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Lesson from setting up a national health data harmonization infrastructure

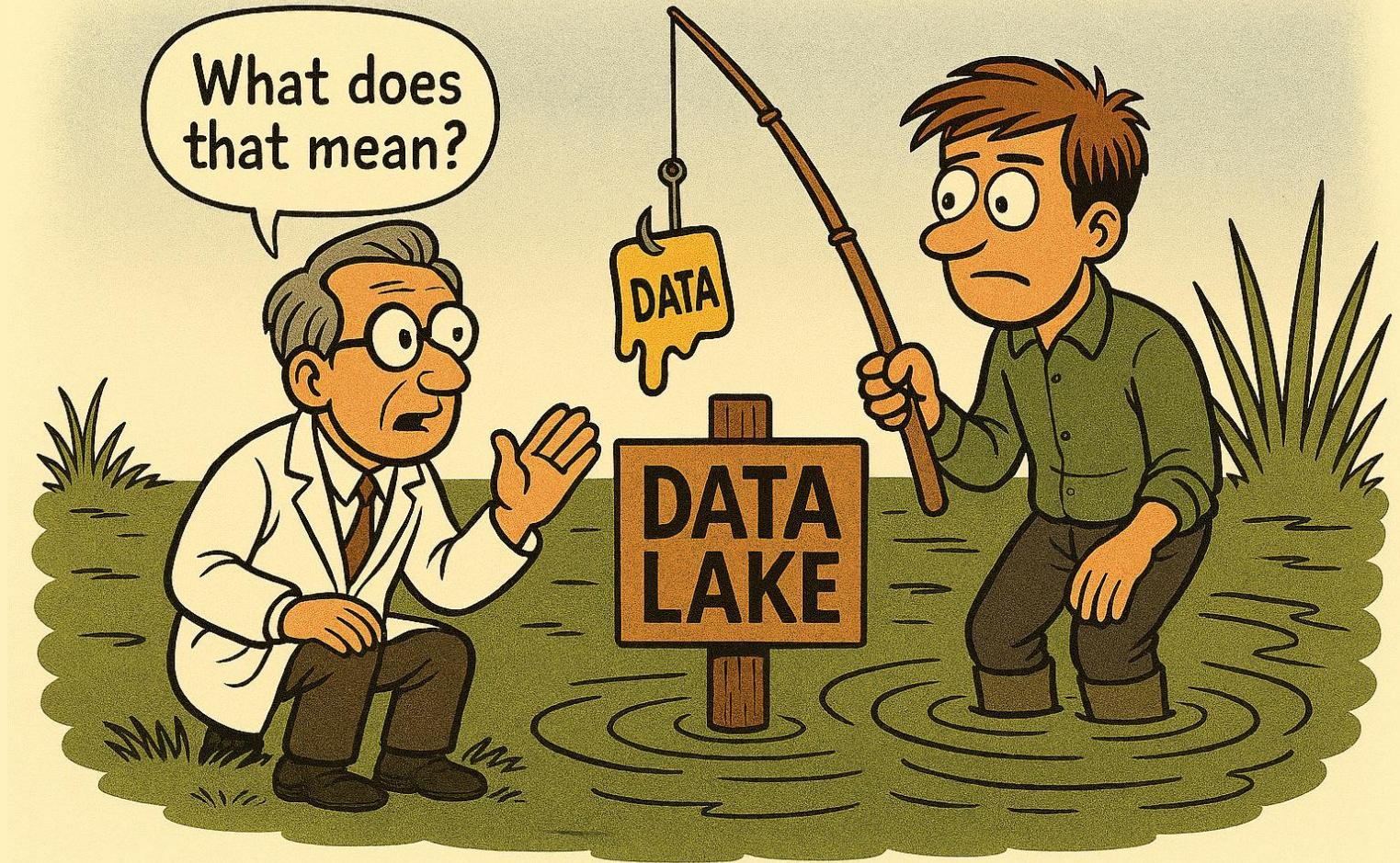
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Why?

