

**SYMPOSIUM "HEALTH CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY"**

**The collection and management of “real world data”  
for public health policy: past, present and future of the  
healthdata.be platform**

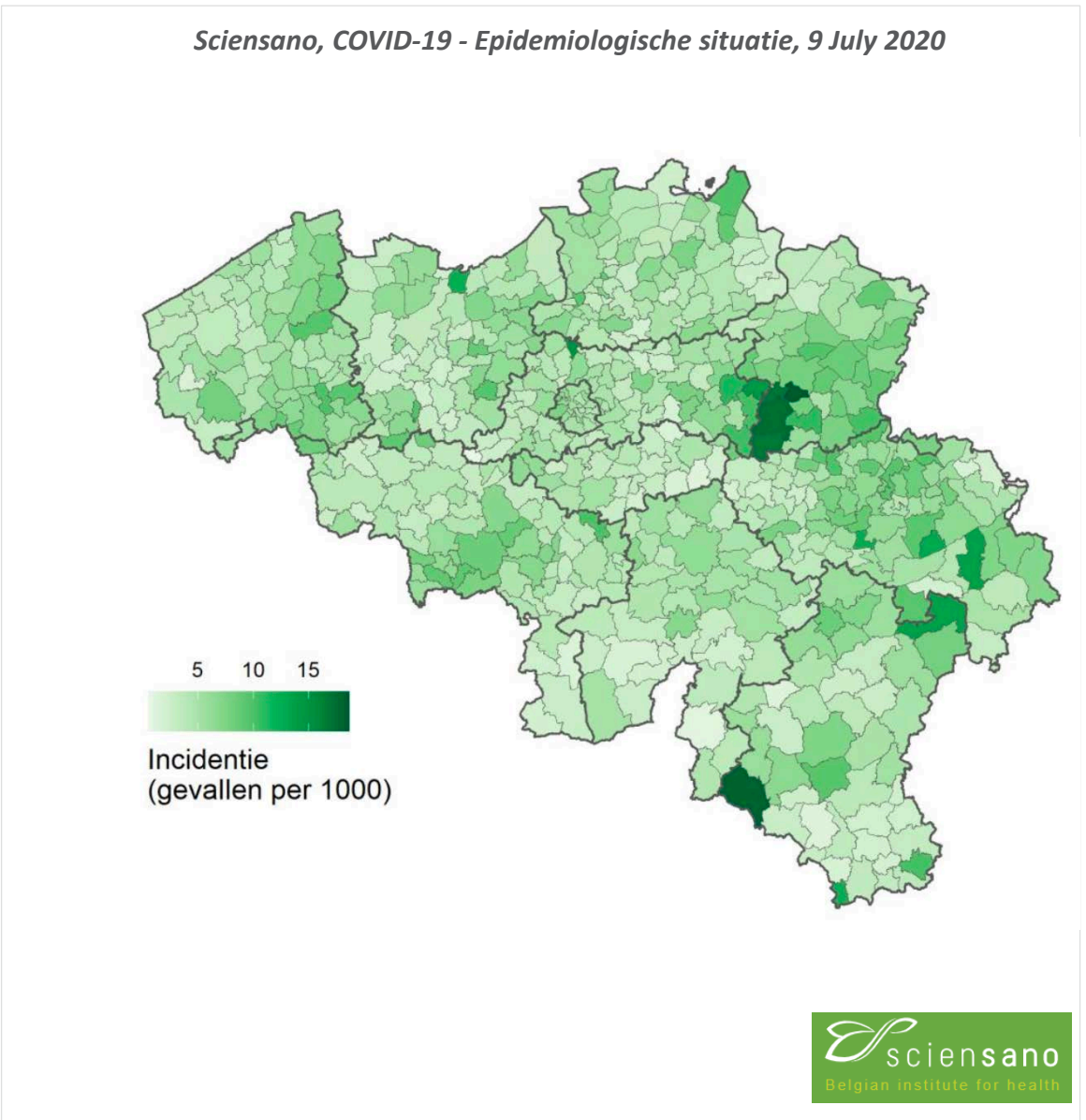
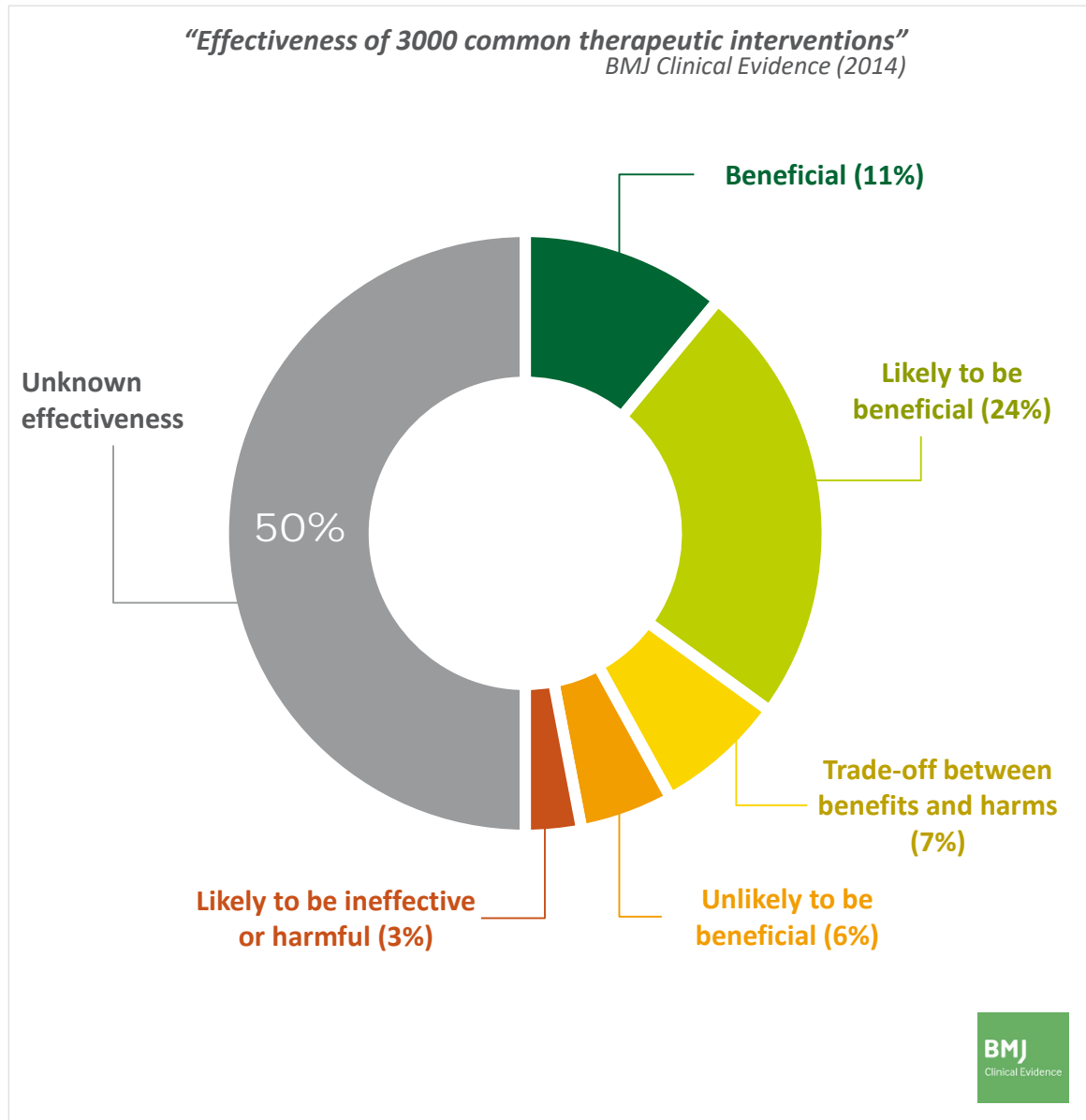
# Real world data science in Belgian Public Health

