

## **Invitation to the Informal Meeting of Health Ministers**

Dear Minister,

I am pleased to invite you to an informal meeting of Health Ministers taking place in Copenhagen on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2025. On the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, the Danish Presidency will host a dinner at the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art. The ministers will have a viewing of the museum followed by a private dinner. The dinner will be preceded by an informal gathering at Minister Sophie Løhde's private residence (weather permitting). On the 16<sup>th</sup> of September the informal ministers' meeting will be held in Copenhagen. The meeting will start at 09.45 and close at 16.00.

Europe is navigating unprecedented challenges within a shifting geopolitical landscape. These challenges impact our healthcare systems directly and can affect the quality of healthcare we can provide for our citizens. The European Union is committed to making Europe more resilient by strengthening competitiveness and preparedness. In the health sector this must help address the complex health challenges we face such as ensuring Europe's supplies of critical medicines and access to innovative treatments and medical devices. We have to act decisively and work closely together, if we are to find common solutions to these challenges.

The informal ministers' meeting provides an opportunity for a political exchange on how the EU can address these issues. The discussion will focus on life science, antimicrobial resistance and preparedness.

The first working session will be devoted to life science and the Commission's Strategy for European Life Sciences. The Draghi Report identified life science as one of the few remaining sectors, where Europe is still a World leader. The benefits of a strong European life science sector should be felt more broadly throughout the EU, for example through better access to clinical trials.

The lunch debate will focus on AMR, and how we can improve our preparedness for this serious health threat. After the lunch session we will have a final working session focusing on preparedness and how we best can work together to tackle both man-made crises and natural disasters.

Two side events will be held in connection with the ministerial meeting. Prior to the informal ministers' meeting, it will be possible to attend a roundtable on the

afternoon of the 15<sup>th</sup> of September at Danish Industry focusing on life science. The informal meeting will be followed by a Nordic Summit on Rare Diseases with a reception on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September and the conference on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September.

Attached to this letter is the provisional programme for the informal meeting of health ministers.

Session notes will be distributed in due course.

I look forward to welcoming you in Copenhagen.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sophie Løhde'.

Sophie Løhde

Minister for the Interior and Health