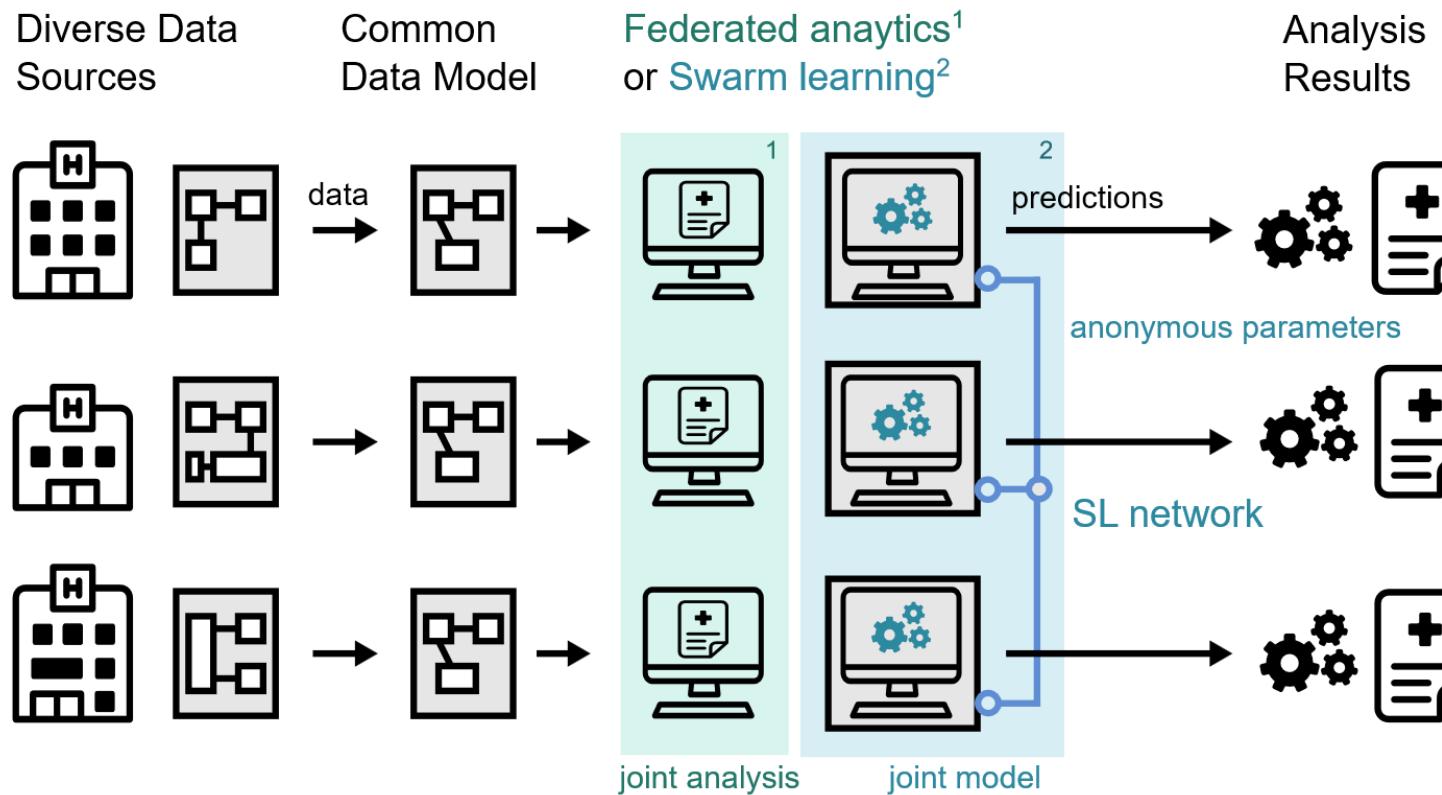
Experience shows:
Most time spend on data
cleaning and curation!



Why OMOP?

Real-World-Evidence
generation **at scale**

Once the data look the same, you can run the same analytics => collaboration!