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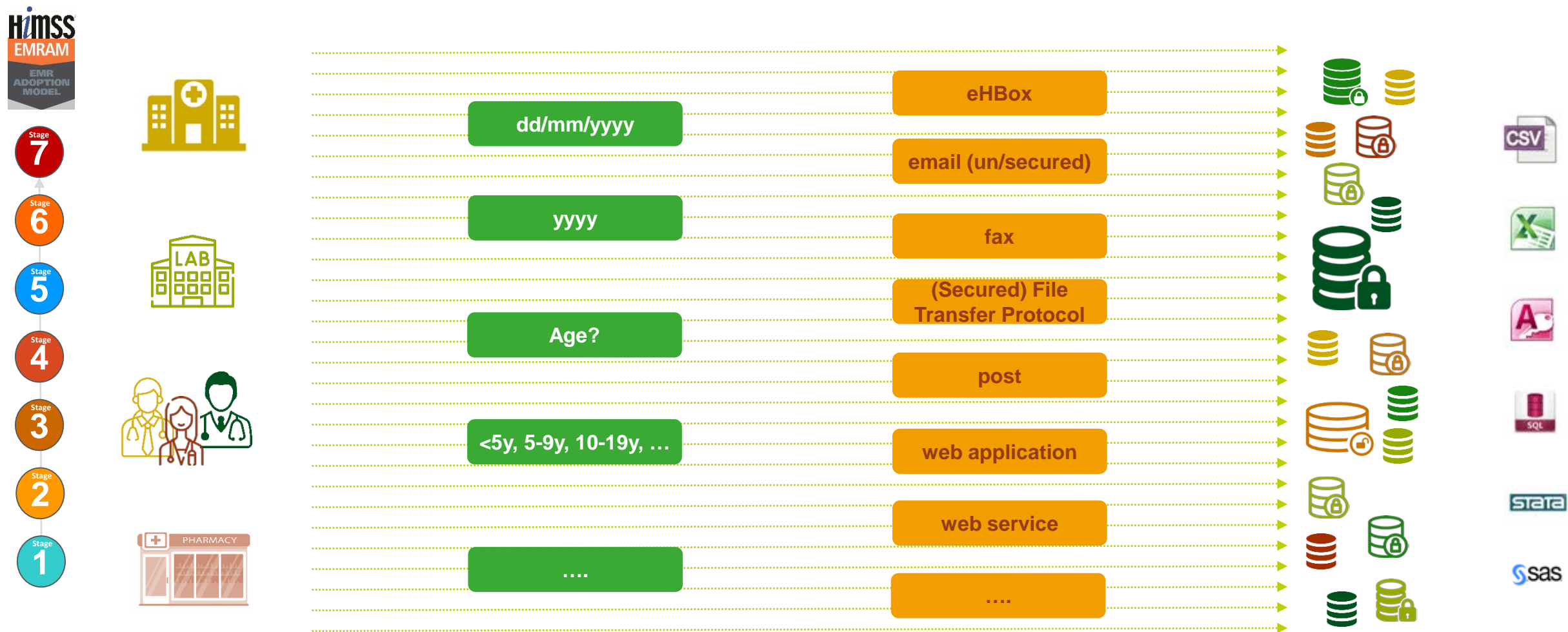
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# Clinical & epidemiological registries and surveillances are necessary !

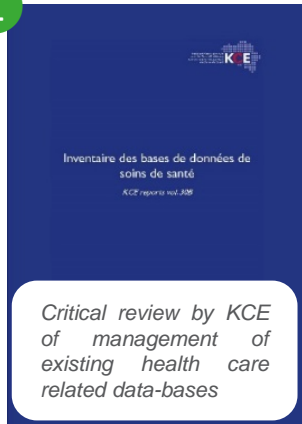


# But high diversity in data collection and management practices exist



# Roadmap towards a national health research infrastructure

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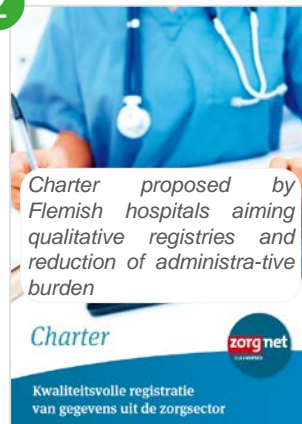
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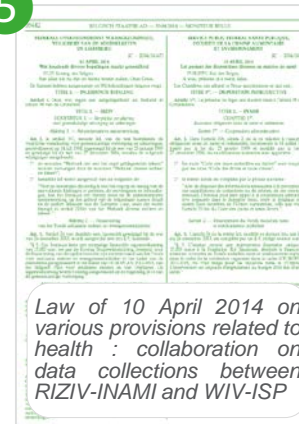
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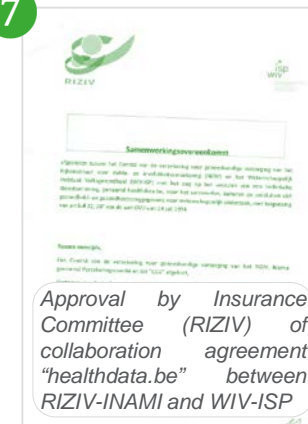
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# 2015: healthdata.be - service provider in collection & management of health related data

The screenshot shows the healthdata.be website. The browser address bar displays <https://healthdata.sciensano.be/en>. The top navigation bar is green and contains links: About healthdata.be, About Sciensano, Management and control bodies, News, Support, and language options (NL, FR, EN) next to the .be domain. Below this, the Sciensano logo and healthdata.be tagline 'data we care for' are on the left. A secondary navigation bar lists: Projects, Services, Processes, Software, Privacy, Terminology, and a search icon. The main banner features a background image of two scientists in a lab. On the left, text states: 'Healthdata's mission is to facilitate the data exchange between healthcare professionals and researchers to increase public health knowledge in Belgium.' Below this is a search bar with the placeholder 'I'm looking for...' and a magnifying glass icon. On the right, a video player shows a thumbnail for 'healthdata.be. A short intro...' with a play button. Below the video, a 'Useful links' section lists: Data collection definitions, Statistics, and Clinical Building Blocks. A RIZIV logo is visible in the top right corner of the banner area.

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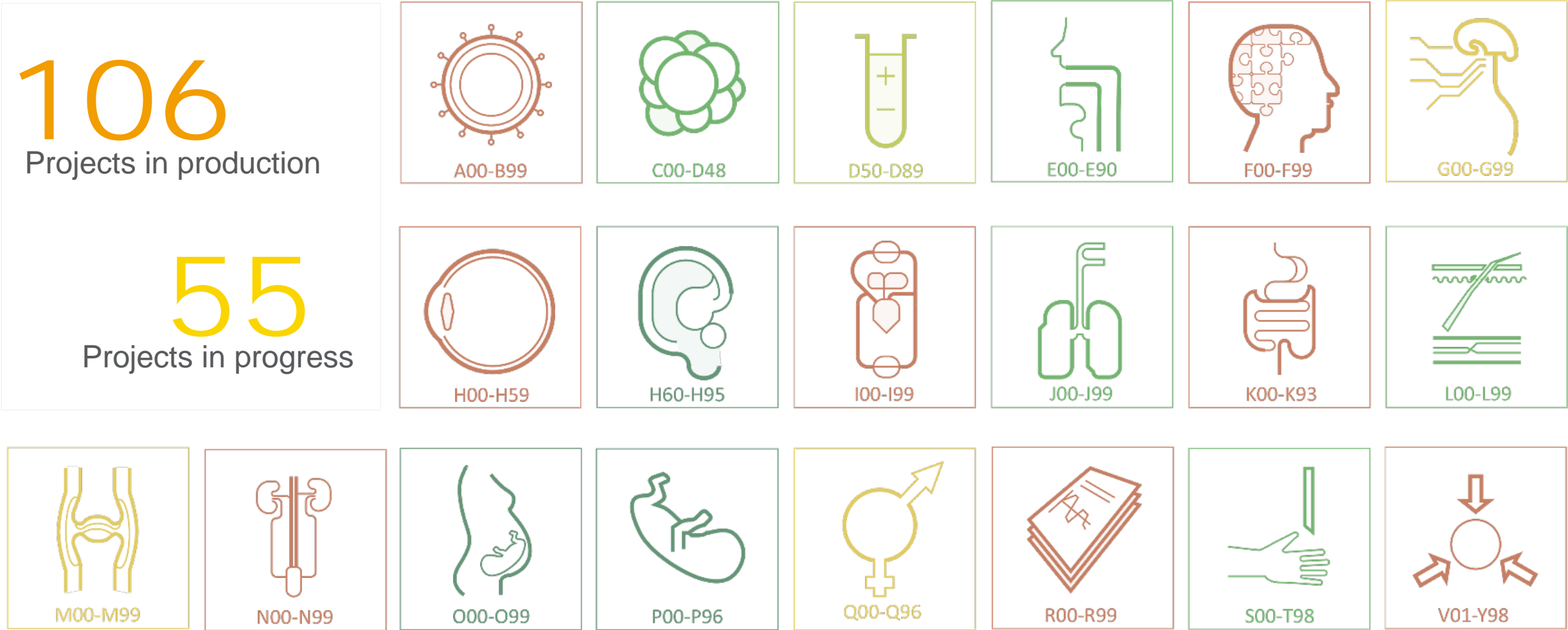
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# 2022: projects supported by healthdata.be cover full bio-medical spectrum

