



Dear Minister Karmen Joller,

Denmark's upcoming EU Presidency will take place at a time when Europe is facing unprecedented challenges in an uncertain geopolitical landscape. The political situation can affect patients and our ability to provide the best possible healthcare for our citizens by threatening Europe's supplies of critical medicines and our access to innovative treatments and medical devices. We have to act decisively and work even more closely together if we are to find common solutions that will address the many challenges we are facing in European health policy.

Denmark will take over the reins of the Presidency of the EU Council on 1 July 2025. As part of our preparations for the Presidency I would like to invite you to participate in a Nordic-Baltic Health Summit together with some of our closest neighbours and allies to exchange ideas and perspectives on EU health policy and how we can address the pressing political challenges we face.

The Nordic Baltic Health Summit will take place in **Copenhagen on 26 May 2025**. Your ministry has already received a save-the-date.

The summit will begin at 09.00 CET and finish at 12.30 CET. The day will start with a high-level roundtable discussion with participation from regional stakeholders. After this Gentofte Hospital will introduce the ministers to their ground-breaking work using virtual reality in mental health therapy. The ministers will be able to try the virtual reality equipment themselves as part of the demonstration. Finally, I will host a ministers' lunch where we can have an informal political discussion on relevant political issues. There will be no agenda, but I will present a short introduction to our expectations for our Presidency to set the scene for our discussion.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience if you will be able to attend. We will reach out to your Ministry with further information on the program and logistics closer to the time.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact [feo@sum.dk](mailto:feo@sum.dk)

We would be honoured to have your presence and participation at the Nordic Baltic Health Summit

Yours sincerely,

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