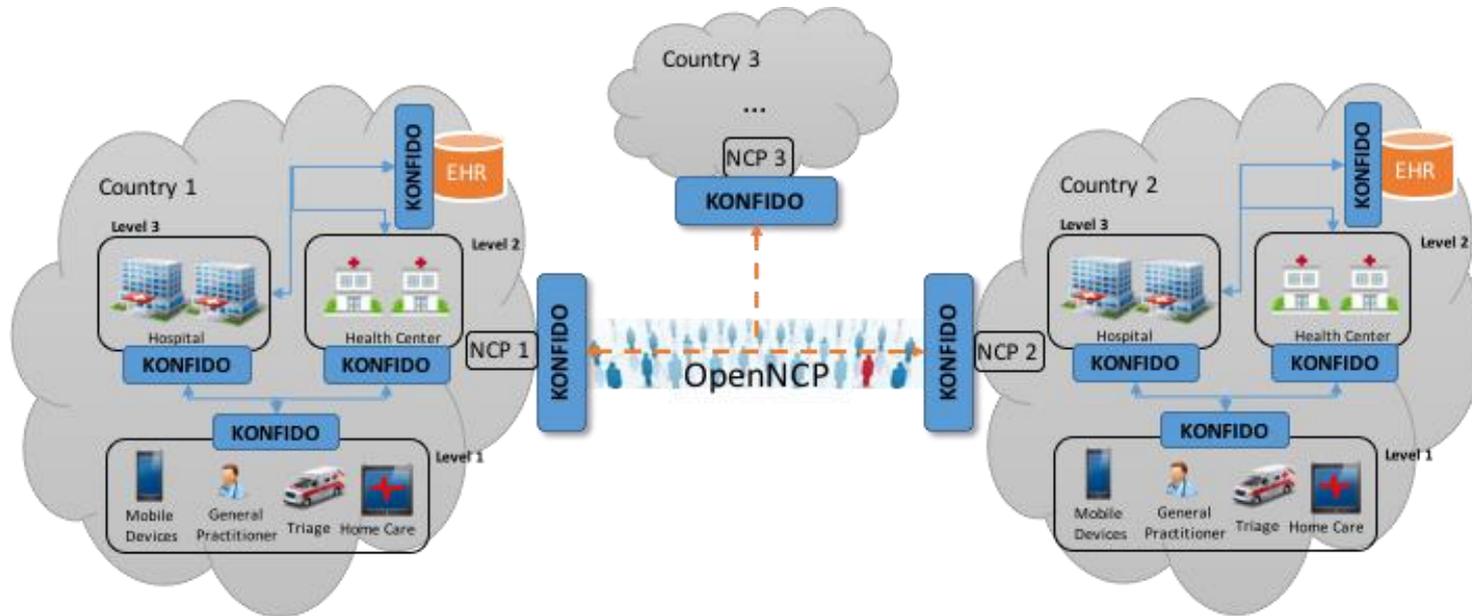
## Organization of the European ehealth infrastructure - 2

- Multiple countries can then cooperate – through their National Contact Points (NCPs) - to provide health services at the European level
- This creates a second level of hierarchy
- Such a complex organization has challenging interoperability and security requirements (focus of the talk will be on security)
- Some standard solutions are emerging, e.g. OpenNCP and STORK
- Currently, the interoperation of information systems of individual countries is characterized by a security level that is not sufficient
- This prevents the real take up of integrated ehealth services at the EU level

## Requirements/constraints

- Must comply to existing standards and build upon common frameworks - such as Electronic Health Record (EHR) and ePrescription - to ensure interoperable operation particularly in support of cross-border eHealth services
- Must take into account legal requirements in order to meet relevant legal developments both at the EU and at the national level
- For user authentication must exploit customized eID solutions compliant to STORK specifications, as well as satisfying the new requirements that might possibly result from future evolutions of EU regulations and directives
- Must fulfil all requirements imposed by current and upcoming European and national legal frameworks with regard to personal data protection and patients' rights