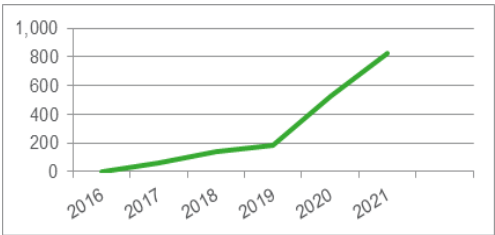




# 2022: very diverse users group of healthdata.be services

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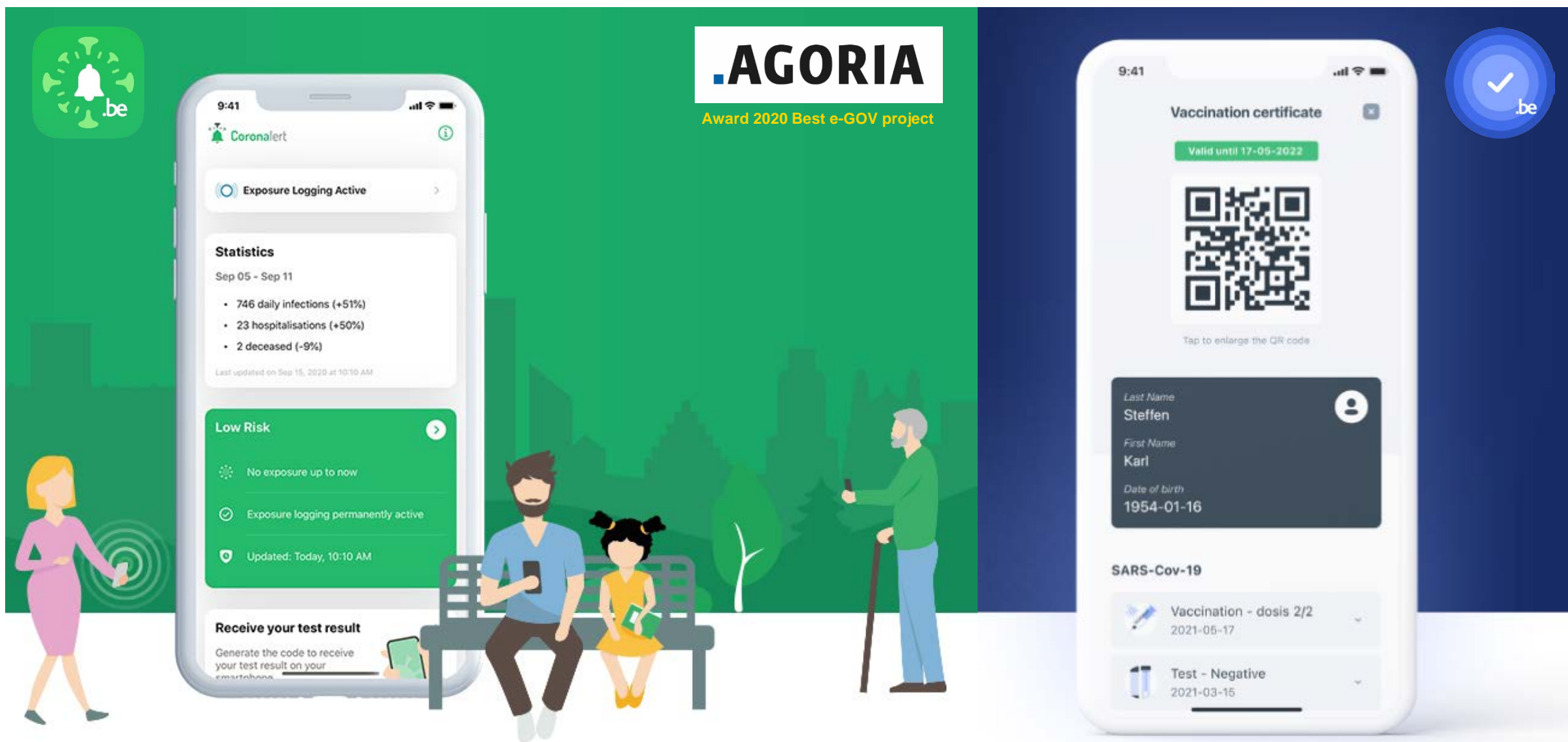
User accounts on datawarehouse



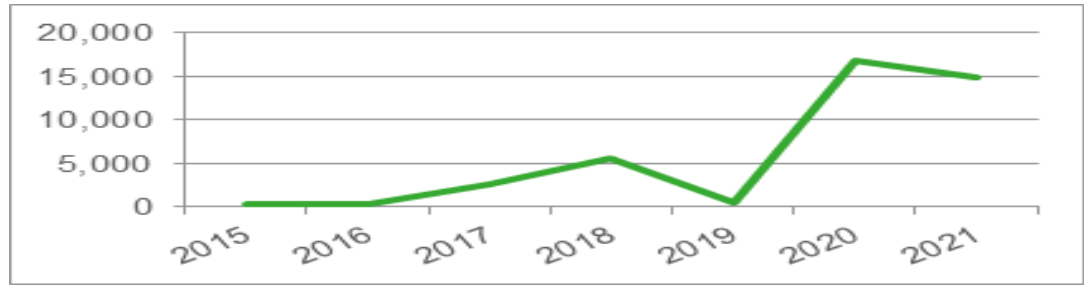
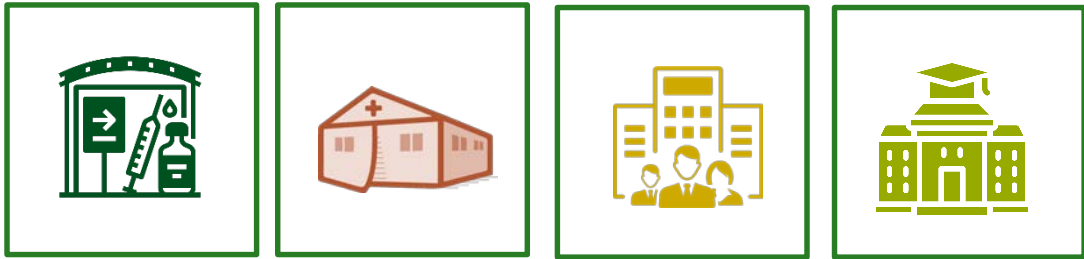
# 2020: SARS-CoV-2 as challenge for data collection & management system



