

## GET INVOLVED

To express your interest in becoming a member, please send an email to [contacto@racsel.org](mailto:contacto@racsel.org)

- RACSEL promotes collaboration, dialogue, and the **exchange of experiences and knowledge** in digital health across the region. Within this context, it encourages the use of standards, tools, technologies, and best practices, with a focus on cross-border interoperability.
- The **Pan-American Highway for Digital Health (PH4H)** and **RACSEL are deeply interconnected**. Countries that are part of the PH4H are invited to join RACSEL. The Network will serve as a channel for addressing many of the challenges of the regional initiative.

## REGIONAL PUBLIC GOODS

RACSEL is currently managing three Regional Public Goods, funded by IDB:

- **LACPASS** or Digital Health Transformation to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 in LAC region (2021-2024).
- **Trust Digital** Health Network to improve access to healthcare services **for migrants** in the region (2024-2027).
- Regional agreement for **cross-border digital health services**. (2024-2027).

## CONNECTHATONS

RACSEL has played a key role in organizing three regional connectathons, including the **PH4H Connectathon**. The connectathons are connectivity marathons that bring together technical teams from the region's Ministries of Health. The goal is for these countries to achieve the enabling technical conditions to interoperate and advance the **digital health transformation** in their nations. During the connectathons, countries engage in a collaborative environment to discuss, analyze, and create use cases for cross-border continuity of care and the implementation of digital vaccination certificates.

The Latin American and Caribbean Digital Health Network (RACSEL) is an **initiative of the countries of the region** created in **2014** and promoted by the Inter-American Development Bank. It has 15 member countries and aims to foster technical cooperation among the governments of Latin America and the Caribbean to advance regional digital health transformation.

## 15 MEMBER COUNTRIES

- Argentina
- Belize
- Brazil
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Perú
- Suriname
- Uruguay

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- RACSEL is **open to all countries** in the LAC region and is free of charge. Only ministries of health or government agencies with digital health as one of their objectives can be members.
- In addition to enabling collaboration with other countries working on digital health, the network also provides training, tools, and other valuable resources that are **freely available** to the digital health ecosystem.
- Members have access to **training sessions** led by top international professionals (e.g. from IHE, HL7, SNOMED, WHO, PAHO, IADB).
- The time commitment that governments should anticipate for participating in the network is between 4 and 5 hours of work per week, depending on the time of year. This is to ensure the fulfillment of goals set in the annual planning.