

Within the framework of the implementation of the project "Regional Public Good: Digital transformation in health to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 in Latin America and the Caribbean", the "Conectatón LACPass" event was held in Santiago de Chile. LACPass is a multi-country initiative within the framework of RACSEL (American Network for Cooperation on eHealth) and sponsored by the IDB (Inter-American Development Bank), which aims to build bridges to health care for all people in the Latin American and Caribbean region. RACSEL is a collaborative network to advance regional digital transformation that follows the World Health Organization's guidelines for digital documentation of COVID-19 and PAHO's strategic plans in the Americas, specifically the roadmap approved by the countries of the region in September 2021.

CONECTATÓN LACPASS

During the two days of the technical event, activities were developed to demonstrate that it is currently feasible for the different country information systems to access, exchange, integrate and cooperatively use the data associated with COVID-19 certificates, through the use of and interaction with the LACPass regional directory services - which is based on the EU DCC definition - and the Gazelle testing platform of IHE (Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise).



WHAT WAS ACHIEVED?

The LACPass Connectathon was a technical milestone for the countries of the region participating in the Regional Public Good. The 8 countries that the technical process managed to issue and validate valid COVID-19 certificates according to the EU DCC (European Union Digital Covid Certificates) standard.

For the first time in the Latin American and Caribbean region, it was possible to carry out a proof of concept related to cross-border interoperability in health. It has been possible to establish a common ground and to chart a path towards mutual technical understanding and the use of standards in eHealth.

In parallel to the technical event, the countries of the region met at the RACSEL General Assembly, where they agreed to strengthen the network, giving a formal framework to the governance aspects of health interoperability in the region. During this instance, the delegation of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Colombia was designated to chair RACSEL for the current period.

WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

All countries participating in the LACPass Connectathon that have not yet formalised their equivalence of certificates with the EU have been technically enabled to formalise their equivalence.

Finally, the process in the region continues through the scalability of the project towards the use of standards and integration profiles that allow for the expansion of use cases, such as the IPS (International Patient Summary) profile and the FHIR resources, which have already been introduced to the participating countries of the Regional Public Good before and during the LACPass Connectathon.

STRATEGIC PARTNERS



EVENT FIGURES

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COUNTRIES PARTICIPANTS

130
ATTENDEES

40
TECHNICAL SESSION ATTENDEES

377
ATTENDEES TO THE ONLINE IN SPANISH EVENT

312
ATTENDEES TO THE ONLINE IN ENGLISH EVENT

36.836
IMPRESSIONS ON LINKEDIN AND TWITTER OF RACSEL

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PUBLICATIONS IN REGIONAL PRESS