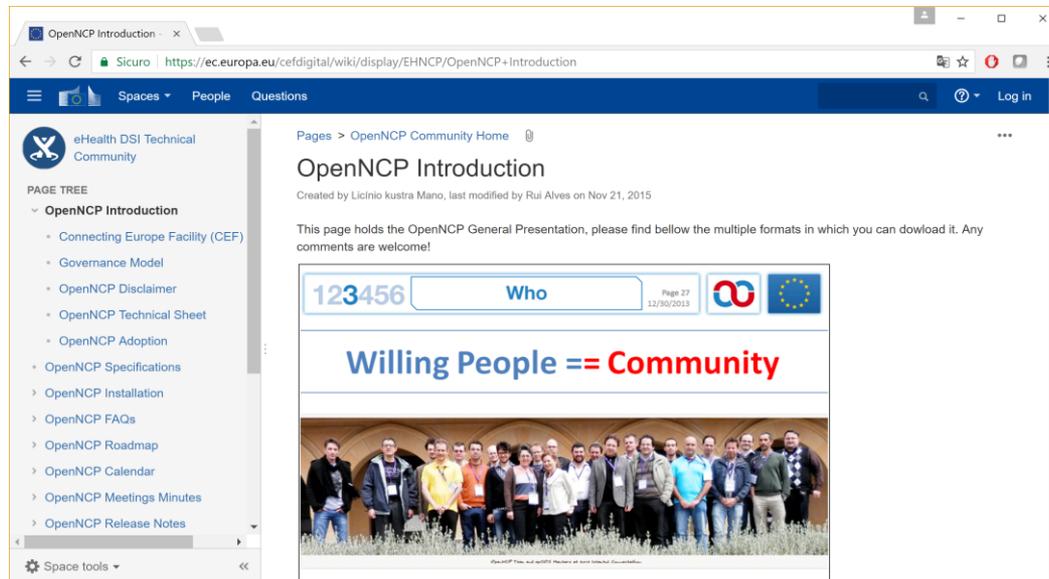
## KONFIDO conceptual architecture



- KONFIDO is interposed between the National Contact Point (NCP) of the participating countries and the OpenNCP infrastructure
- By doing so, the information systems of individual countries can interoperate in a secure way
- Multiple countries can cooperate to provide health services using KONFIDO and OpenNCP to implement a federated organization

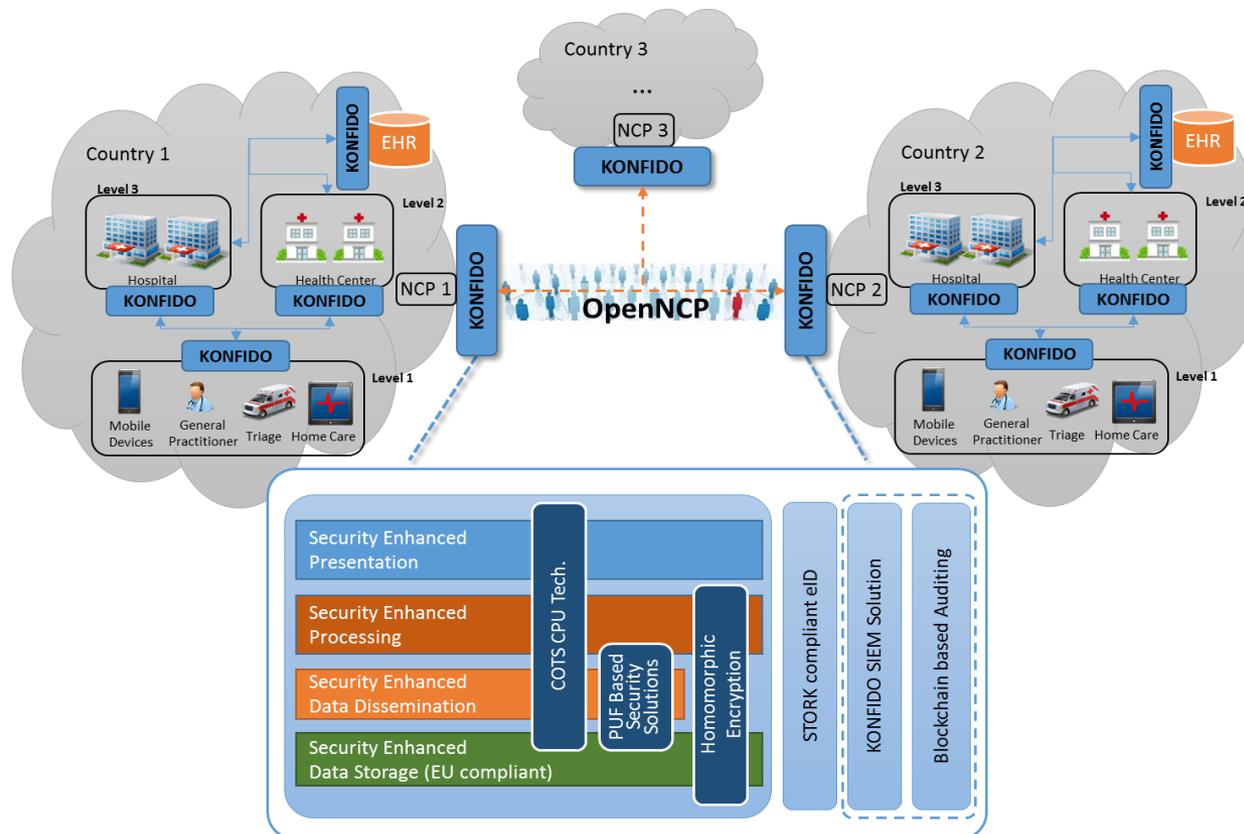
# OpenNCP

- **Vision:**
  - ...design and develop a set of Open Source Components (OpenNCP) that can be adopted by Participating Nations (PNs), to build their local implementation of the National Contact Point (NCP)
- **Definition:**
  - “epSOS NCP software publicly available under Open Source licensing”