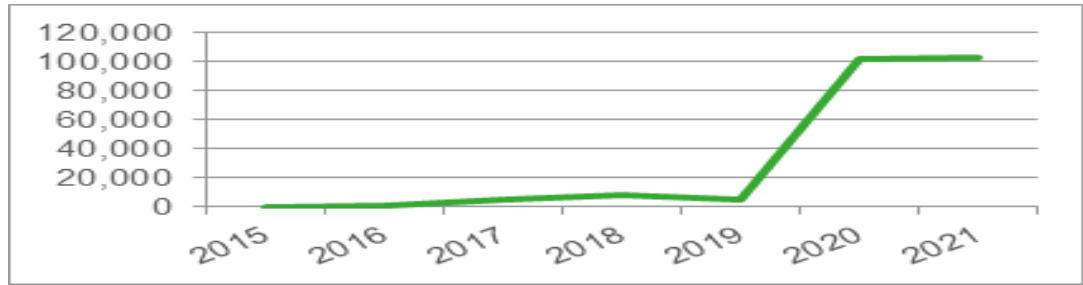
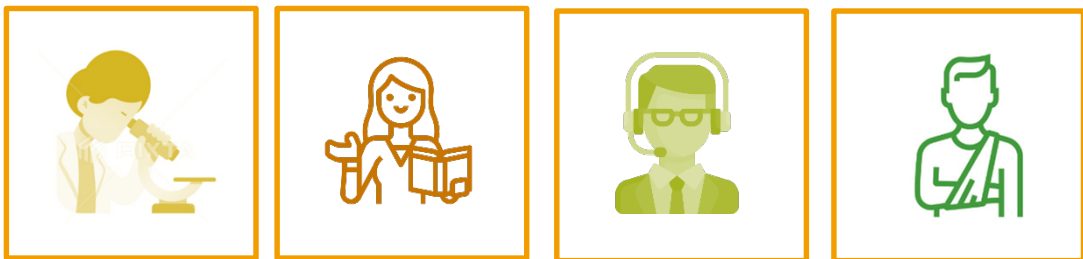
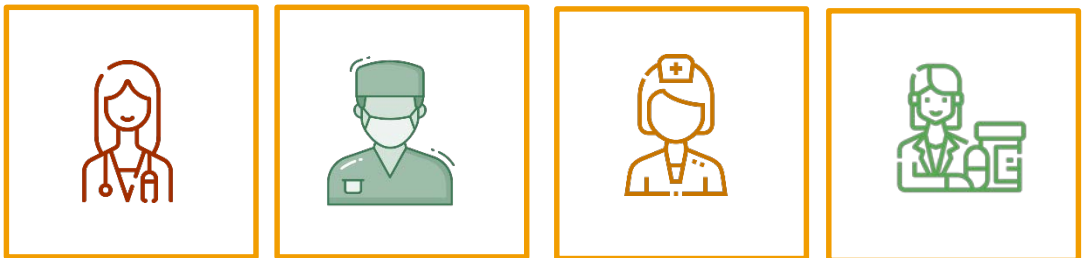
# With contributions to new services impacting daily life



