

PRESS RELEASE

Cegedim Health Data sets up THIN® EuroBoard, its first European scientific review committee dedicated to healthcare research using real-world data

A committee of international experts, chaired by Professor Giampiero Mazzaglia, has been created to guarantee the relevant use of THIN® (The Health Improvement Network) anonymized real-world data for scientific research projects.

Paris and London, November 7, 2023 – The **THIN®** European real-world database is one of Europe's largest healthcare databases, with over 69 million anonymized electronic health records across several countries: the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Romania and soon Germany. These data are increasingly used as a basis for many scientific research projects, and are behind over 2,000 scientific publications aimed at improving the quality of healthcare in the interests of public health.

It is within this context that **Cegedim Health Data** has set up the **THIN® EuroBoard**, the first scientific review committee dedicated to the **THIN®** database's healthcare research projects. **It aims to assess whether THIN® data is used appropriately, relevantly and ethically in research projects likely to be published or widely shared. The committee has been active since October 2023.**

Real-world data are increasingly used by researchers, the pharma industry and health authorities to supplement traditional clinical research. **THIN® EuroBoard** is made up of experts from the European countries covered by **THIN®** and was created to examine research projects before they are implemented and provide advice to researchers. The creation of the **THIN® EuroBoard** was inspired by the success of the **THIN® Scientific Review Committee** in the United Kingdom, which was set up four years ago.

To ensure the quality of research conducted using **THIN®** real-world data, each project is scientifically assessed by at least two experts who specialize in the topics it addresses and the countries it covers. They respond within an intentionally rapid deadline of 15 working days.

From January 1, 2024, it will be mandatory for all research projects intended for publication to be reviewed by the **THIN® EuroBoard**.

HIGHLY QUALIFIED EUROPEAN EXPERTS SUPPORTING REAL-WORLD EVIDENCE (RWE) STUDIES

On September 18, 2023, **Professor Giampiero Mazzaglia, Professor of Public Health at the University of Milan-Bicocca, was appointed as first Chair of the THIN® EuroBoard**. He will serve a two-year term. Dr. Charlotte Renaudat, Global Medical Director at Cegedim Health Data, is the Vice-Chair.

Pr. Mazzaglia, Chairman of THIN® EuroBoard declared: "As Chair of **THIN® EuroBoard**, I am delighted to head up and coordinate the activities of a group of leading experts. Our task is to improve the quality of research projects based on **THIN®** data by ensuring that research protocols for disease and risk factor epidemiology, drug utilization studies and drug benefit-risk assessments are rigorous. Together, we promise to work for a future in which epidemiological research remains an essential aspect of public health."

Dr. Renaudat, Vice-Chair of THIN® EuroBoard added: "Today, we are very pleased to announce the creation of the first European scientific review committee dedicated to our anonymized real-world database, **THIN®**, in order to supervise and reinforce the way it is used. For our clients and researchers, being able to rely on the support of an entire scientific community is further proof of our robustness and trustworthiness."

The **THIN® EuroBoard** committee's work draws on two types of expertise. That of **about ten independent experts**, all of them internationally recognized for their expertise in pharmaco-epidemiology, methodology, biostatistics, health economics, various different medical specialties, health data science, mathematical modeling, etc., and that of **experts in the THIN® database** and RWE studies from **Cegedim** Group.

The **THIN® Scientific Review Committee** in the United Kingdom will continue to function independently when assessing research projects that concern its territory and will collaborate with the **THIN® EuroBoard** for multi-country projects that include the United Kingdom.

Laurent Labrune, CEO of Cegedim, commented: "**THIN®**, a real-world, longitudinal, medical database derived from anonymized electronic health records, aims to foster and support medical progress. The creation of a European scientific review committee, the **THIN® EuroBoard**, will strengthen this positioning in the international scientific community and expand the use of real-world data for scientific and medical research."

About Cegedim Health Data: Cegedim Health Data is the health data division of Cegedim Group, an innovative technology, services and real-world data group that has specialized in healthcare for more than 50 years. It covers seven European countries, providing anonymized real-world data (RWD) cohorts and real-world evidence (RWE) to drive research and cutting-edge improvements in patient outcomes in the interests of public health. Through **THIN®** (The Health Improvement Network), it offers immediate access to a data history of ~30 years and millions of anonymized electronic health records. Cegedim Health Data works with researchers, health authorities, healthcare practitioners, pharma and medical device companies. It supports them in several areas notably R&D, market access, medical affairs and marketing, with the aim of improving public health. To learn more, visit www.cegedim-health-data.com and follow Cegedim Health Data on LinkedIn: [@Cegedim Health Data](https://www.linkedin.com/company/cegedim-health-data) and Twitter: [@Cegedim_CHD](https://twitter.com/Cegedim_CHD).

About THIN®: **THIN®** (The Health Improvement Network) is Cegedim Health Data's European database of anonymized electronic health records. These anonymized data are transmitted by a network of voluntary physicians who firmly believe that supporting this kind of longitudinal data observatory benefits research and medical progress. **THIN®** currently covers over 69 million electronic health records across several European countries (the UK, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Belgium and Romania). Its data are available to all life science stakeholders. They are used by leading healthcare authorities and research centers, and also by academics for numerous scientific publications. **THIN®** therefore contributes to advancements in patient care and outcomes, in the interests of public health.

About Cegedim: Founded in 1969, Cegedim is an innovative technology and services group in the field of digital data flow management for healthcare ecosystems and B2B, and a business software publisher for healthcare and insurance professionals. Cegedim employs more than 6,000 people in more than 10 countries and generated revenue of €555 million in 2022. Cegedim SA is listed in Paris (EURONEXT: CGM). To learn more, please visit: www.cegedim.com And follow Cegedim on Twitter: [@CegedimGroup](https://twitter.com/CegedimGroup), [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/cegedim) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/cegedim).

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