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Founded in 2007
Research Center since 2012
Over 550 professionals
Over 200 active clinical trials

Research Focus

Translational oncology, personalized medicine, health economics, and omics technologies



TRUMPET

CLUTE

T echnologies

Federated Learning (FL)

Advanced PETs

(Differential privacy, Multi-Party Computation, homomorphic encryption)

Privacy risk metrics

TEE (Trusted Execution Environments)

Synthetic data generation

HL7 FHIR

GDPR-compliant data sharing protocol

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Cybersecurity
Cancer Use Cases
AI for health

Prostate cancer diagnosis
Digital health innovation
Privacy-by-design in medical AI systems

O bjectives

Deploy privacy-resilient AI platforms across European hospitals

Define measurable certification standards for FL privacy

Contribute to GDPR and HL7 FHIR standardization

Validate AI for prostate cancer diagnosis in clinical settings

D eliverables

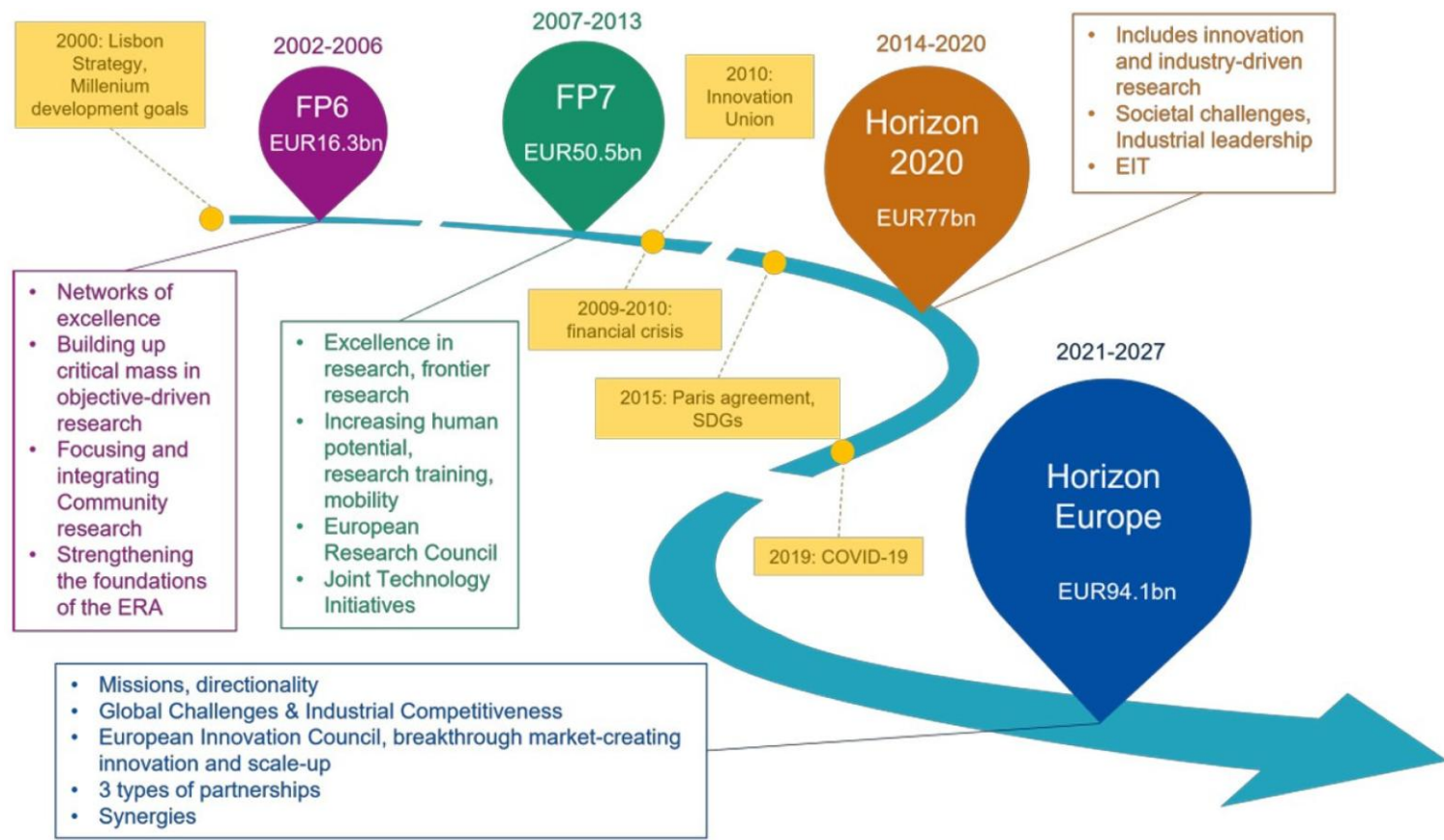
Federated AI platform

Pilot validation

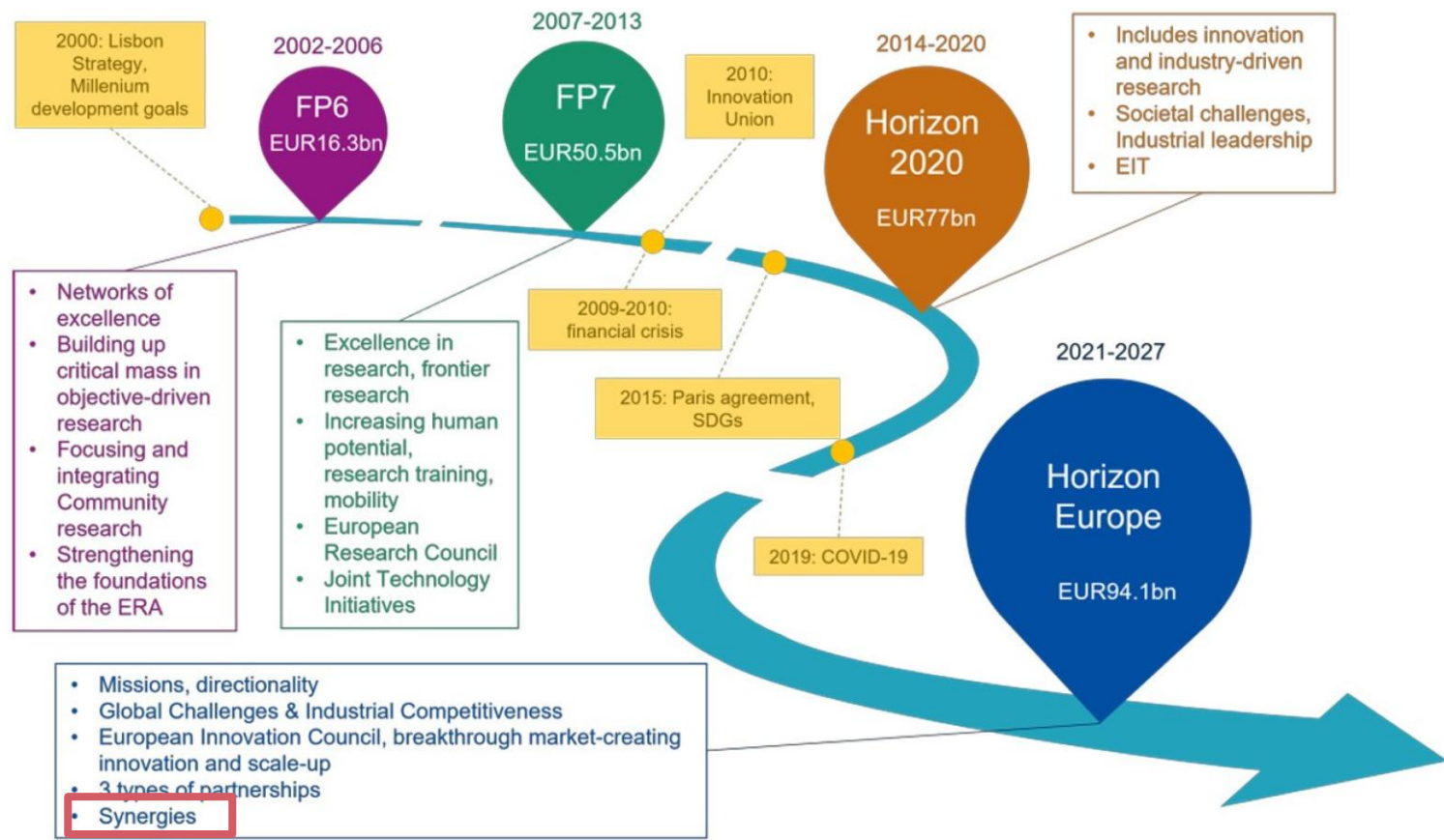
Validated federated AI tools for prostate cancer diagnosis