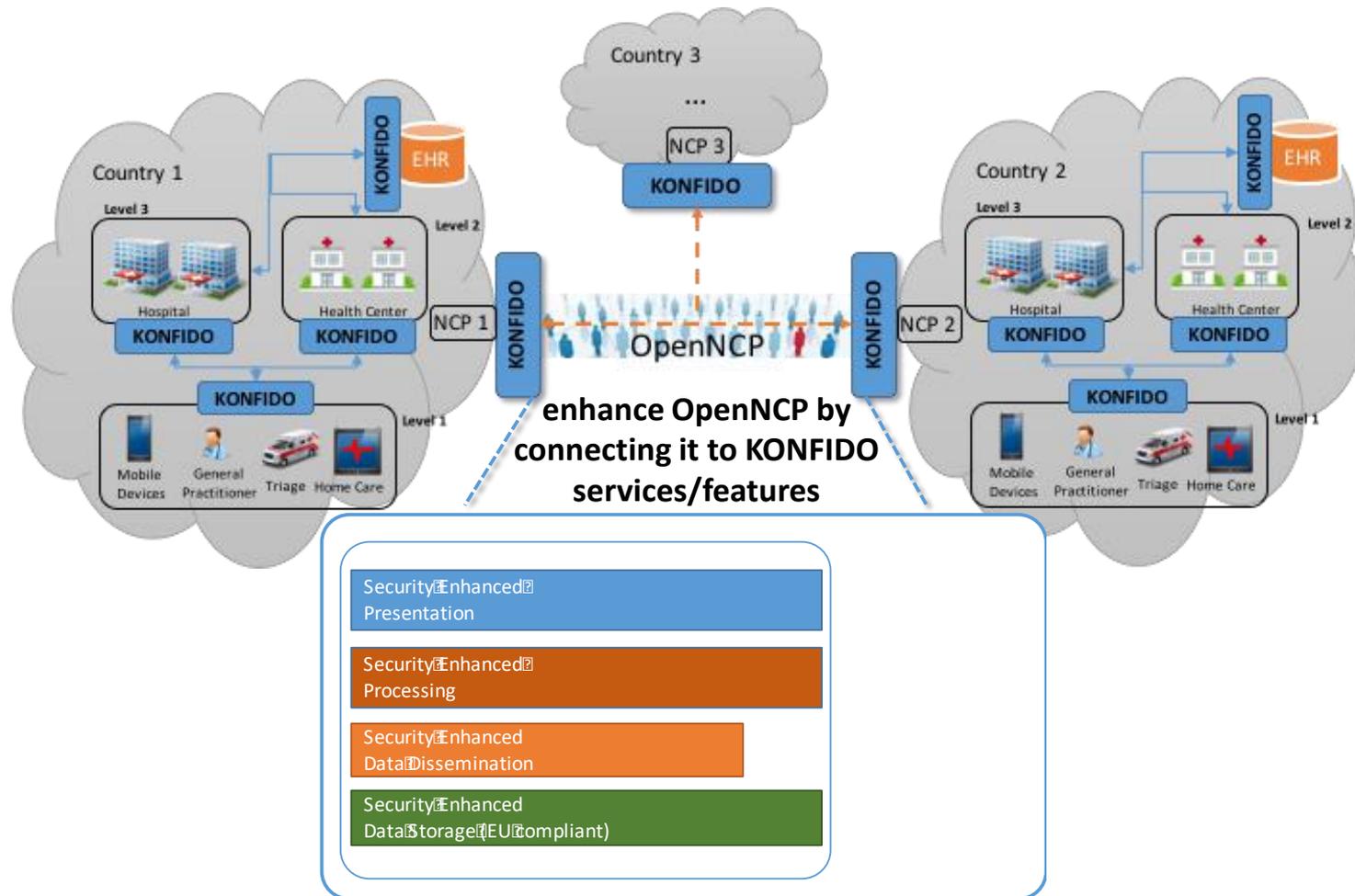


The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the 'OpenNCP Introduction' page on the eHealth DSI Technical Community wiki. The page title is 'OpenNCP Introduction' and it was created by Licinio kustra Mano, last modified by Rui Alves on Nov 21, 2015. The page content includes a navigation menu on the left with items like 'Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)', 'Governance Model', 'OpenNCP Disclaimer', 'OpenNCP Technical Sheet', 'OpenNCP Adoption', 'OpenNCP Specifications', 'OpenNCP Installation', 'OpenNCP FAQs', 'OpenNCP Roadmap', 'OpenNCP Calendar', 'OpenNCP Meetings Minutes', and 'OpenNCP Release Notes'. The main content area features a 'Who' section with a counter '123456' and a 'Page 27' indicator. Below this is a large graphic with the text 'Willing People == Community' and a group photo of people standing in a field.