International OMOP Studies through:

- OHDSI
- EHDEN www.ehdeneu.eu
- DARWIN www.darwin-eu.org
- FinOMOP [link](#)

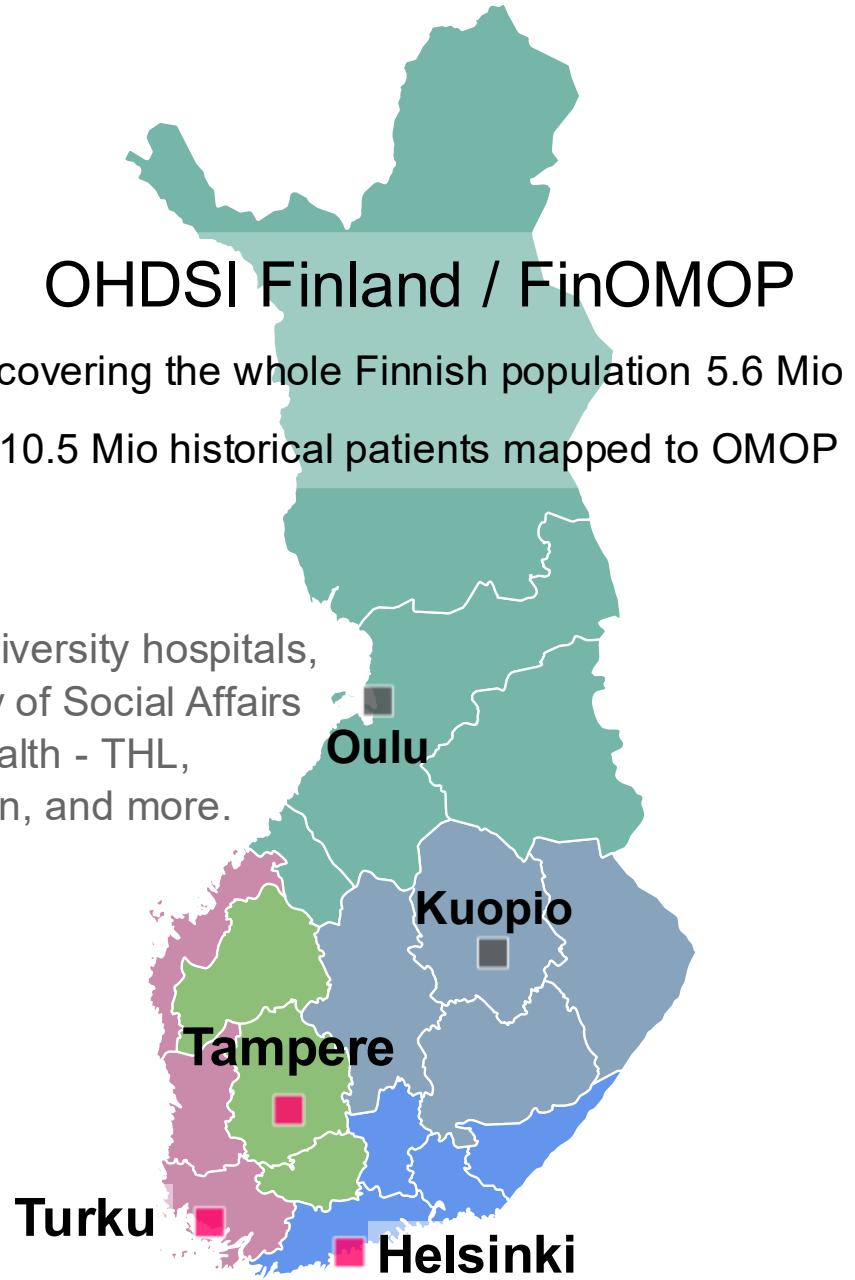
EU funded:

- SYNTHIA www.ihi-synthia.eu
- PHEMS <https://phems.eu/>
- ...

FinOMOP

- Started 2020
- Funded by local and EU grants (EHDEN)
=> integration into hospital IT infrastructure
- 10.5M hospital patients mapped to the OMOP CDM
- Mapping of governmental registries initiated in 2022:
THL, HILMO, avoHILMO, FinRegistry, ...
- Common mapping codebase (Github)
- Task-specific workgroups:
CDM & Vocabulary, Analytics

**AIM: population-based health data infrastructure
by 2026**



OHDSI Finland regular WG's

Create opportunity for knowledge exchange!