HL7 FHIR-based interoperability modules

GDPR compliance guidance for FL



General evolution of the FP between 2002 and 2023. Figure source: [\(Cavicchi et al. 2023\)](#)



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Six degrees of separation – Small world

Milgram's Experiment (1967):

Participants were asked to send a letter to a Boston stockbroker by passing it only through people **they knew on a first-name basis**. The average number of steps needed for successful deliveries was about six, leading to the famous concept of “***six degrees of separation***”



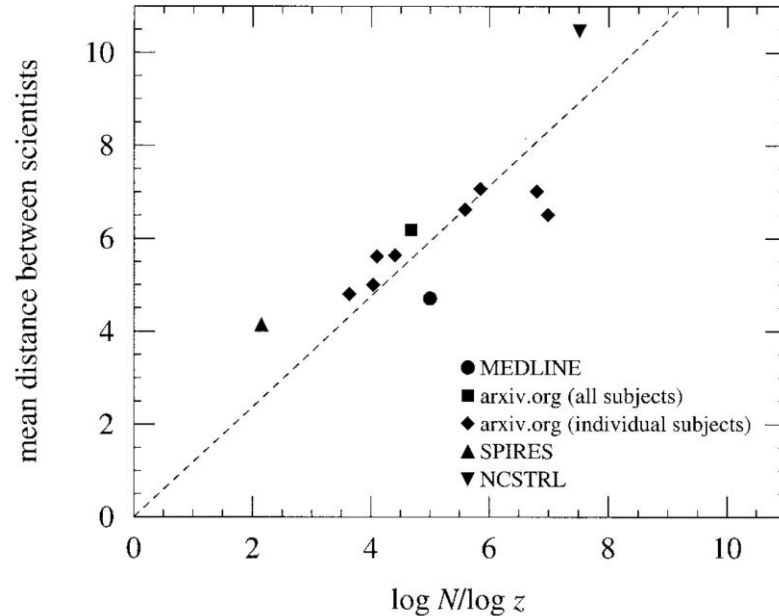
Six degrees of separation...

...also in science!

Newman et al (2001), **analyzed millions of scientific papers** to construct networks where authors are linked if they coauthored a paper. These networks showed that scientific communities form "*small worlds*", where any **two scientists are typically separated by only about six collaborative steps**.

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Implication for science

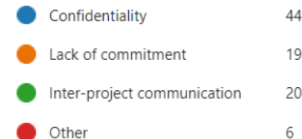
This small-world structure suggests that **the scientific community is highly interconnected**, facilitating rapid spread of information and enabling broad, informal collaboration channels via a few degrees of separation

Drivers for Clustering and Inter-Project Collaboration —A Case of Horizon Europe Projects" (Benissa & Patil, 2024)

Primary **drivers** for collaborating and clustering with other projects.