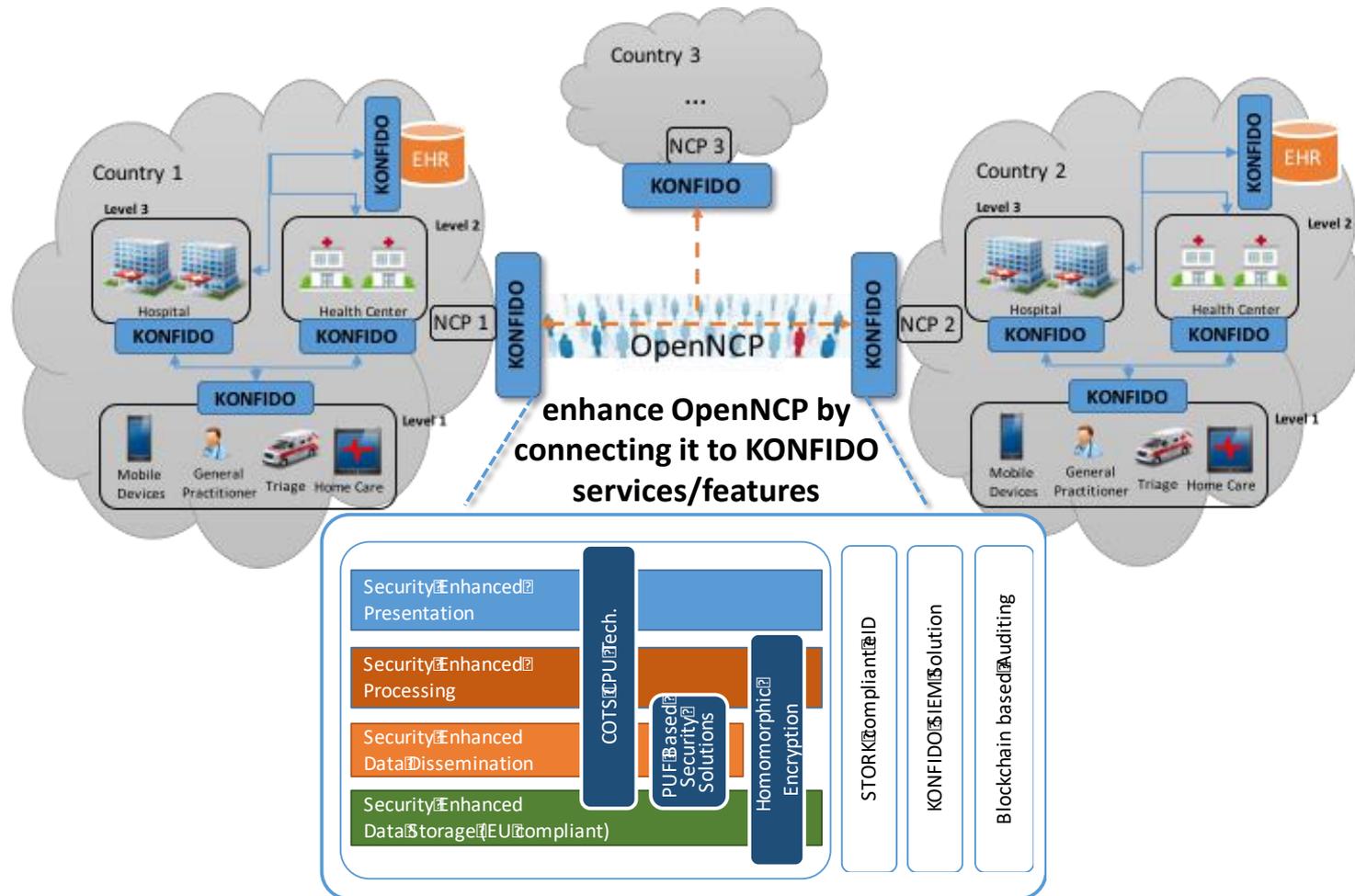
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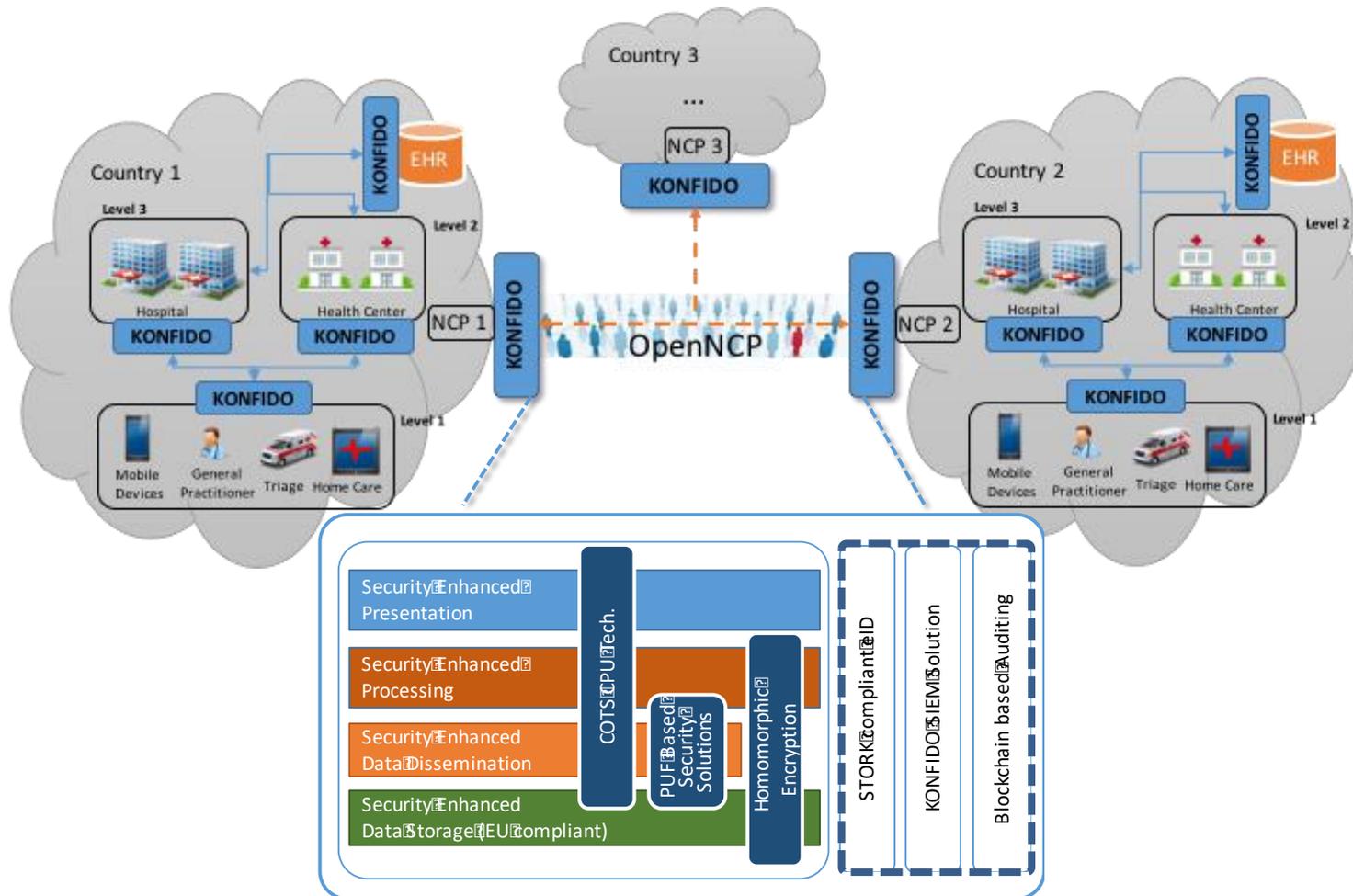
