CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY BOARD

Fondazione D³4Health, Rome · Prot. D34H-2026-BAN-OU-0003
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Fondazione D³4Health invites organizations and individual experts to express their interest in joining the **Stakeholder Advisory Board** of the Foundation and of the D³4Health Initiative. Eligible applicants who are not appointed to the Board will be invited to join the **D³4Health Stakeholder Network**.

1. Background

Fondazione D³4Health (Digital Driven Diagnostics, Prognostics and Therapeutics for Sustainable Health Care) is a private nonprofit foundation established in November 2022 as the Hub of the D³4Health Initiative, funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR) under the National Plan for Complementary Investments to the NRRP (PNC), project code PNC0000001.

The Initiative brings together universities, research institutions, IRCCS, hospitals and companies across Italy, organized in four interconnected Spokes. Its research builds digital and biological twins from health data analyzed with artificial intelligence on a multilayer platform, integrating wearable devices, sensors and biomarkers for the monitoring, diagnosis and treatment of five conditions with a high impact on the National Health Service: metastatic colorectal cancer, liver and biliary tract cancers, tumors of the central nervous system, type 1 diabetes and multiple sclerosis. The Foundation also coordinates the IR-D³4Health research infrastructure, a distributed network of laboratories open to its members and, progressively, to companies and public administrations.

The governance model of the Initiative, as set out in the Initiative Proposal approved by MUR, provides for the involvement of stakeholders and experts through two consultative functions: a stable working group of profit and nonprofit organizations with an advisory and informative role on the needs that the project services must address, and a group of experts on specific themes, including representatives of patient associations, to ensure that the work of the Initiative remains aligned with real clinical, social and market needs.

In order to simplify its governance and to bring these perspectives into a single dialogue, the Foundation brings both functions together in one consultative body, the Stakeholder Advisory Board. As the Initiative moves from research to the uptake of its results, and as the Foundation implements its Strategic Plan 2026 to 2028, the voice of those who will use, adopt, regulate, finance or benefit from these results becomes decisive. This call establishes the Board on a transparent and open basis.

2. Objectives of the call

This call aims to:

a) select the members of the Stakeholder Advisory Board, both organizations and individual experts;
b) build the D³4Health Stakeholder Network, an open community of organizations and professionals who wish to follow and contribute to the activities of the Foundation;
c) ensure that the results of the Initiative, in particular its digital twin models, sensors, biomarkers, in vitro models and research infrastructure services, are shaped by the needs of patients, clinicians, industry and public decision makers, and are taken up beyond the end of the PNC funding period.

3. The Stakeholder Advisory Board and the Network

3.1 Role of the Board

The Stakeholder Advisory Board is the consultative body through which the Foundation engages with the organisations and experts with a stake in its activities. In particular, the Board:

a) advises the Foundation on the needs of patients, healthcare providers, industry and public administrations that its results and services should address;

b) provides independent advice on the scientific and strategic direction of the Foundation and on its exploitation and sustainability plans;

c) provides feedback on the uptake of results in clinical practice and on the market, and contributes to the design of services such as access to research infrastructure, training and technology transfer;

d) contributes to recommendations addressed to public decision-makers.

3.2 Composition

The Board has up to 20 members, appointed through two tracks.

Track A, organizations. Up to 13 organizations, each designating one representative and one alternate, indicatively distributed as follows:

Category	Examples	Indicative seats
A. Industry	Medtech, pharma and biotech, digital health and AI companies, innovative start-ups	up to 4
B. Patient and citizen organizations	Patient associations active in the five reference diseases or related ones, patient advocacy and civic organizations	at least 3
C. Healthcare providers and health authorities	Hospitals, local health authorities, regional health agencies, national health agencies	up to 2
D. Public administration bodies	Regions, municipalities, ministries and their in-house bodies	up to 2
E. Professional and industry associations	Scientific societies, professional bodies, trade associations, clusters	up to 1
F. Innovation and investment intermediaries	Venture capital, accelerators, technology transfer organizations, innovation agencies	up to 1

Track B, individual experts. Up to 7 experts are appointed in a personal capacity, on the basis of their individual expertise. They act independently and do not represent, act on behalf of, or take instructions from their employers or any other organisation. At least 2 of these experts shall have experience in patient advocacy or patient engagement

The Foundation seeks expertise in the following areas: :

1	Clinical practice and research in the five reference diseases or related ones
2	Artificial intelligence, data science and digital twins in health
3	Sensors, wearable devices, biosensors and biomarkers

4	In vitro disease models, organ-on-chip and New Approach Methodologies (NAMs)
5	Regulatory science for medical devices, in vitro diagnostics and AI (MDR, IVDR, AI Act, European Health Data Space)
6	Research ethics, data protection and data governance
7	Health technology assessment, health economics and new models of care
8	Technology transfer, entrepreneurship and investment in health innovation
9	Patient advocacy and patient engagement in research

At least half of the members of the Board are external to the D³4Health partnership and to the membership of the Foundation.