FinOMOP F2F meeting, twice a year, rotating venue/city

Feb 2025 Tampere

Sep 2025 Oulu

Working group meetings, online, several times a year

Analytics WG



**Marianna
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CDM WG



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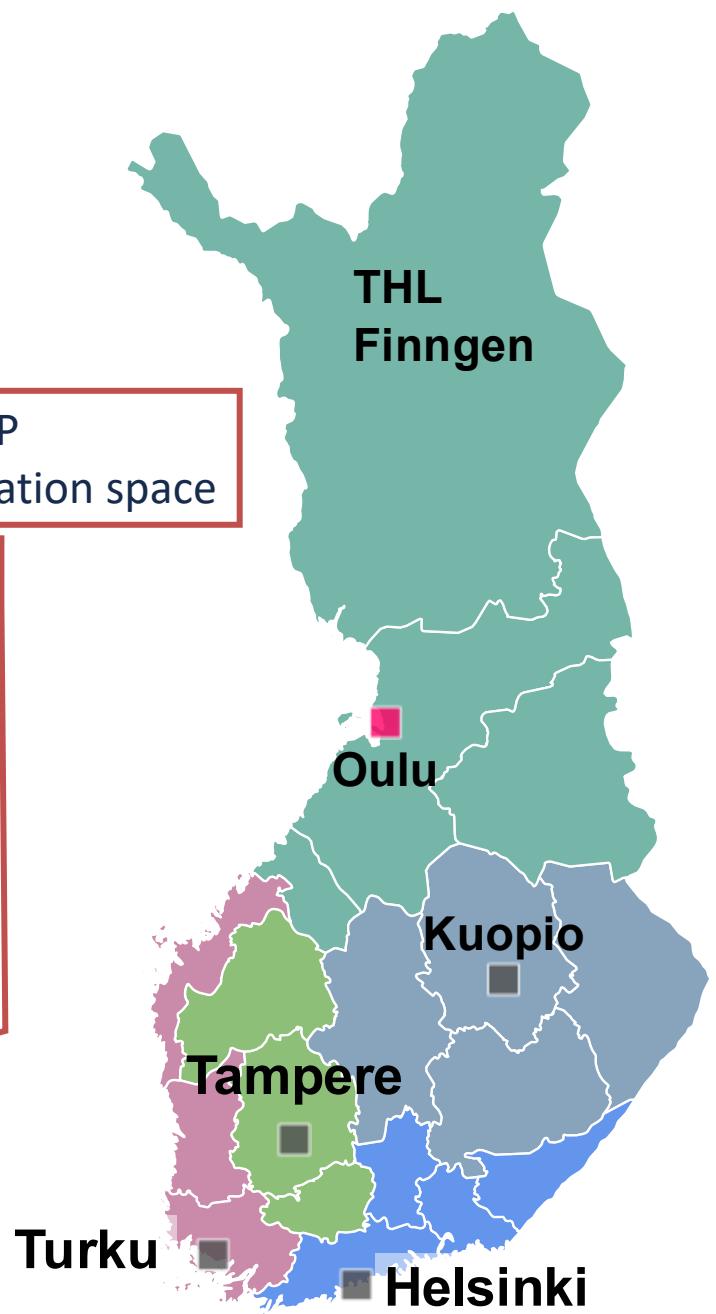
Vocabulary WG



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Collaboration space



Github: FinOMOP/FinOMOP_mappings

Common codebase => Eliminate redundancies, maximize collective effort!

README

FinOMOP_mappings

This repository is part of a series of repositories that helps maintain the mapping of Finnish medical vocabularies to OMOP standard concepts.

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Other repositories are kept private as they contain proprietary data.

OMOP vocabularies are downloaded from [Athena](#) and stored in [FinOMOP_vocabularies](#). This repository, [FinOMOP_mappings](#), tracks the changes of mapping files in `usagi-extended` format for multiple vocabularies. Mapping files are transformed, appended to the OMOP vocabulary tables and stored in [FinOMOP_vocabularies](#), for the FinOMOP members to use in their ETLs.

