

TOGETHER4HEALTH: ACHIEVING SUSTAINABILITY IN HEALTH CARE AND BEYOND

Programme day 0 – September 16, 2025

Time	Activity and content	Notes
12.00 – 15.00	Site-event – Guided tours at New Aalborg University Hospital	Round 1: kl. 12.00-13.30 Round 2: Kl. 13.30-15.00 Busses will be arranged
16.00 – 17.30	Pre-conference Welcome reception, Restaurant Fusion	

Programme day 1 – September 17, 2025 – Musikkens Hus

Time	Activity	Koncertsalen	Intimsalen	Klassisk sal	Sydbank Lounge	Øvre Foyer
08.15 - 09.00	Registration & coffee/tea					
09.00 - 09.30	Opening of the conference	Mads Duedahl (Chairman of Regional Council, North Denmark Region) Conferenciers: Martin Hoxer & Mette Grønkjær				
09.30 - 10.00	Keynote 1: Transformation of the health care system in Europe – opportunities and challenges	Dr. Sergio Iavicoli , Director General for Health Prevention at the Italian Ministry of Health Dr. Giusi Condorelli , Director of the Office for the				

		<i>Internationalization and Promotion of Research Infrastructures, Italian Ministry of Health</i> Donna Henderson , Head of International Engagement, Digital Health and Care Directorate, NHS Scotland, Scottish Government, UK				
10.00 - 10.30	Coffee break & Networking					
10.30 - 11.05	Integrated Health & Care systems in the Region of North Denmark Focus on transformation, organisation & local ecosystem	Søren Hjortshøj MD , Medical Director, Aalborg University Hospital, North Denmark Region				
11.05 - 11.50	Panel 1: Unlocking the challenges for transforming and integrating health care systems on local, national, and European level. (Transformation)	Panel 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carmen Laplaza Santos, Head of Health Innovations and Ecosystems, DG RTD, European Commission Svend Særkjær, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Interior & Health, Denmark Elizabeth Toller, Director General, Health Care 				

		<i>Strategies, Health Canada, Government of Canada</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jakob Krogh, CEO, North Denmark Region 				
11.50 – 12.50	Lunch & Networking					
12.50 – 13.35	Workshops/presentations round 1	P1: Dual-Use Innovation in Health and Defence – Unlocking Cross-Sector Potential for Resilient Care Systems <i>(Theme: Collaboration)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brigadier Jesper Momme, Commanders of the Danish Defence Medical Command, Søren Hjortshøj, MD, Medical Director, Aalborg University Hospital, North Denmark Region, Martin Rostgaard-Knudsen, MD, Director of Emergency Medical Services, & Peter Sperling, Chief Innovation Officer, National Defence Technology Centre 	W1: Transformative Ecosystem Arena: Connecting the dots in the health eco-system - double session – part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanna Tuurnas, Director, adjunct professor, and Sofi Perikangas, Postdoctoral research fellow, Tampere University, Transforming Health and Care Sysems. Panel: Pauline Terwijn, Board of MooiMaasvallei network, the Netherlands and Riccardo Farina, MSc, PhD, Policy Officer; Department of Health and Social Policies, Autonomous 	W2: Digital Health Literacy: An Essential Competence in a Transformed Digitalised Healthcare System <i>(Competences/Skills)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diana Schack Thoft, PhD, Docent, Research Manager, Applied Health & Technology, Lisa Korsbakke Emtekær Hæsum, PhD, Associate Professor, Jacob Østergaard Madsen, MSc.OT, PhD, Senior lecturer, Department of Occupational Therapy and the Research Center for Health and Applied 	W3: Regulatory barriers for development and integration of digital solutions such as AI in health care systems <i>(Regulatory barriers)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stina B Jonasson, PT, PhD, Project Manager, Skåne University Hospital, Region Skåne & Krzysztof Tupikowski, MD, PhD, FEBU, Head of Urological Oncology, Faculty of Medicine, Wroclaw 	P2: Scaling Health Solutions Globally – From Local Impact to International Reach <i>(Investment & Business)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diana Arsovic Nielsen, CEO, Danish Life Science Cluster