# Many and diverse data providing organisations and individuals



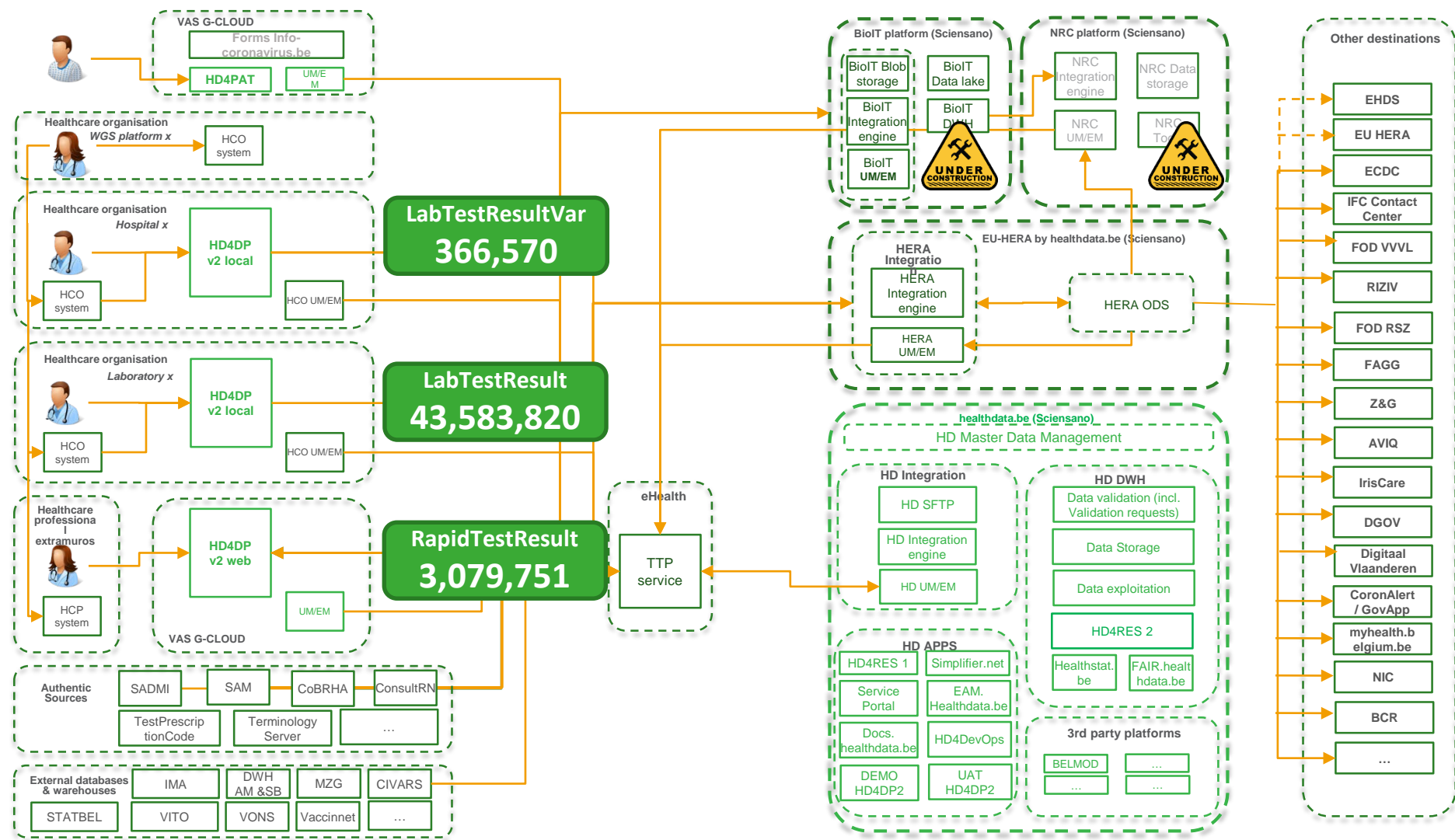
Organisations providing data: 16,856



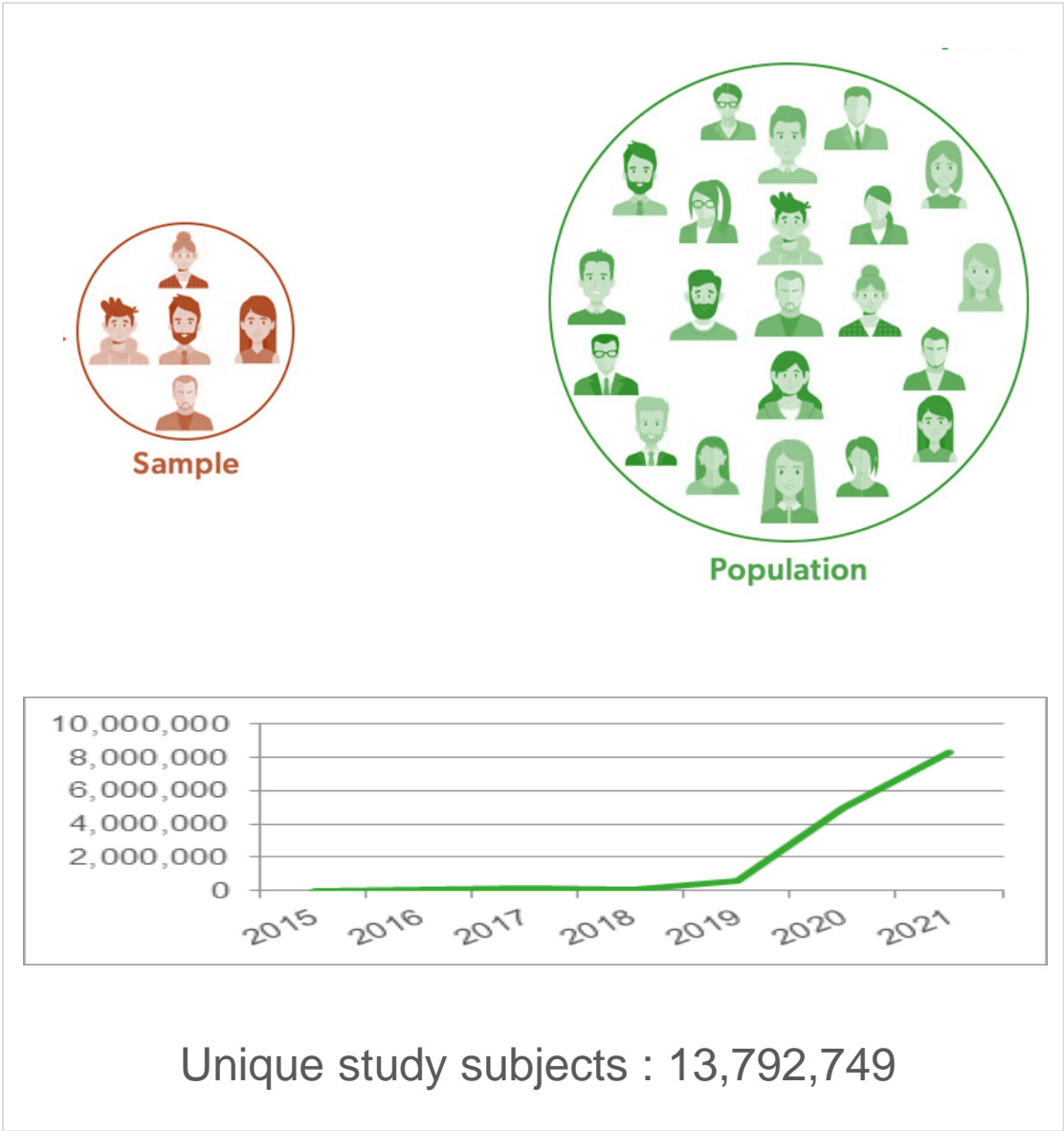
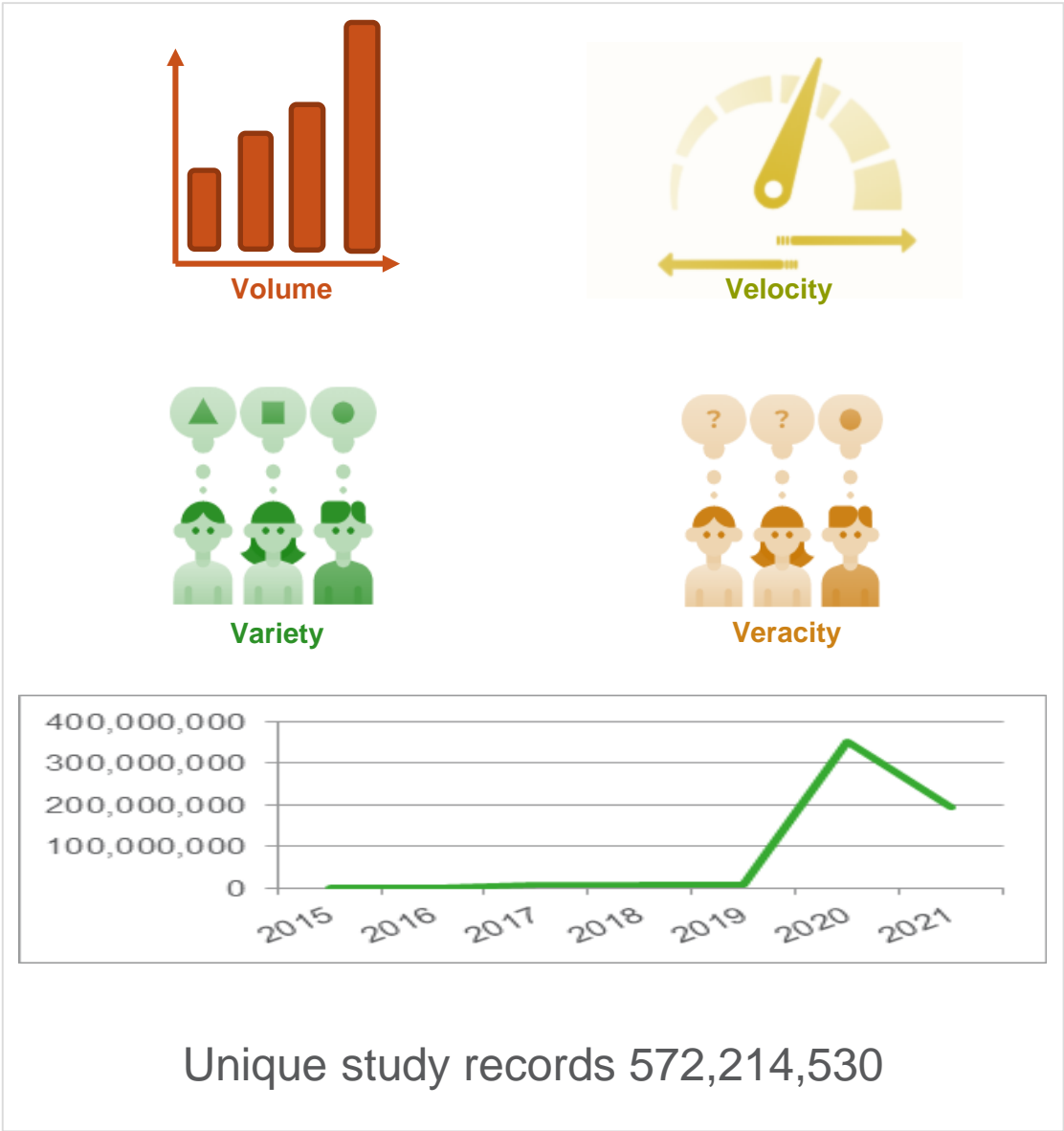
Professionals providing data: 103,117



