Copenhagen Life Science Summit

October 8, 2025 | PROGRAMME

08:00 **ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING**

09:00 **WELCOME AND FIRESIDE TALK**

Vision for global leadership

- Welcome by **Rasmus Møgelvang**, CEO, Rigshospitalet and **Lars Gaardhøj,** Chairman, Capital Region of Denmark.

Fireside discussion

- **Margrethe Vestager**, Chair of the Board of the Technical University of Denmark, and former Executive VP of the EU Commission & Commissioner for Competition.
- **Manuel Heitor**, Professor and former Minister for Science, Technology and Higher Education in Portugal. Chair of the Heitor Report: *Align, Act, Accelerate – Rethinking EU Research and Innovation Funding to Boost Competitiveness*, commissioned by the European Commission.

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

09:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Position EU as the world's most attractive place for Life Science

- Research perspective: **Elizabeth Macintyre**, President, Biomedical Alliance in Europe
- Industry perspective: **Nathalie Moll**, CEO, EFPIA.
- Healthcare perspective: **Dr. Ernst Kuipers**, Vice President (Research) at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Prev. Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport of the Netherlands
- Patient perspective: **Marco Greco**, President of European Patients Forum

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10:15 **INTRODUCTION TO ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**

by **Ditte Brasso Sørensen**, Deputy Director, Think Tank EUROPE

10:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:00 **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**

1: Strengthening applied clinical and translational research through transnational collaboration. By Chair, **Cristina Messa**, Professor at the University of Milano Bicocca, Scientific Director of the IRCCS Don Carlo Gnocchi Foundation, and Former Minister of University and Research, Italy, and co-chair **Malene Fischer**, Research Director, Rigshospitalet.

2: Stimulating innovation in the European Life Sciences. By Chair, **Prof. Francesco Giorgino**, The European Association for the Study of Diabetes e.V. (EASD) and Co-chair, **David Dreyer Lassen**, Rector, University of Copenhagen.

3: Boosting the uptake of medical technologies and healthcare solutions. By Chair **Heyo Kroemer** CEO, Charité and Co-chair, **Thomas Balle Kristensen**, CEO, Aarhus University Hospital.

4: Advancing personalised medicine and prevention through the power of data and AI for breakthrough innovation By Chair, **Jens Habermann,** CEO, BBMRI-ERIC and Co-chair: **Bettina Lundgren**, Center Director, Danish National Genome Center.

5: Addressing regulatory challenges in Europe for smooth and rapid market access. By chair **Efstratia Vatzaki**, Senior Scientific Officer at the European Medicines Agency and co-chair **Ida Sofie Jensen**, Former CEO, Lif – The Danish Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry.

13:00 **LUNCH & NETWORKING**

14:00 **PANEL DISCUSSION:**

Turbocharging the European Ecosystem in Life Sciences – Innovation District Europe

- **Ann-Sofie Ronnlund,** Member of Cabinet of Commissioner Ekaterina Zaharieva
- **David Dreyer Lassen**, Rector, University of Copenhagen
- **Lars Frolund**,Lecturer at MIT and EIC Board Member
- **Bernd Ohnesorge,** President of Europe, Middle East and Africa at Siemens Healthineers.
- **Mai-Britt Zocca**, Ph.D., founder and Chief Executive Officer of IO Biotech

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14:30 **PRE-RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**

Strengthening applied clinical and translational research through transnational collaboration, by chair

Stimulating innovation in the European Life Sciences, by chair

Boosting the uptake of medical technologies and healthcare solutions, by chair

Advancing personalised medicine and prevention through the power of data and AI for breakthrough innovation, by chair

Addressing regulatory challenges in Europe for smooth and rapid market access, by chair

15:20 **SHORT BREAK**

15:50 **REMARKS FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

- **Joanna Drake**, Deputy Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate-General (DG) for Research and Innovation (DG RTD)

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16:00 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

From Ambition to Impact: Strengthening Europe Through Life Science

- **Joanna Drake**, Deputy Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate-General (DG) for Research and Innovation (DG RTD)
- **Christina Egelund**, Minister for Higher Education & Science, Denmark
- **Manuel Heitor**, Professor and former Minister for Science, Technology and Higher Education in Portugal. Chair of the Heitor Report*: Align, Act, Accelerate – Rethinking EU Research and Innovation Funding to Boost Competitiveness*, commissioned by the European Commission.

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16:30 **END OF CONFERENCE**