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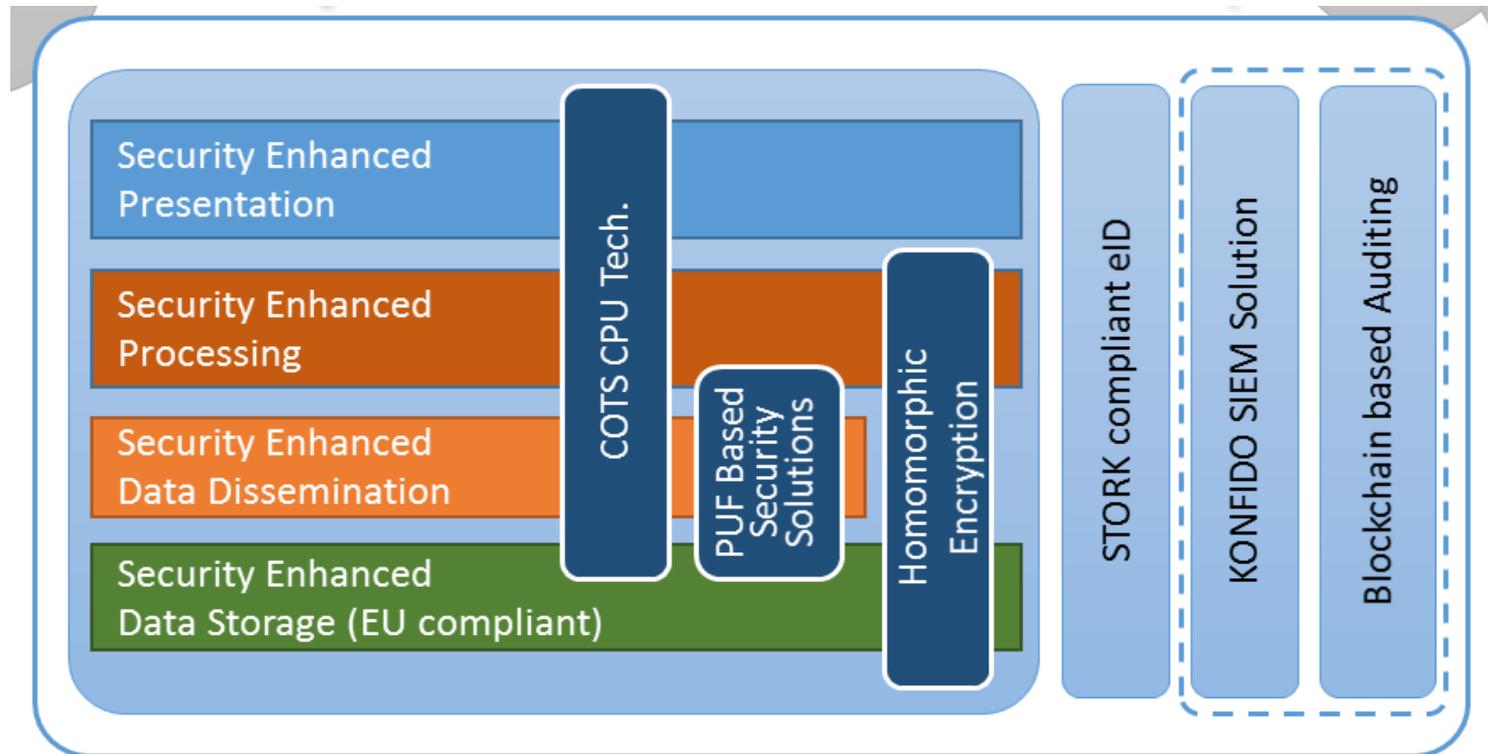
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## Main KONFIDO components/layers



