

New concepts for continuity of care

Part 1 : Small is beautiful, more is different

Quality standards are evolving from good individual behaviour to genuine health management, including, for example, continuity of care and prevention.

The current organisation of health information systems is based on a 2 levels network : local systems (for individuals or local groups) and group systems (such as the Hospital Information Systems or the networks of health professionals). With the Internet and EhrCom (ENV13606), the message standard from CEN, all seems ready for the future.

Unfortunately, in the same way a good knowledge of the sand grain gives you no idea about the behaviour of a sand hill, the step toward continuity of care demands to address a very different level of complexity. Exploring this new domain has been the very reason why we started the Odyssee project nearly 3 years ago ; it is now time to describe what we discovered (Ligne de vie, Patient Health Project and much more).

Part 2 : Open source and business model

At first, we will explain why Open source and Venture capitalism are opposite economical models ; however Odyssee is a funded project and we experienced that funds raising is sometimes very different, but sometimes very similar in both worlds. We will have a quick (and informal) look at these topics.