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Francois Kaag of Syadem (France) and Nathan Bunker of the American Immunization Registry Association (USA) lead discussions at the International Summit on Vaccine Coding and Standards in Bordeaux.

Bordeaux, France – 9 May 2025 – EUVABECO participated in the inaugural International Summit on Vaccine Coding and Standards, held in Bordeaux. This landmark event brought together professionals who work with vaccine codes—or rely on them to support immunization efforts – to advance international vaccine interoperability and coding standards through the International Vaccine Codes Initiative (IVCI) ([https://nuva.syadem.com/](https://ivci.org/doku/doku.php?id=ivci:start&redirect=1#:~:text=IVC%20is%20not%20just%20another,are%20accurately%20recorded%20for%20life.&text=We're%20not%20here%20and the Unified Nomenclature of Vaccines (NUVA) (<a href=)).

On 8 May, participants attended a pre-meeting training session covering SNOMED, NUVA, and other vaccine code systems. The main summit on 9 May emphasized the importance of standardized vaccine coding, including detailed discussions on NUVA's role as a SNOMED CT extension and how NUVA utilizes valences to standardize vaccine codes. International perspectives on vaccine coding and interoperability were also explored.

EUVABECO contributed valuable insights by sharing experiences from its European Vaccination Card (EVC) project, highlighting lessons learned from pilot implementations in Latvia, Belgium, Greece, Portugal, and Germany. The consortium's active participation underscored its commitment to enhancing vaccine-related data interoperability and promoting best practices across Europe.

The summit concluded with strategic discussions on the future direction of the IVC and NUVA, outlining actionable next steps aimed at strengthening international collaboration on vaccine coding standards.

EUVABECO's involvement fostered new partnerships and reinforced its key role in advancing global vaccine interoperability.





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