## Use of secure CPU technology

- Exploit the new security features that are being made available by major CPU vendors (notably, ARM and Intel) for creating execution environments that will be protected from attacks launched at multiple architectural levels, even by privileged software (e.g. the Operating System or the Hypervisor), or privileged users (e.g. the System Administrator or the Cloud Provider)
- CPU hardware security features will be integrated in the OpenNCP reference implementation, to provide:
  - Remote integrity attestation of the destination federated domain
  - Protection of delivered sensitive data in spite of the actual security conditions of the receiving system
- Protected execution environments will be created that exploit the new security extensions of COTS CPUs for use by eHealth applications

## SOTA of Secure COTS CPU Technologies

Secure CPU hardware is already available and in growing use across a number of domains, including embedded systems, smartcards, and the military

Nowadays it has become popular even in commodity processors such as mainstream Intel CPUs, in the form of [Intel Secure Guard Extensions \(SGX\)](#) [16], as it was already on [ARM TrustZone](#) [17] CPUs.

[16] <https://software.intel.com/en-us/blogs/2013/09/26/protecting-application-secrets-with-intel-sgx>

[17] <http://www.arm.com/products/processors/technologies/trustzone>

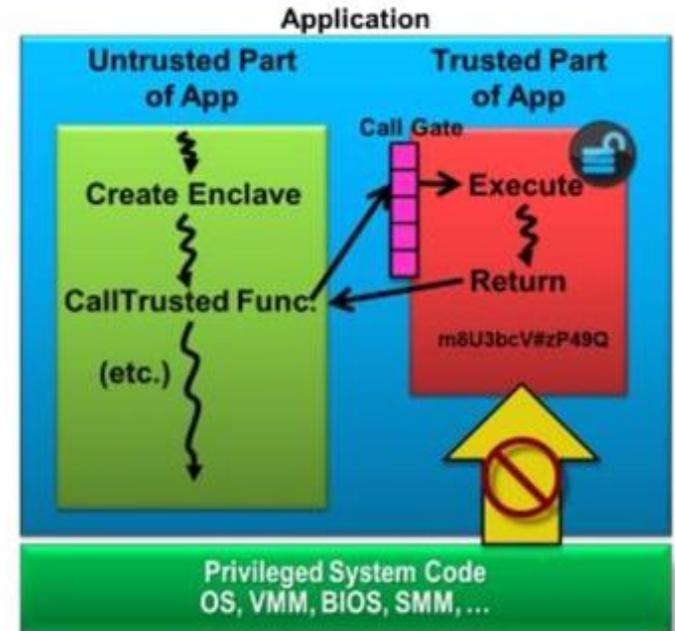
# Intel® Software Guard Extensions (Intel® SGX)

CPU instructions used by applications to protect critical secrets from unauthorized access:

- Against software attacks originated at any privilege level
- Against many hardware based attacks

Applications are modified (split) into trusted and untrusted parts

- Trusted part of application is protected via encryption by Intel hardware
- Intel® Software Guard Extensions (Intel® SGX) does not protect untrusted part of application OS support
- Intel plans to enable Intel SGX on Windows® 7 and 8.x platforms
- Intel is collaborating with Microsoft\* on native support in future release of Windows operating system



## SIEM solutions customized for eHealth applications

Extend selected existing **SIEM solutions**, and customize them based on the specific requirements of a federated environment compliant to the OpenNCP model

Solutions will be tailored to the healthcare, and in particular they will:

- 1) *Support sophisticated authentication and delegation mechanisms*
- 2) *Detection potential threats and anomalies*
- 3) *Inclusion comprehensive and intuitive (visual) analytics*
- 4) *Support for of a variety of mitigation strategies*

