GOALS

- The aim of the Medical Informatics Initiative (MII) is to harness innovative IT solutions to enhance research and patient care.
- These solutions enable the sharing and utilisation of data, gained from healthcare and from clinical and biomedical research, across multiple entities and sites.
- The initiative additionally strengthens medical informatics in research, education and skills development.

FUNDING PHASES

The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) is investing a total of more than 200 million euros in the Medical Informatics Initiative through 2022. In a later phase of the initiative (2023-2026), results and solutions will be developed further and consolidated. In addition, the BMBF is funding "Digital Hubs: Advances in Research and Health Care" (2021-2025). These integrate data from regional and outpatient care into the structures of the MII.

CONSORTIA

Within the four funded consortia – DIFUTURE, HiGHmed, MIRACUM and SMITH – all German university hospitals and medical centres at over 30 locations cooperate with research institutions, businesses, health insurers and patient representatives. Their mission is to create an environment that allows research findings to be used to the direct benefit of patients – while ensuring robust data protection and security.

PROJECT STRUCTURE

- The funded consortia meet regularly within the initiative’s National Steering Committee (NSC) to coordinate activities and agree key parameters.
- The NSC is supported by consent, data sharing, interoperability and communication working groups, which develop specialist resources.
- A dialogue forum involves all relevant stakeholders in strategic planning and ongoing development of the MII.
- A Scientific Advisory Board comprising international experts provides specialist expertise to help advance the initiative.
- Collaboration between and beyond consortia is the remit of a coordination office operated by TMF (Technology, Methods and Infrastructure for Networked Medical Research) with MFT (German Association of Medical Faculties) and VUD (German Association of Academic Medical Centers).

INITIAL RESULTS

- Template text for patient consent forms, developed in cooperation with German Federal and State data protection agencies and the Association of Medical Ethics Committees in Germany (Broad Consent)
- Contractual framework for the use of patient data, biosamples, analytical methods and routines (user agreement and framework participation agreement)
- Data protection concept
- Use and access policy
- Concept of the Central application and registration office (ZARS)
- Shared core data set in line with international standards
- Recommendations for shared use of standardised metadata
- Paper summarising key points on interoperability
- MII roadmap for enhanced research, education and skills development

Supporting activities

Additional funding modules

Conceptual phase | Development and networking phase | Consolidation and extension phase
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Audit | Audit

NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE (NSC)
DIFUTURE, HiGHmed, MIRACUM, SMITH, Coordination office

BMBF
Advisory Board
Dialogue forum
Annual general meeting
Coordination office
TMF e. V., MFT e. V., VUD e. V.
Consortia and participants during the development and networking phase

DIFUTURE
CONSORTIUM PARTNERS
Augsburg:
- University of Augsburg (UA)*
Bochum:
- Kairos GmbH (KAiros)
Munich:
- Technical University of Munich (TUM)/University Hospital rechts der Isar (MRI)*
- Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU) Munich/Hospital of the Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) Munich*
Tübingen:
- University of Tübingen (EKUT)/University Hospital Tübingen (UKT)*
Ulm:
- Ulm University/Ulm University Medical Center*

NETWORK PARTNERS
Regensburg:
- University Hospital Regensburg
Saarbrücken, Homburg:
- Saarland University/Saarland University Medical Center

HiGHmed
CONSORTIUM PARTNERS
Berlin:
- Robert Koch Institute
- Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin*
Brunswick:
- Brunswick University of Technology (TU Braunschweig)
- Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research GmbH (HZI)
Darmstadt:
- Darmstadt University of Technology (TU Darmstadt)
- Frankfurt am Main:
- Dell Technologies
Göttingen:
- University Medical Center Göttingen*
- HAWK University of Applied Sciences and Arts Göttingen
Hanover:
- Hannover Medical School*
- Hannover University of Applied Sciences and Arts
Heidelberg:
- Heidelberg University Hospital and the Medical Faculty of Heidelberg*
- German Cancer Research Centre
Heilbronn:
- Heilbronn University
Kiel:
- University Medical Center Schleswig-Holstein (UKSH) – Campus Kiel*
Cologne:
- University of Cologne/University Hospital Cologne (UKK)*
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München:
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Potsdam:
- Hasso Plattner Institute
Waldorf:
- InterComponentWare AG
Würzburg:
- University Hospital of Würzburg/Julius-Maximilians-Universität (JMU)*

NETWORK PARTNERS
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- Carl-Thiem-Klinikum Cottbus gGmbH

MIRACUM
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Dresden:
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Erlangen:
- Friedrich Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg/University Hospital Erlangen*
Frankfurt am Main:
- Goethe University Frankfurt/Main/University Hospital Frankfurt*
Freiburg:
- University of Freiburg/Medical Center – University of Freiburg*
- Averbis GmbH
Giessen:
- Justus Liebig University Giessen/University Hospital Giessen/Marburg*
- THM University of Applied Sciences
Greifswald:
- Greifswald University Hospital*
Magdeburg:
- Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg/University Hospital Magdeburg*
Mainz:
- University Medical Center of the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz*

SMITH
CONSORTIUM PARTNERS
Aachen:
- RWTH Aachen University
- University Hospital RWTH Aachen*
Berlin:
- ID Information & Documentation in Health Care GmbH & Co. KGaA
Bonn:
- University Hospital Bonn*
Dortmund:
- Fraunhofer Institute for Software and Systems Engineering ISST
Essen:
- März Internet Services AG
- Essen University Hospital*
Freiburg:
- Averbis GmbH
- Hallo (Saale)*
- University Hospital Halle (Saale)*
Hamburg:
- University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf*
Jena:
- Friedrich Schiller University Jena
- Jena University Hospital*
Jülich:
- Jülich Research Center
Leipzig:
- Leipzig University
- University of Leipzig Medical Center*
Leverkusen:
- Bayer AG

NETWORK PARTNERS
Bochum:
- Ruhr University Bochum
Düsseldorf:
- Düsseldorf University Hospital Rostock
- University Medical Center Rostock

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