3.3 D³4Health Stakeholder Network

The Network is open to all organizations and professionals interested in the work of the Foundation. Network members receive regular updates, are invited to consultations, workshops and events, and receive information on calls, training opportunities and research infrastructure services. Eligible applicants not appointed to the Board join the Network unless they state otherwise. Applicants may also register for the Network only, using the dedicated option in the application form.

4. Who can apply

4.1 Track A, organizations

Legally constituted public or private organizations, Italian or foreign, whose mission or activities are relevant to health innovation, digital medicine or the five reference diseases or related ones. Applications are submitted by the legal representative of the organization or by a person with delegated authority.

4.2 Track B, individual experts

Natural persons who meet the following requirements:

a) at least ten years of documented professional experience in one or more of the areas listed in section 3.2; for patient representatives, documented experience in patient advocacy or patient engagement is required instead;

b) good working knowledge of English;

c) absence of conflicts of interest.

The following persons cannot be appointed as individual experts: members of the Board of Directors, of the Supervisory Body (Organo di controllo) and of the Scientific Council of the Foundation; members of the Technical Management Committee; Spoke leaders and co-leaders; persons with a financial interest in contracts awarded by the Foundation.

5. Commitment and conditions

Term	Three years from appointment, renewable once.
Meetings	At least two meetings per year. Meetings are normally held online; the Board may meet in hybrid format on the occasion of the main events of the Foundation.
Expected effort	Indicatively four to six working days per year, including preparation, meetings and written contributions.

Working language	English. Italian may be used in thematic working groups.
Remuneration	The role is unpaid and does not create any employment or consultancy relationship. Travel expenses for in-person meetings may be reimbursed in accordance with the internal rules of the Foundation, if authorized in advance.
Confidentiality	Members sign a confidentiality undertaking and a declaration of absence of conflicts of interest upon appointment.
Visibility	Names, affiliations and short profiles of the members are published on the website of the Foundation.

The rules governing the Board and the Network are set out in the **Regulation of the Stakeholder Advisory Board**, which forms an integral part of this call.

6. How to apply

Applications are submitted through the online form available at https://forms.gle/t7MzgxBX7mvc89S26 or by email to **fondazione@d34health.it** (organizations may also use the certified email address **fondazione.d34health@pec.it**), indicating in the subject line: *Application D³4Health SAB, [Track A or Track B], [name of applicant]*.

Track	**Documents required (PDF)**
Track A, organizations	Application form (Annex 1), signed by the legal representative or delegate Profile of the organization, maximum two pages Short CVs of the designated representative and alternate Declaration (Annex 3), signed by the representative and the alternate
Track B, individual experts	Application form (Annex 2) Curriculum vitae, maximum three pages Motivation letter, maximum one page, indicating the area or areas of expertise from section 3.2 Declaration (Annex 3), signed
Network only	Online registration form; no further documents required

Documents may be signed digitally or by hand; documents signed by hand must be accompanied by a copy of a valid identity document of the signatory.

Deadlines. Applications received by 16 11 2026, will be assessed in the first evaluation round. The call then remains open until 16 05 2027: applications received after the first cut-off will be assessed in subsequent rounds, held at least every six months, to fill vacant seats.

7. Evaluation and selection

The Foundation checks the eligibility of each application. Eligible applications are assessed by an Evaluation Committee of three members appointed by the President of the Foundation, which records its work in written minutes. Each application is scored out of 100 points against the criteria of its track; applications scoring below 60 points cannot be proposed for appointment.

Track A, organizations	Track B, individual experts
Relevance of the organization to the fields of the Foundation and to the reference diseases: 30	Expertise and track record in the areas of section 3.2: 40
Capacity to represent its category (reach, network, representativeness): 25	Relevance to the reference diseases and to the results of the Initiative: 25
Concrete contribution proposed (interest in adoption, co-design, testing, dissemination): 25	Independence and value of an external perspective: 15
Contribution to the balance of the Board (category, territory, international outreach): 20	Motivation and availability: 10
	Contribution to the balance of the Board (gender, territory, sector): 10

Beyond individual scores, the final composition of the Board aims to cover all categories and areas of expertise, the five reference diseases, a balanced territorial distribution including Southern Italy, and gender balance, with each gender representing at least 40% of members where the applications received allow it.