# Security Information and Event Management (SIEM)

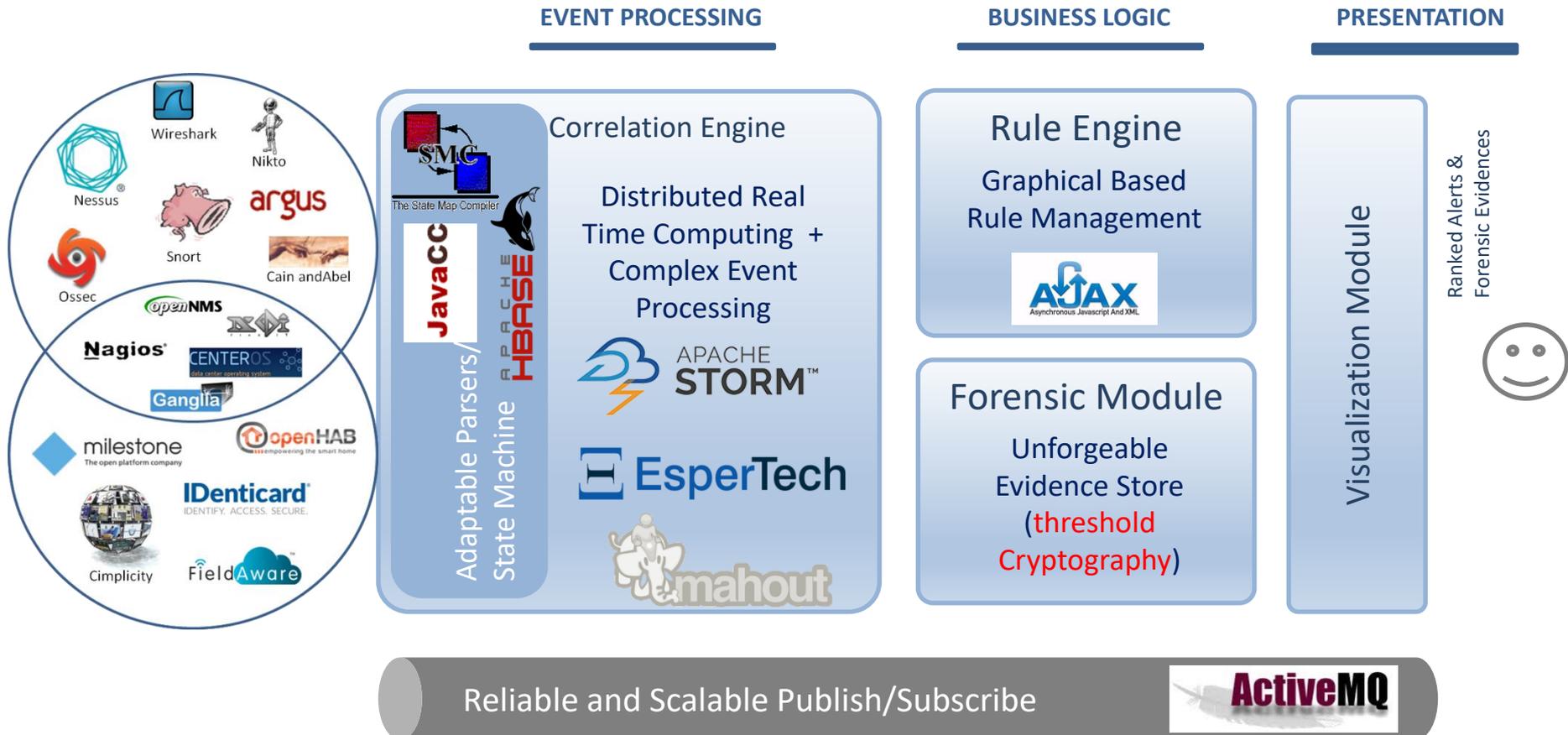


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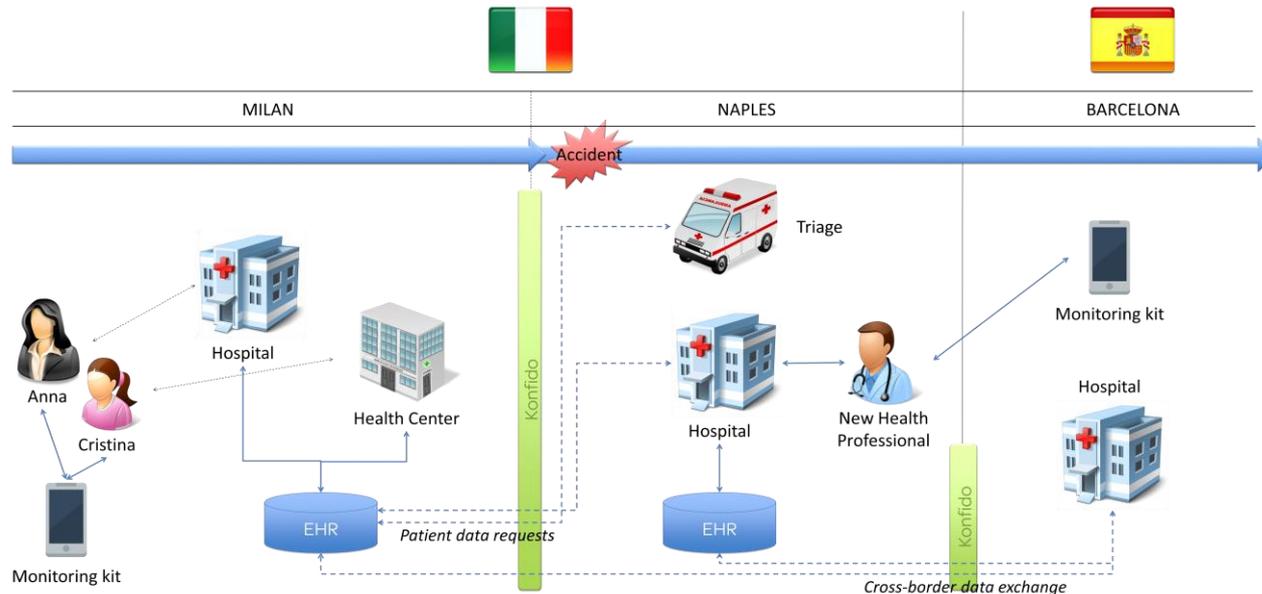
**Physical World System and Security Monitoring**