			Province of Trento, Italy.	Technology, & Charlotte Brun Torup , MsC Nursing, PhD, Docent, Research Centre for Health and Applied Technology, University College Northern Denmark	University of Science and Technology. Panel: Niels Ole Andersen , Regulatory Expert – Medical Devices, noaQA ApS, Heikki Pitkänen , CEO of Lean Entries, & Sara Zullino Scientific Lead AI for Medical Applications at EATRIS	
13.35 - 13.45	Short break for room changes					
13.45 - 14.30	Workshops/presentations round 2	P3 New cross-sectoral approaches for treatment of children and youth to improve their mental health (Patient involvement, technology, collaboration) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan Mainz, MD, MPA, PhD, Program director of Bedst for Us, North Denmark Region & Clinical Professor, Department of Clinical 	W1: Transformative Ecosystem Arena: Connecting the dots in the health eco-system – double session – part 2 (Ecosystem) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sanna Tuurnas, Director & adjunct professor, Tampere University, Transforming Health and Care Systems. 	W4: Caring for Older People – Shifting the Paradigm. (Theme: Prevention) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graham Ellis, Professor, Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Scotland, Honorary Chair, Glasgow Caledonian University 	W5: Revolutionizing Healthcare with AI: Smarter, Faster, Better (Technology) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birthe Dinesen, Professor in Digital Health and Head of Laboratory of 	P4: Green Hospitals - how the health care system contributes to the European Green Deal Agenda (Sustainability) <p>Dr. Christoph Csoklich, Senior Health Expert, Climate Neutrality and Sustainable Transformation in Health, Austrian</p>

		Medicine, Aalborg University	Panelists: Vanessa Duterloo , Programme Leader, Mooi Maasvallei Network, Riccardo Farina , Policy Officer, Autonomous Province of Trento, Donna Henderson , Head of International Engagement for Digital Health and Care, NHS NSS / Scottish Government, Sari Rautio , European Committee of Regions, President of EPP group, Minna van Gerven , Professor of Social Policy, University of Helsinki, Karsten Vrangbæk , Professor, Political Science and Public Health, University of Copenhagen		Welfare Technologies - Digital Health and Rehabilitation, ExerciseTech, Department of Health Science and Technology, Aalborg University, Denmark	National Public Health Institute
14.30 - 15.00	Coffee break & Networking					

15.00 - 15.45	Workshops/presentations round 3	P5: Using digital health technologies for downsizing of hospitals and improving health care in the patients' home (Transformation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kristian Kidholm, PhD, Professor, Head of Centre for Innovative Medical Technology, University of Southern Denmark & Odense University Hospital 	W8: The role of patients and citizens to secure healthcare sustainability (Theme: Patient involvement, Prevention) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antonella Cardone, Director, Cancer Patient Europe, & Birgit Bauer, Founder and Project Manager, Data Saves Lives Germany 	W7: The Role of Universities in Health Missions: From Research to Societal Change (Collaboration) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Skovdal Rathleff, Director of PRIMA: Center of Primary Sector Research, Professor at Department of Health Science and Technology, Aalborg University, and Center for General Practice at Aalborg University, Head of Musculoskeletal Health and Implementation 	W6: Social prescribing as an investment case (Theme: Investment & Business) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elisabeth Andreew, Senior Consultant, The Social Investment Fond & Annemarie Zacho-Broe, Partner, not a box 	P6: Biomarkers – Unlocking the Potential for Integrated Health Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rushdy Ahmad, PhD, Director, Wyss Diagnostics Accelerator, Wyss Institute, Harvard University & Egon Toft, Head of Research, Aalborg University Hospital, North Denmark Region
15.45 - 15.55	Short break for room changes					
15.55 - 16.35	Panel 2: Governance in a transformed health care system: How to accelerate research and innovation to implementation and scaling? (Governance)	Panel 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elina Drakvik, Senior Lead, Finnish Innovation Fund Henrik Lundum, CEO, NOVI Niklas Blomberg, Director Innovative Health Initiative 				

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rasmus Møgelvang, CEO, <i>Rigshospitalet, Denmark</i> 				
16.35 - 16.50	Wrap-up of Day 1	Conferenciers				
16.50 - 19.00	Free time					
19.00 - 22.00	Conference networking dinner, Comwell Hotel Hvide Hus					

Programme day 2 – September 18, 2025 – Musikkens Hus

Time	Activity	Koncertsalen	Intimsalen	Klassisk sal	Sydbank Lounge	Øvre Foyer
08.15 - 09.00	Coffee/tea & Networking					
09.00 - 09.15	Welcome to Day 2	Conferenciers				
09.15 - 10.00	Keynote 2: How collaboration can drive the development of tomorrow's health care (<i>Theme: Innovation & Collaboration</i>)	Elizabeth Toller , Director General, <i>Health Care Strategies, Health Canada, Government of Canada</i>				
10.00 - 10.45	Panel 3: Can the 360-degree holistic partner driven approach be the new business model to develop and transform the health care system?	Panel 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stefan Volk Jovinge, MD PhD, <i>President of Research, Education, Development and</i> 				