Members are appointed by the Board of Directors of the Foundation on the proposal of the Evaluation Committee. Applicants are informed of the outcome by email. Appointed members will confirm their acceptance within ten days. The list of appointed members is published on the website of the Foundation. Eligible applicants proposed but not appointed form a reserve list, valid for the duration of the call, from which vacant seats may be filled.

Results of the first round are expected by 23 11 2026. The constitutive meeting of the Board will be held online; the date will be communicated to the appointed members together with the outcome of the evaluation.

8. Nature of the call

The Stakeholder Advisory Board is a consultative body established by the Board of Directors under article 13.2 of the Statute of the Foundation; it is not an organ of the Foundation within the meaning of article 10 of the Statute and has no decision making powers.

This is a call for expressions of interest. It is not a public procurement procedure, it does not award any contract or financial benefit and it does not create any obligation for the Foundation to appoint applicants. The Foundation may suspend, amend or withdraw the call, giving notice on its website.

9. Personal data protection

Personal data are processed by Fondazione D³4Health, as data controller, in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and Legislative Decree 196/2003, solely for the purposes of this call, the management of the Board and of the Network, and the reporting obligations towards MUR.

10. Transparency, ethics and equal opportunities

The Foundation operates in accordance with its Code of Ethics, its Organization, Management and Control Model under Legislative Decree 231/2001 and its Gender Equality Plan. Members of the Board are required to comply with the Code of Ethics. This call is published on the website of the Foundation, www.d34health.it, and promoted through its institutional channels.

11. Information and contacts

Questions may be sent to **fondazione@d34health.it** until 14 November 2026 for the first cut-off date, and at least three days before the deadline for each subsequent cut-off date. The person responsible for this call is Simone Fiorito.

Rome, 30.10.2026

Sign

Simone Fiorito
Digitally Signed

Annex 1. Application form, Track A, organizations

Name of the organization	
Legal form and registered office	
Tax code or VAT number	
Website	
Category (section 3.2)	A Industry B Patient and citizen organizations C Healthcare providers and health authorities D Public administration bodies E Professional and industry associations F Innovation and investment intermediaries
Member of Fondazione D³4Health or partner of the Initiative	Yes / No
Reference diseases of interest	Colorectal cancer / Liver and biliary cancers / CNS tumors / Type 1 diabetes / Multiple sclerosis / Related diseases (specify) / Cross-cutting
Designated representative (name, role, email)	
Alternate (name, role, email)	
Why does your organization want to join the Stakeholder Advisory Board? (max 1,500 characters)	
What concrete contribution can your organization offer (adoption, testing, co-design, data, dissemination, policy)? (max 1,500 characters)	
If not appointed, do you wish to join the Stakeholder Network?	Yes / No
Legal representative or delegate: name, signature, date	

Annex 2. Application form, Track B, individual experts

Name and surname	
Current position and organization	
Country	
Email and telephone	
Area or areas of expertise (section 3.2, maximum two)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Years of relevant experience	
Applying as patient representative	Yes / No (if yes, indicate the association, if any)
Current or past involvement in the D³4Health Initiative	None / Researcher in a partner institution / Other (specify)
Three most relevant achievements, publications or roles in the last five years	
If not appointed, do you wish to join the Stakeholder Network?	Yes / No
Name, signature, date	

Annex 3. Declaration of the applicant

The undersigned [name and surname], born in [place] on [date], applying [in a personal capacity / as representative or alternate of organization], aware of the consequences of false declarations, declares:

a) that the information provided in the application is true and complete;

b) to have read and to accept the call and the Regulation of the Stakeholder Advisory Board;

c) not to be in any of the situations of incompatibility listed in section 4.2 of the call (Track B applicants only);

d) to have disclosed below any financial, professional or personal interest that may conflict, or appear to conflict, with the role, including contracts, grants or collaborations with the Foundation or its partners in the last three years: [description, or "none"];

e) to undertake to update this declaration promptly in case of change and to abstain from discussions in which a conflict of interest arises;

f) to undertake to keep confidential any non-public information received in the role and not to use it for purposes other than the work of the Board;

g) to have read the privacy notice under articles 13 and 14 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and to consent to the publication of name, affiliation and short profile on the website of the Foundation in case of appointment.

Place and date: [ ] Signature: [ ]