# Building blocks of the proposed Solution



# Use case scenario: Secure cross-region and cross-border mobility for patient empowerment

- A patient is discharged from a hospital in her home town
- She has a car accident in a different city (but in the same country)
- She receives treatment for a few days
- She leaves for vacation towards a foreign country

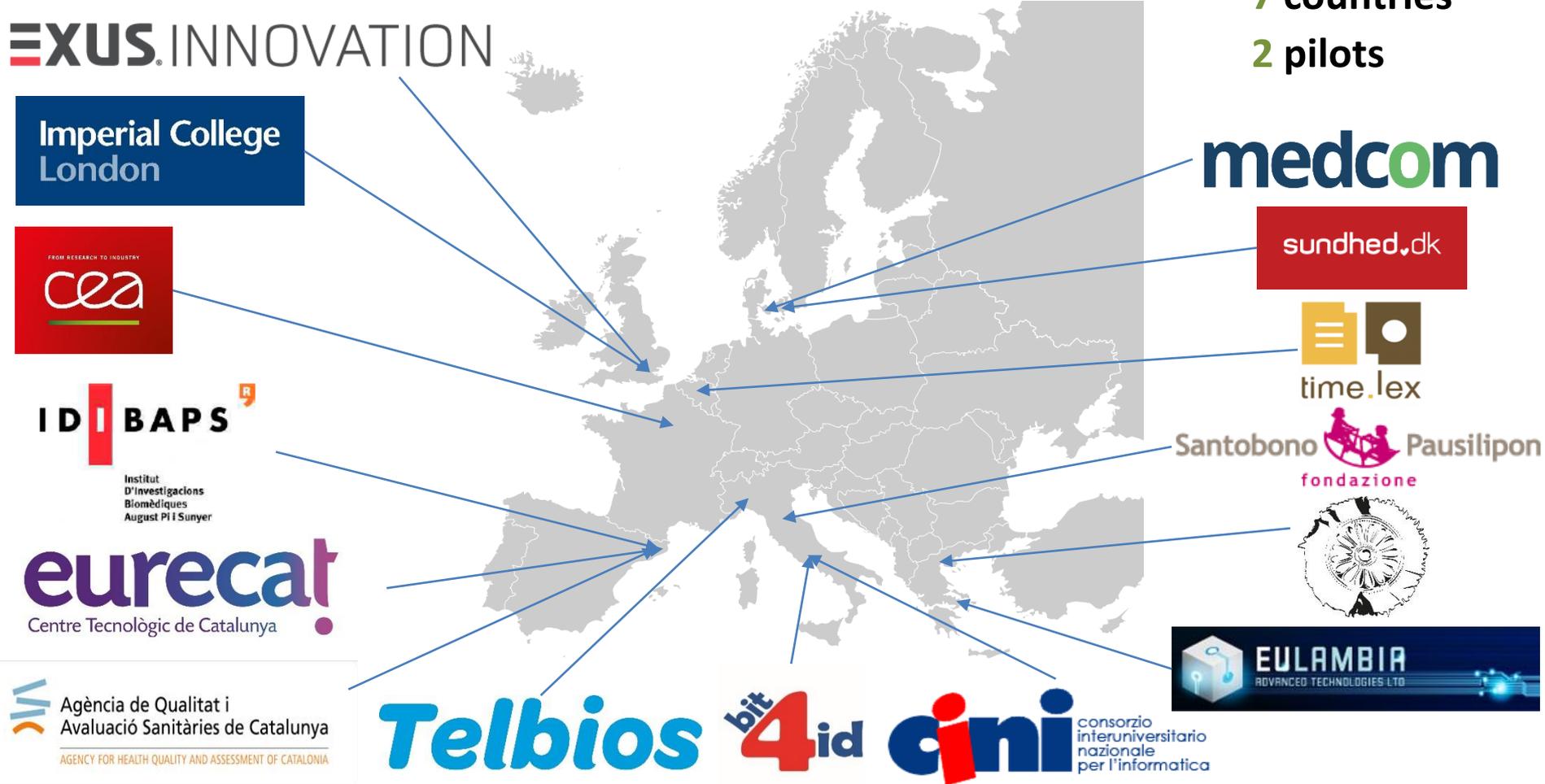


# Consortium

15 partners

7 countries

2 pilots



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**Thank you for your attention**

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