

Tieto Caretech, x-tention, and Better announce strategic partnership

Accelerating the future of clinical data platforms in the DACH region

Wels, Austria, April 15, 2026 – Three leading digital health innovators – Tieto Caretech, x-tention, and Better – have entered into a strategic partnership to accelerate the next generation of open, patient-centric healthcare systems. United by complementary strengths and a shared commitment to openness, interoperability, and data freedom, the three companies are setting a new benchmark for how healthcare IT can evolve.

Across the DACH region, healthcare providers are under increasing pressure to modernise outdated IT landscapes, dismantle data silos, and regain control of clinical information. Many existing hospital information systems remain costly, monolithic, and resistant to change, hindering innovation and slowing digital transformation.

To address these challenges, the partners are introducing the Lifecare Open Health Suite – a fully open, modular ecosystem designed to integrate clinical and operational data through trusted international standards such as openEHR and FHIR. The Lifecare Open Health Suite empowers healthcare organisations with true freedom of choice from an open ecosystem built for flexibility, collaboration, and long-term sustainability. By eliminating vendor lock-in, frictions in interoperability, and ensuring high-quality open data and interfaces, healthcare providers can achieve a unified, person-centred view of care, integrate new applications quickly and safely, reduce operational costs, and simplify complex IT environments.

Combining strengths to build data-driven healthcare systems

Together, Tieto Caretech, x-tention, and Better are equipping healthcare providers to innovate on their own terms, respond faster to regulatory and technological change, and ultimately deliver better outcomes for both patients and healthcare professionals.

Each partner contributes critical components of the standards-based clinical data platform:

- **Tieto Caretech** brings its Lifecare clinical applications, which are the essential building blocks of a modular, interoperable electronic health record. The applications are designed in close collaboration with healthcare professionals, trusted throughout the Nordics, and compliant with European healthcare regulations. Lifecare clinical applications and workspace enable role-based, seamless user experience for healthcare professionals and multi-vendor ecosystems.

- **x-tention** contributes its deep service expertise, interoperability leadership, and clinical domain knowledge. With more than two decades of experience supporting hospitals and healthcare providers across the DACH region, x-tention combines its MACH | Orchestra Integration Platform with comprehensive consulting, implementation, and operational services. x-tention are experts in clinical workflows, data governance, and digital transformation management, making the company a key enabler for sustainable, standards-based healthcare systems.
- **Better** provides the Better Platform, an openEHR-based clinical data repository and low-code environment (Better Studio) that allows organisations to rapidly build new applications while maintaining complete ownership of their health data. Better Meds, a clinically proven electronic prescribing and medicines administration (ePMA) solution, brings safer medication management, improved workflows, and a unified user experience across the ecosystem.

Tieto Caretech, x-tention, and Better are committed to shaping a sustainable, open digital health ecosystem in the DACH region. Their joint roadmap includes the first combined implementations, the expansion of a multi-vendor application ecosystem, and the promotion of open standards and modular architecture across Europe as an alternative to traditional, monolithic approaches. By uniting deep local expertise, proven Nordic innovation, and world-leading open data technologies, the three companies are redefining the future of healthcare IT, where data is open, systems are connected, and patients are truly at the centre of care.

“Together with Better and x-tention, we are proud to introduce the Lifecare Open Health Suite to the DACH region. This partnership combines our shared strengths to give healthcare providers a modern, future-proof alternative for modernising their healthcare IT systems. With proven, interoperable, and user-friendly Lifecare products, we are ready to support the DACH region in accelerating its digital transformation and delivering smarter, more connected care,” says **Ari Järvelä**, Managing Director, Tieto Caretech.

Herbert Stöger, Founder and Managing Director of x-tention, states: “This strategic partnership will be a game changer for the health ecosystem in the DACH region. The Lifecare Open Health Suite will spark openness in innovation and collaboration for the benefit of clinicians and patients. We are proud to introduce our European partners to our home markets and offer a proven and tested alternative approach for full patient data sovereignty.”

And **Roland Petek**, Managing Director at Better GmbH, comments: “Healthcare organisations are ready for a more open, flexible, and future-proof approach, and together, we are providing exactly that. By combining our openEHR-based data platform with Tieto Caretech’s clinical systems and x-tention’s integration expertise, we are offering an open ecosystem where organisations retain control over their data and innovate at their own pace. This collaboration strengthens our commitment to supporting providers with modern, modular solutions that improve clinical workflows and unlock long-term value for patients and professionals.”

About x-tention

“IT with care” is what x-tention stands for. We harmonise and integrate different IT systems in the healthcare sector so that our customers can focus on their core business. At 16 locations, nearly 800 employees of the x-tention group successfully support more than 1,000 customers in the areas of consulting, software development, data science, delivery, managed services, and cybersecurity. For more information, please visit [x-tention.com](https://www.x-tention.com).

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About Tieto Caretech

Tieto Caretech is a leading provider of health and social care software with strong Nordic roots and a growing European presence. Our smart, flexible, and collaborative Lifecare software supports the daily lives of more than 10 million citizens. With a data-driven approach, we enable care professionals to uncover critical insights and deliver the right support at the right time, ensuring a smoother and more personalized care experience for everyone. We are part of Tieto, a leading technology company with annual revenue of approximately EUR 2 billion.

Tieto’s shares are listed on the NASDAQ exchange in Helsinki and Stockholm, as well as on Oslo Børs.

About Better

Better transforms healthcare organisations with Better platform, an open data digital health platform, designed to store, manage, query, retrieve, and exchange structured electronic health records, Better Meds, electronic prescribing, and medication administration solution, and the low-code Studio, which allows applications to be built rapidly. The company focuses on simplifying the work of health and care teams, advocates for data for life, and strives for all health data to be vendor-neutral and easily accessible. Better has provided solutions across more than 30 markets all over the world, among them being the UK, Spain, Sweden, Italy, Finland, Ireland, Greece, Malta, Nigeria, Thailand, Indonesia, and others. The Better platform securely supports over 40 million patient records.