Expected **benefits** of collaborating with other projects

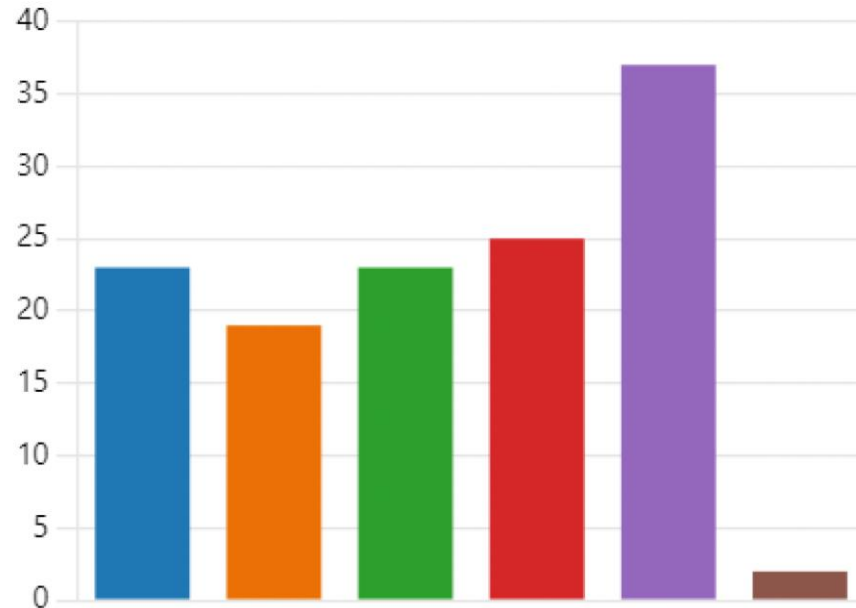
Specific **challenges** or barriers to effective collaboration with other projects



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● Share deliverables	23
● Share important models/results ...	19
● Share requirements and market ...	23
● Share significant technical break...	25
● Share routine best practices (av...	37
● Other	2



European AI Security Network (EASiNet)

EASiNet brings together several **European funded projects** to collaborate on **AI** and **cybersecurity** in different fields. The aim is to raise **awareness**, **exchange project results**, **promote open science**, and **develop common strategies** for improving projects impact.



Harpocrates

<https://harpocrates-project.eu/>



Paroma Med

<https://paroma-med.eu/>



Encrypt

<https://encrypt-project.eu/>

AI4 |  **EOSC**

AI4 EOSC

<https://ai4eosc.eu/>

 **oncovalue**

Oncovalue

<https://oncovalue.org/>



Warifa

<https://www.warifa.eu/>



Certify

<https://certify-project.eu/>



Katy

<https://www.katy-project.eu/>

  **TITAN**

Titan

<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/...>



Flute

<https://www.fluteproject.eu/>



Trumpet

<https://trumpetproject.eu>

EASiNet: a platform for communication or scientific collaboration?



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Strengthening the network

- Remote Meetings
- Events sharing
- Mailing list creation

Promote Scientific Exchange

- EASiNet Scientific Remote Meeting
- Crosstalks

Connect to Policy Makers

- White paper
- Policy makers invited as speaker at the crosstalk

**1st
SCIENTIFIC
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September, 13th
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**2nd
SCIENTIFIC
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March, 10th - 10.00 CET
Reserved for network members

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WHITEPAPER

Guidance for DPIA practices from EU- funded projects





SESSION 1 – Cloud security for data

SESSION 2 - Privacy Enhancement Technologies

SESSION 3 – Federated Learning adoption and related certification in the medical data scenario



Take home messages

- In today's EU research landscape, **participating in a project cluster** is no longer just recommended—it's becoming essential.
- Building **strong ecosystems** is key to attracting future funding opportunities.
- Clearly **define the cluster's goals**, ensuring that all relevant professional profiles are adequately represented.

Thank you

and let's keep in touch.

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