		<i>Innovation, Skåne University Hospital</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jens Sand Andersen, VP Business Development, Ascom • Tara Kiran, MD, MSc, Associate Professor, Department of Family & Community Care, University of Toronto • Kazimierz Murzyn, Director, Klaster Life Science Krakow 				
10.45 - 11.15	Coffee break & Networking					
11.15 - 12.15	Workshops/presentations round 4	P7: Tackling Low-Value Care – The Danish Vælg Klogt Approach <i>(Theme: Sustainability)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susanne Axelsen, MD, PhD, Leading physician, Associate Professor, Aarhus University Hospital, Chairman of the Danish Medical Societies & Head of Vælg Klogt Danmark 	W10: Accelerating Clinical Innovation <i>(Theme: Collaboration, Investment and Business)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rune Holdt, Co-Director of BETA.HEALTH & Head of Research & Innovation, Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen & Jasper Nijkamp, Co-leads BETA.Health & Head of Innovation and International 	W9: IMPLEMENTING A SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT STRATEGY AND POLICY IN HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS - The Procure4health perspective <i>(Theme: procurement)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carlos Larrañeta Gómez-Caminero, Coordinator of the Technical Office for Public Procurement of Innovation, Regional Ministry of Health of Andalusia 	W11: Matchmaking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aija Konisevska Azadi, Coordinator, Enterprise Europe Network Denmark 	P8: Equality and inclusion in Health Care <i>(Theme: Equality in Health)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morten Sodemann, Clinical Professor, Center for Philosophy and Ethics of Health, University of Southern Denmark and Odense University Hospital

			Affairs, Aarhus University Hospital & Associate Professor in Clinical Medicine, Aarhus University	& Coordinator of Procure4Health. Panel: Danny Havenith , CEO MercurHosp asb & Elisa Frenz , Managing Director of Health Proc Europe		
12.15 - 13.00	Lunch & Networking					
13.00 - 14.00	Workshops/presentations round 5	P9: Collaborative and innovative approaches to improve health care for patients within primary care. (Theme: New collaborations) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tara Kiran, MD, MSc, Associate Professor, Department of Family & Community Care, University of Toronto 	W12: Home is Where the Health Is: The importance of research through an example of developing and evaluating the first evidence based Danish hospital-at-home model (transformation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlotte Demuth von Sydow, Deputy Chief at The Department for Clinical Research at North Zealand Hospital 	W14: Building Danish infrastructure to support Clinical Trials in Primary Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jens Søndergaard, Professor and Head of the Research Unit for General Practice, University of Southern Denmark, Michelle Hjelm Birknow, MSc Translational Medicine, Ph.D., Head of Clinical Relations, Trial Nation, Tina Lein Rasmussen, M.Arch., Project Manager for 	W13: Designing a strategy for the future health workforce - combining prevention & innovation (Theme: Competences, Sustainability) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lars Münter, Founder and International Director, Nordic Wellbeing Academy & Development Director, European Health Futures 	P9: THCS – WP 10 Knowledge Hub – maximising the value of knowledge in transforming health and social care systems (Eco-system) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donna Henderson & Andrea Pavlickova, Digital Health and Care Directorate, NHS Scottish Government, UK

				<p><i>Research & Innovation, Research Unit for General Practice, University of Southern Denmark, Nanna Herning Svensson, PhD, Researcher and Project Coordinator, Research & Innovation, Research Unit for General Practice, University of Southern Denmark</i></p>	<p><i>Forum & Nina Sønderberg, National Director, Nordic Wellbeing Academy. Panel: Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, Director of the Division of Country Health Policies and Systems, World Health Organisation, Charlotte Marchandise, Executive Director, EUPHA & Stella Goeschl, Medical Doctor, Youth Advisory Group - JA PreventNCD</i></p>	
14.00 - 14.10	Short break for room changes					

14.10 – 14.40	Panel 4: Defining the recommendations for transforming and integrating health care to Achieve Sustainability in Health Care and beyond on local, national, and European levels.	Panel 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mette Kierkgaard, <i>Minister for Senior Citizens, Denmark</i> • Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, <i>Director of the Division of Country Health Policies and Systems, World Health Organisation</i> • Anders Mohn Frafjord, <i>Deputy Director, Oslo University Hospital</i> • Birgit Bauer, <i>Founder, Data Saves Lives Germany</i> 				
14.40 - 15.00	Wrap-up/Closing Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mette Kierkgaard, <i>Minister for Senior Citizens, Denmark</i> • Lars Dahl Pedersen, <i>CEO, Aalborg University Hospital, North Denmark Region</i> • Conferenciers 				
15.00 - 17.00	Coffee, sweets, and networking					