Contributors 6

Deployments 23

✓ [github-pages](#) 5 days ago

+ 22 deployments

Languages

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DARWIN Partner

Participate in studies early => Learn, iterate

UK

- CPROD GOLD
- UK Biobank
- National Neonatal Research Database

Norway

- Norwegian Linked Health Registries
- Cancer Registry of Norway

Netherlands

- Integrated Primary Care Information
- Netherlands Comprehensive Cancer Organisation

Belgium

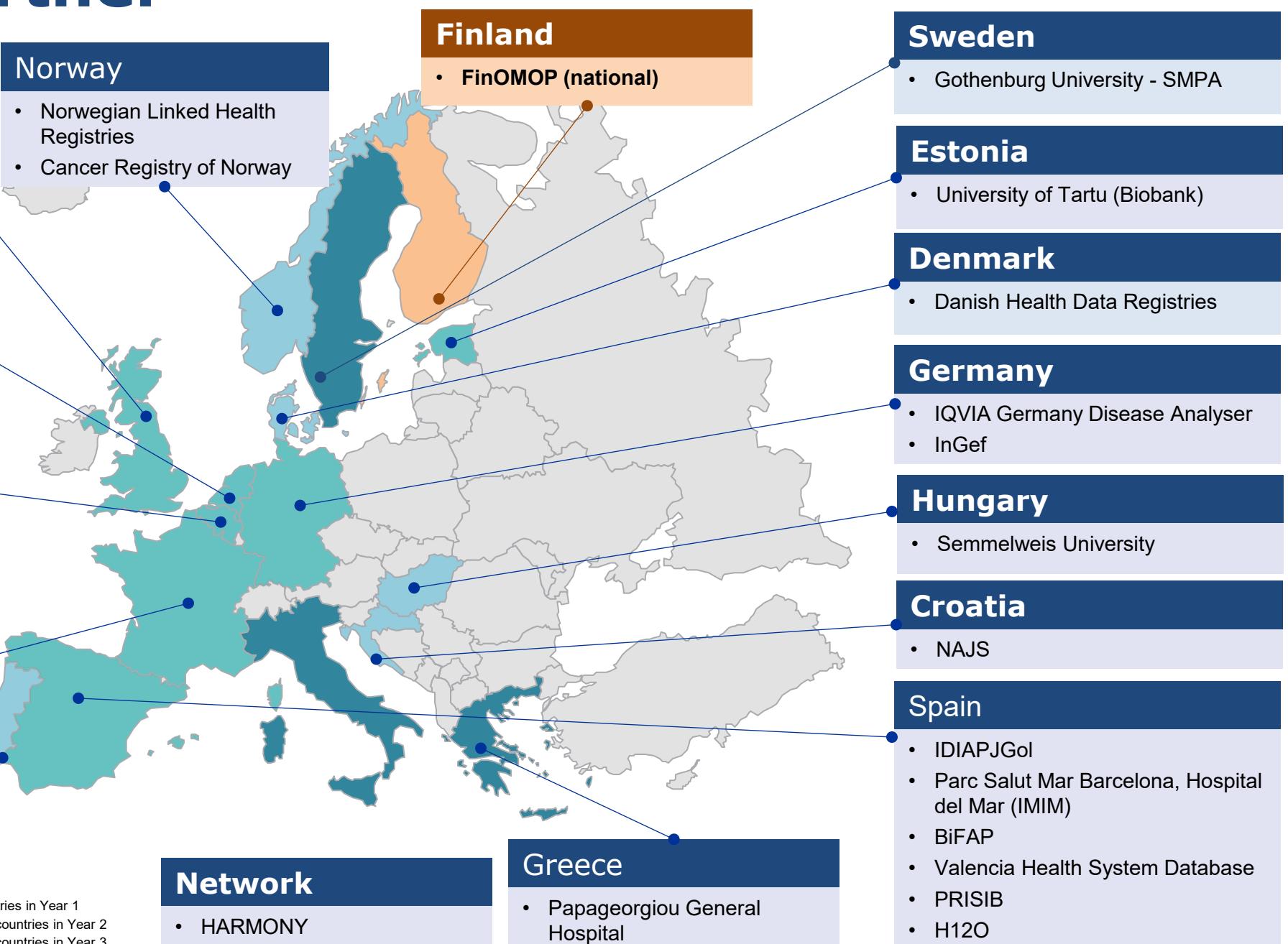
- IQVIA Belgium Longitudinal Patient Data

