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### **Dutch Research Infrastructure to enable Personalized Medicine and Health research**

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The first Health-RI Conference in Amersfoort, the Netherlands, on 1 December 2016 highlights the developments regarding Health-RI, the nationwide research infrastructure for personalized medicine and health research. This platform was developed by a cooperation of Dutch organizations, to bundle strengths and combine research data. The organizations involved in this platform are BBMRI-NL, ELIXIR-NL, EATRIS-NL, NFU, DTL, Health~Holland and Lygature.

To enable *personalized medicine and health*, scientists study large groups of patients and healthy citizens for longer periods of time. With biomaterials and health data they investigate how individual biological differences influence our health. In the Netherlands, these studies are performed at numerous locations, usually independent from each other. This is inefficient, especially because data of many citizens and high-end technology from multiple research disciplines are required to properly map such relationships.

To improve collaboration and data sharing, a new generation research infrastructure is required. Therefore, several Dutch research organisations have jointly developed the Health-RI initiative. Health-RI stands for 'Health research infrastructure'. It offers a clear vision and roadmap to establish a single interconnected national infrastructure for personalized medicine and health research.

Professor Frank Miedema (UMCU and NFU): "Health-RI is the nationwide infrastructure for personalized medicine & health research and provides a one stop shop for researchers. With Health-RI we can bundle strengths and work efficiently on solutions for various health problems".

### **More information**

Within Health-RI research organizations work together with public-private organizations and trade organizations. Health-RI is the umbrella over the Dutch nodes of the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI): BBMRI, EATRIS and ELIXIR. For more information, watch the Health-RI animation <https://youtu.be/Q-7vKG7jSuk> or visit [www.health-ri.nl](http://www.health-ri.nl).

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