# A continuous technical integration in Belgian ehealth landscape

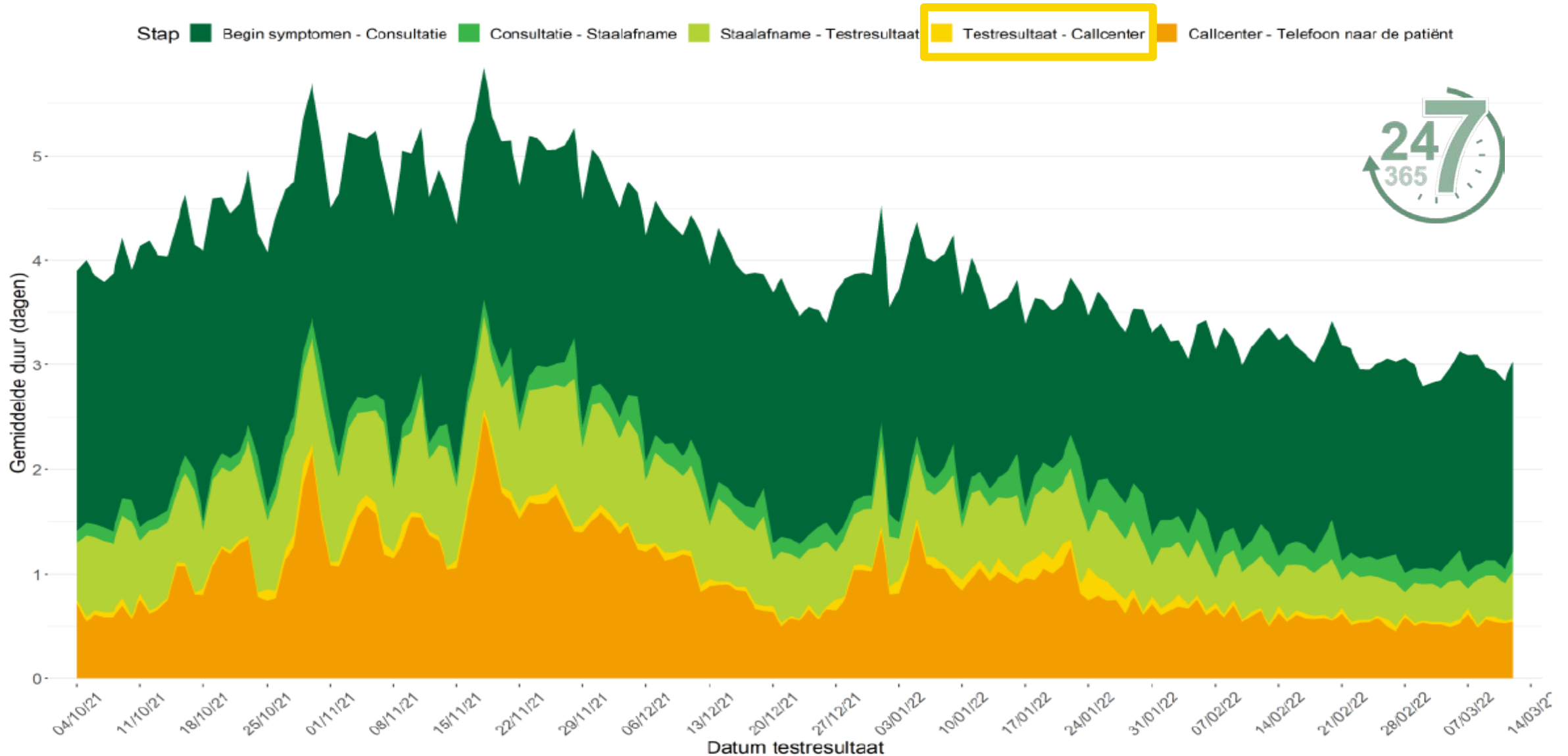


# With a continuous stream of high volumes, diverse and changing data



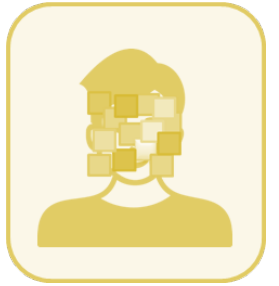
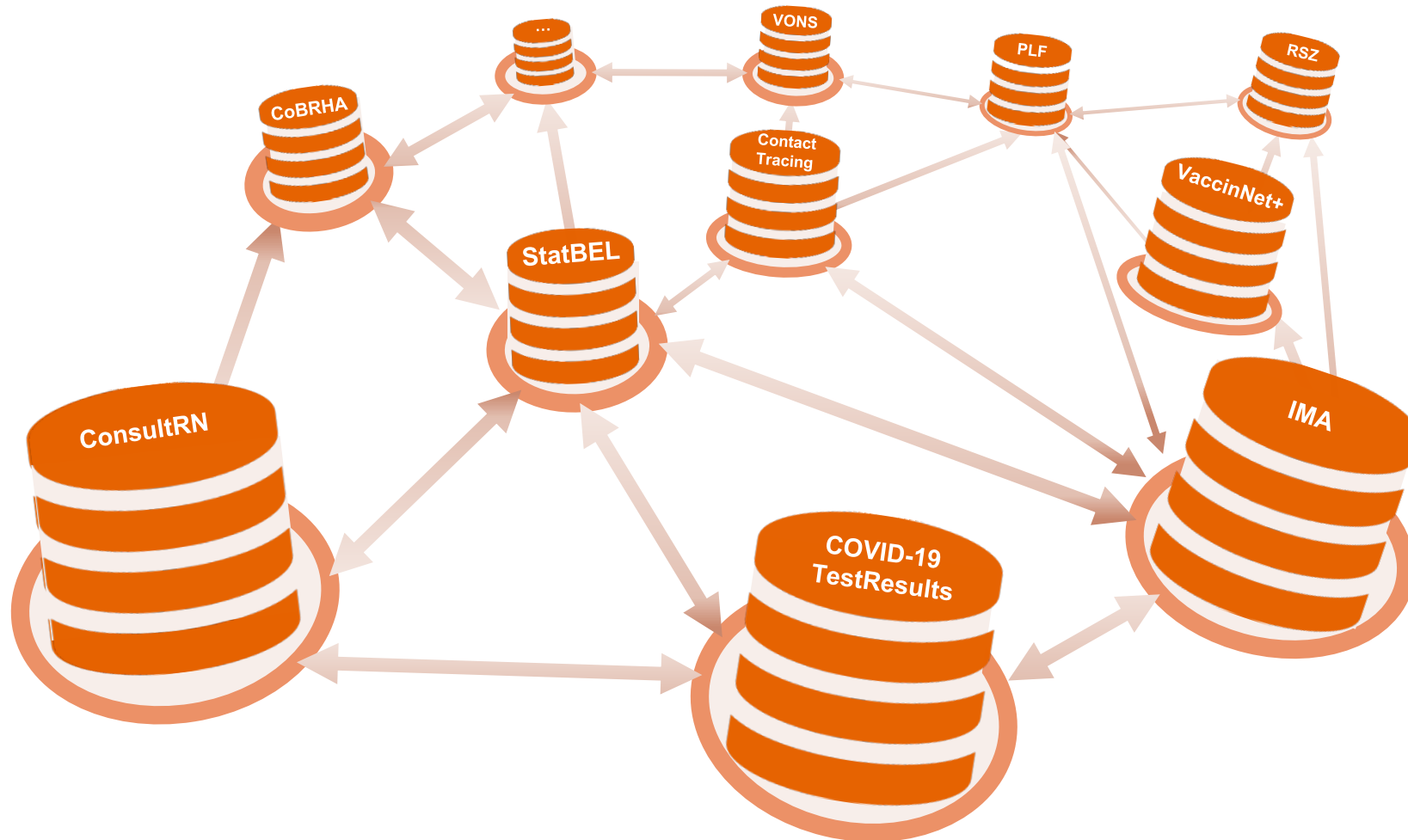