France

- Bordeaux University Hospital
- Système National des Données de Santé
- Assistance Publique Hôpitaux de Marseille

Portugal

- Unidade Local de Saúde de Matosinhos
- Egas Moniz Database



Countries in Year 1
New countries in Year 2
New countries in Year 3

iCAN Studyathon – FALCON Lung [cancer]



Kimmo Porkka
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- **Most diverse federated oncology study to date**
- **17** data partners from **10** countries in Europe, North America, and Australia
- **30,153** NSCLC patients

Endpoint:

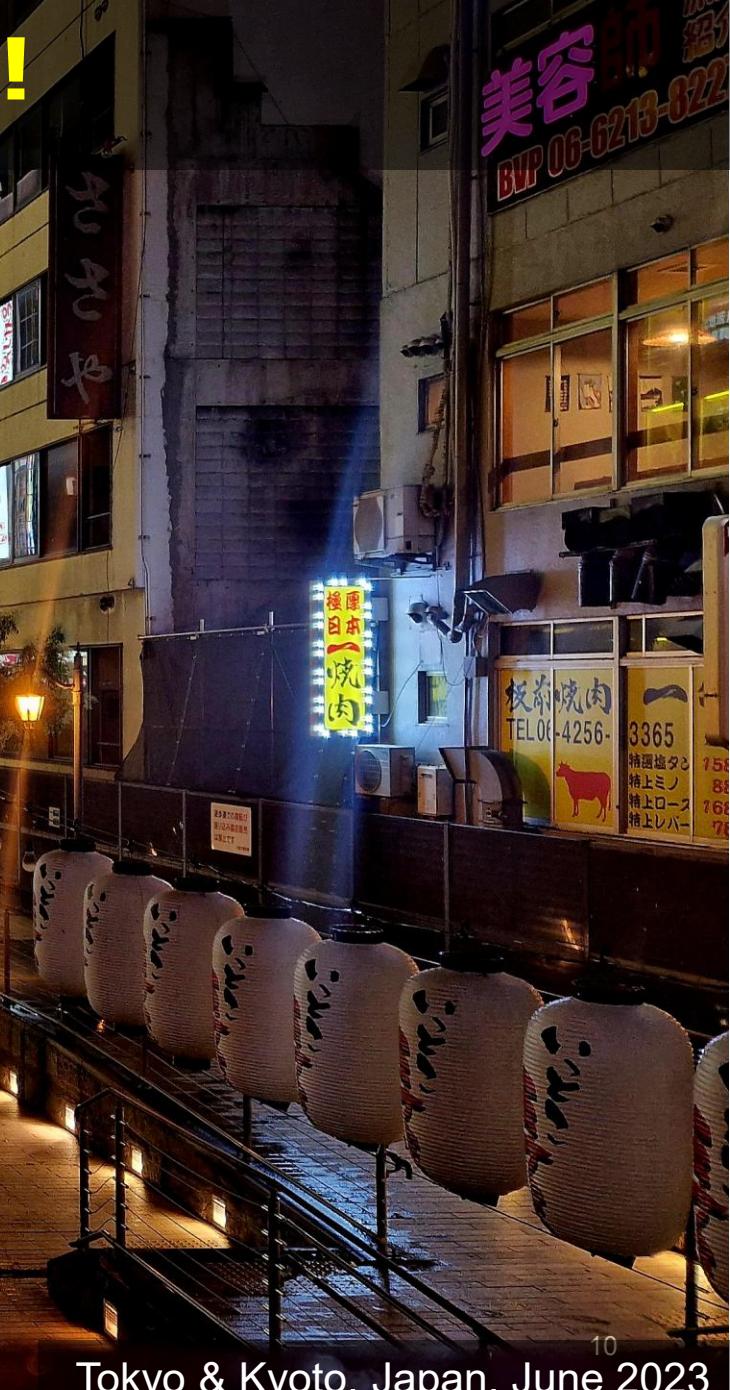
- **Immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICI)** across different regions
- variations in care, treatment practices, and reimbursement strategies on **patients' outcomes** (overall survival).

for details -> see Kimmo's talk later

Beyond the Data: **Study-a-thons Reshape You!**



Beyond Borders: Connect everywhere!



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