

Copenhagen Life Science Summit - programme

October 9, 2025 - Maersk Tower, University of Copenhagen

08:00 Arrival, registration and networking

09:00 Musical Opening by Copenhagen Girls Choir

09:10 Welcome

With Lykke Friis, Director, Think Tank EUROPA

09:20 Opening Remarks

With Eva Hoffmann, Prorector for Research and Innovation,
University of Copenhagen

09:30 Opening Keynote

With Carl-Johan Dalgaard, Chairman of the Danish Economic Councils;
Professor of Economics, University of Copenhagen

09:45 Panel Debate

Closing the Gap: How to Design a European Industrial Policy for
Public Health and Innovation

Moderated by: Lykke Friis, Director, Think Tank EUROPE

The panel will debate the priorities of the 'Choose Europe for life sciences' strategy by exploring the risks and potential of tools such as targeted investment, policy reform, European coordination, and public procurement to drive breakthrough innovation in life sciences while advancing public health objectives.

Speakers:

Stefan Oelrich, Member of the Board of Management, Bayer AG; President, EFPIA

Walter Ricciardi, Former President, World Federation of Public Health Associations, and the European Public Health Association

Christian Elling, Senior Vice President, Managing Partner, Lundbeckfonden BioCapital

Rui Santos Ivo, President of the Portuguese National Authority of Medicines and Healthcare Products and Chair of the Management Board of European Medicines Agency (EMA)

10:30 Coffee Break

11:05 Keynote

Losing Ground? Challenges for Europe's Life Sciences Sector in the Global Race for Innovation

With Elizabeth Kuiper, Associate Director & Head of the Social Europe and Well-being Programme, European Policy Centre

The keynote will assess the core drivers of Europe's competitiveness and strategic resilience in life sciences and identify future policy challenges for the EU.

11:25 Panel Debate

Public-Private Partnerships: A Catalyst for European Competitiveness and Health?

Moderated by: Lykke Friis, Director, Think Tank EUROPE

The panel will examine the role of public-private partnerships in fostering dynamic R&I; ecosystems and strengthening health systems. Speakers will discuss how Europe can excel by building more effective national and cross-border partnerships between the public and private sectors.

Speakers:

Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat, Director of the Division of Country Health Policies and Systems, WHO Europe
Thomas Klee, Senior Vice President, Major Europe & Canada, Lundbeck
Niklas Blomberg, Executive Director, Innovative Health Initiative (IHI)

12:10 Networking Standing Lunch

13:10 Keynote

Why life sciences must be at the heart of Europe's industrial strategy to drive strategic resilience, innovation, and public health

With Morten Bødskov, Minister for Industry, Business and Financial Affairs, Denmark

13:30 **Panel Debate**

Unlocking the Societal Value of Innovation: Shaping the Future of Resilient, Sustainable and Innovative Healthcare in Europe

Moderated by: Ditte Brasso Sørensen, Deputy Director, Think Tank EUROPE

The conversation will assess how strategic investments in life sciences and cutting-edge research can strengthen healthcare systems across Europe through economic growth and improved patient outcomes.

Speakers:

Marco Greco, President, European Patients' Forum

Søren Nedergaard, CPO, Novo Nordisk Foundation

Teresa Graham, CEO, Roche Pharmaceutical

Rainer Becker, Director, DG for Health and Food Safety (SANTE), European Commission

14:15 **Keynote**

A Healthier and more Competitive Europe through Innovation

With Troels Rye-Andersen, Vice President, Global Public Affairs & Government Relations, Novo Nordisk

The keynote will address the actions needed by policy makers to secure a future where life science innovation thrives in Europe

14:30 **Panel Debate**

How to Boost Private Investment in Start-ups and Scale-ups: The Role of Policy Reform and Support Mechanisms

Moderated by: Ditte Brasso Sørensen, Deputy Director, Think Tank EUROPE

This session will debate how the EU can bridge the private investment gap in life science research and innovation – in particular which regulatory reforms and public support mechanisms are needed to unlock private funding and how the EU can steer capital markets towards socially beneficial purposes.

Speakers:

Felicitas Riedl, Director of the Innovation & Competitiveness Department, European Investment Bank

Jens Nielsen, CEO, BioInnovation Institute

Adam Kostyál, Head of European Listings, Nasdaq

15:15 Coffee Break

15:45 Panel Debate

Spreading the Gains: Enhancing Access to Innovative Healthcare Across the EU

Moderated by: Ditte Brasso Sørensen, Deputy Director, Think Tank EUROPE

The panel will discuss how the EU's industrial strategy should be accompanied by measures to improve equitable access to innovative treatments and ensure that investments in new life sciences hubs deliver benefits across all member states.

Speakers:

Claudia Louati, Head of Policy, European Patients' Forum

Benjamin Rochette, Vice President, Global Regulatory Affairs, Coloplast

Matthias Pfannkuche, Vice President & Head of Global Value Demonstration, Market Access & Pricing Operations, Merck

Agnès Buzyn, CEO, Evidences and Former Minister of Solidarity and Health, France

16:30 Closing Remarks

Moving Forward – Next Steps for Europe

With Lars Fruergaard Jørgensen, Chair, Healthcare Denmark

The closing remarks will reflect on key takeaways from the conference and highlight actionable next steps for policymakers to reinforce Europe's leadership in life sciences.

16:45- Closing Reception

18:00