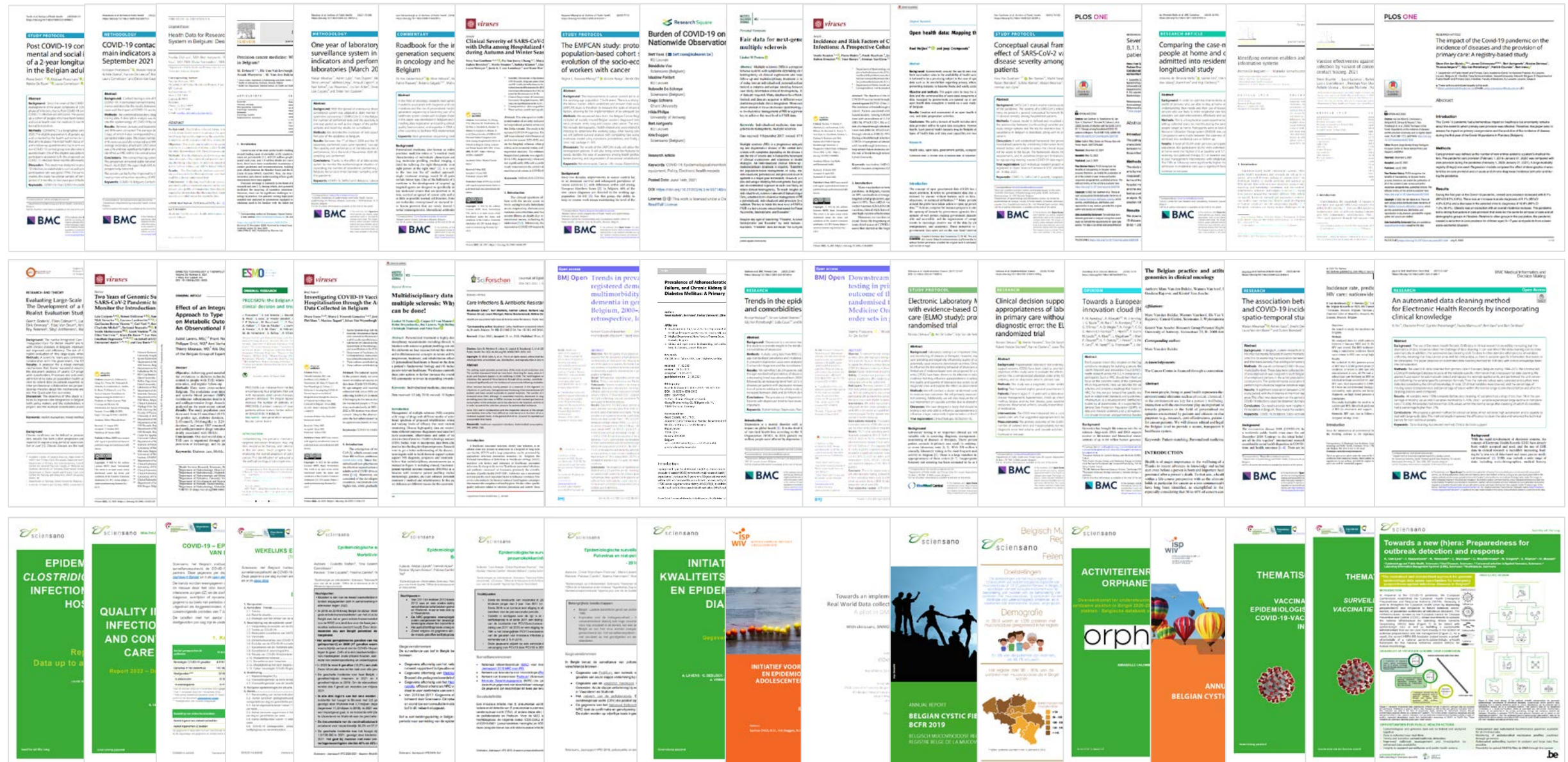
# Performance indicator (proxy) laboratories and healthdata.be



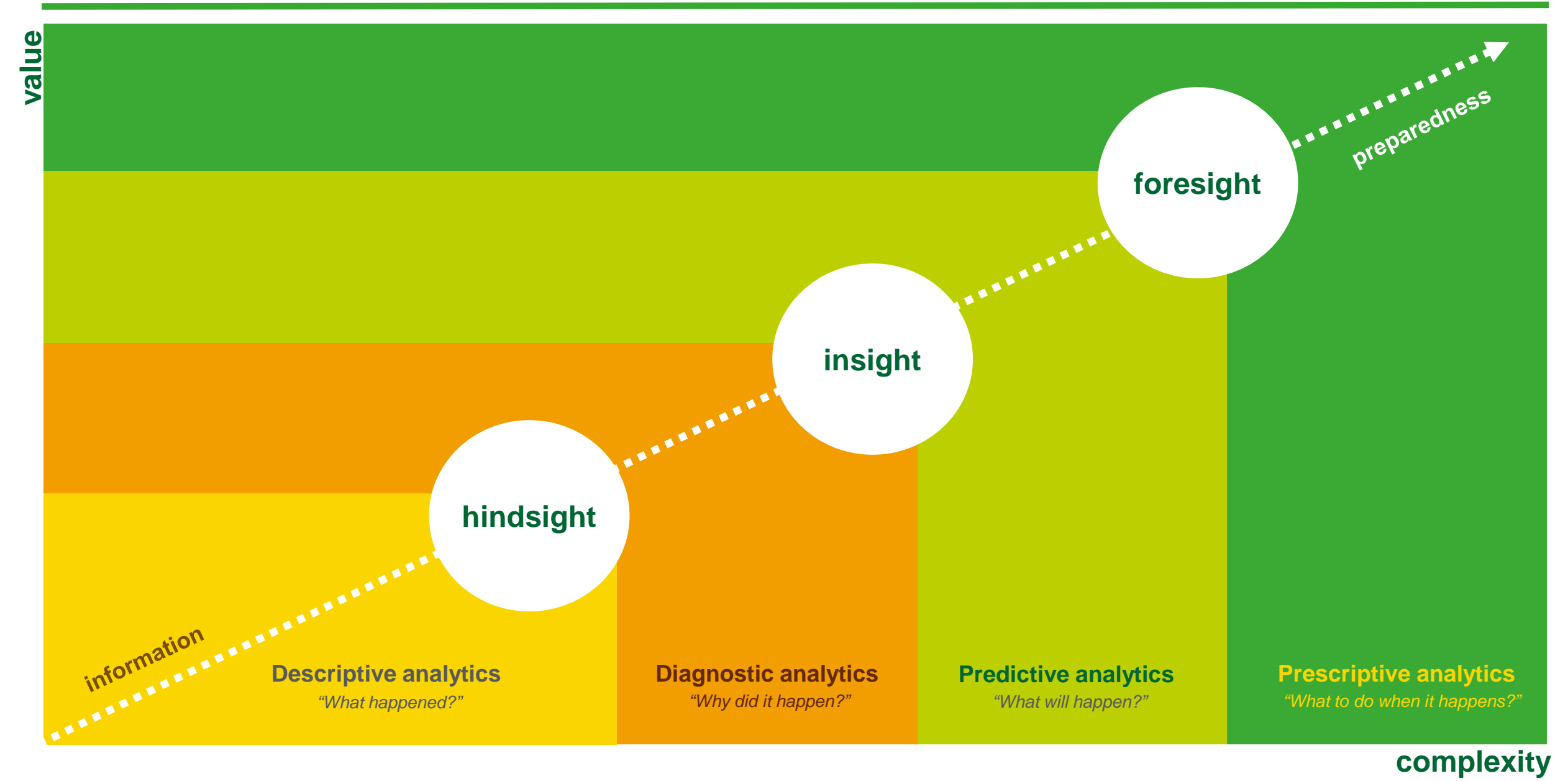
SARS-CoV-2 accelerated “linked data”.  
But optimisation and maintenance is needed “to be prepared”

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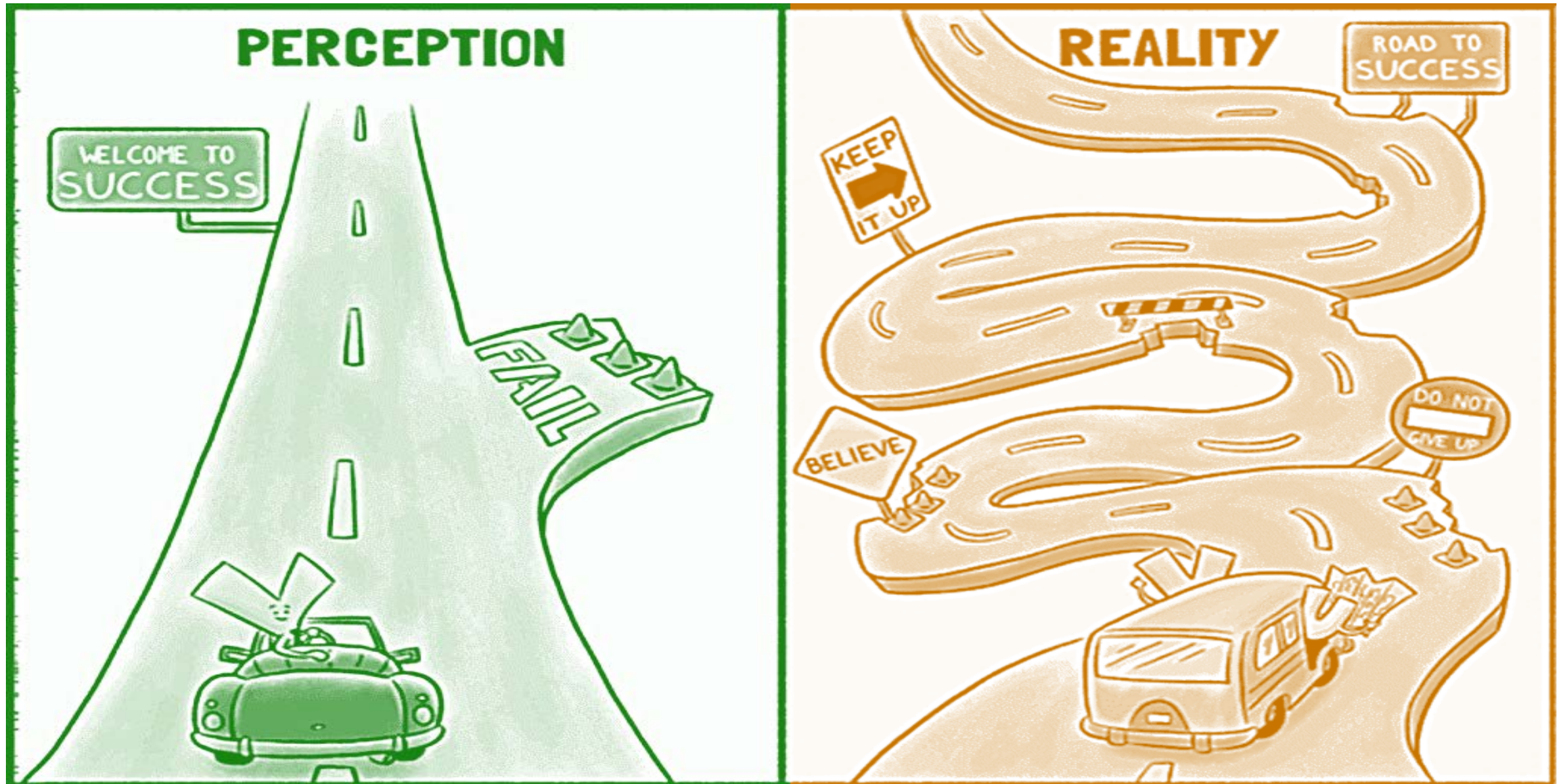


## Preparedness : shift from descriptive towards “prescriptive” analytics





“IT's still not an easy journey”



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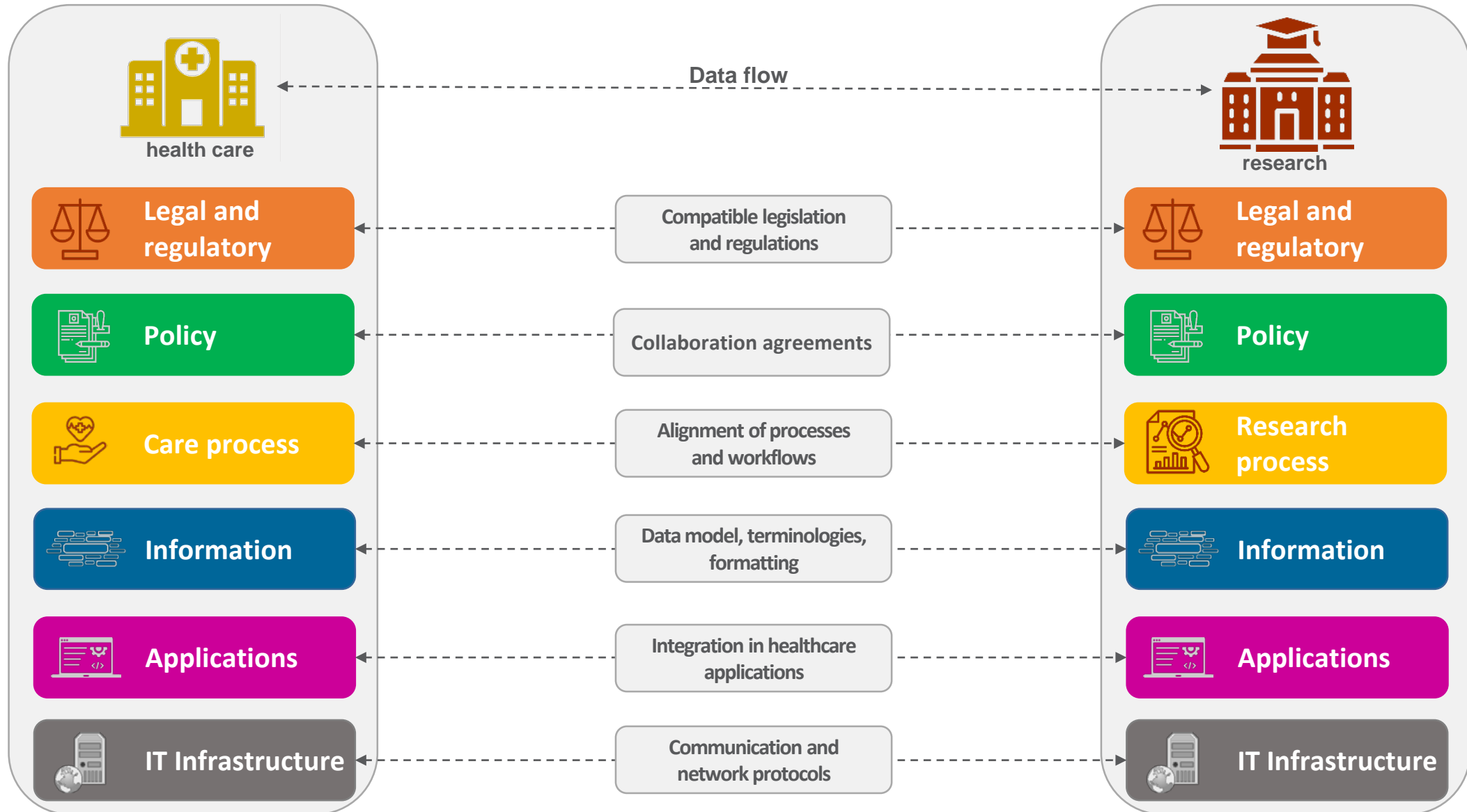


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# “Interoperability” as key success factor for real-world data science



# Road (opportunities & challenges) ahead ...

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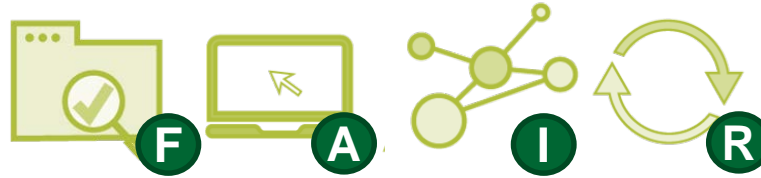
Prioritization of actions to bring current platform to "**Plateau of productivity**" (© Gartner)

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Shift from IT-centric approach towards **User-centric** services

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Optimization of research objects in terms of **Findable**, **Accessible**, **Interoperable** and **Reusable** both for machines and for people

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Implement **SNOMED-CT** as main structured clinical vocabulary

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Implement **HL7 FHIR** as standard for data formats and elements and as application programming interface for exchanging electronic health records

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Facilitate the collection and processing of **genomics data**.

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Align and connect with methods and applications from **EU Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA)**.

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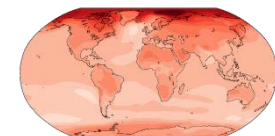
Adopt methods and applications from **Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics** to increase re-use of data.

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Make **synthetic data** and analytical pipeline available to increase re-use and decrease lead times.

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Facilitate other emerging health research topics by harvesting data from other **societal and environmental sources**.



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