

Priorities:



1. Reframing health as a strategic driver

Positioning health as a foundational element of Europe's economic, social, and environmental strategies, not a downstream cost, but an upstream enabler.



2. Proactive health system transformation

Advancing models of care that are preventive, integrated, and population-based, shifting from crisis response to long-term system preparedness.



3. Equity-driven innovation

Ensuring that technological and organisational innovations serve to reduce disparities, strengthen inclusion, and reinforce public trust.



4. Financing for sustainability and outcomes

Exploring collaborative and value-based financing models that support efficiency, coordination, and long-term health investment.



5. Data governance and the European Health Data Space

Supporting data interoperability, digital infrastructure, and governance frameworks to enable timely, evidence-based decision-making.



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CARE SUMMIT 2025

Collaborative Action for Reframing Europe's health

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Why CARE? Why now?

Europe is facing complex and accumulating health challenges: workforce shortages, rising chronic diseases, growing cross-border threats, fragmented data ecosystems, and persistent inequalities in access to care.

These systemic issues threaten the sustainability of health systems and undermine broader European goals in economic stability, democratic cohesion, security, and climate resilience. Robust and equitable health systems are not merely a component of societal infrastructure; they are the connective tissue that binds together the strategic priorities of the European Union, encompassing economic competitiveness, security, social cohesion, and environmental sustainability.

Healthy populations are a prerequisite for economic competitiveness, security, and social trust. In this context, the CARE Summit – Collaborative Action for Reframing Europe's Health – emerges as a critical, timely response.

Objectives

The CARE Summit wants to respond to three core imperatives:

- 1. Reframe health** as a policy domain that intersects with, and actively advances, key EU priorities, including sustainability, security, competitiveness, and cohesion.
- 2. Facilitate cross-sectoral dialogue** to foster cooperation between traditionally separate policy areas, such as agriculture, defence, energy, digital, and environment.
- 3. Co-create a Roadmap** for multidisciplinary, equity-based, and innovation-driven health policy across the European Union.

The event is structured into four tracks:



A. Crisis preparedness and cross-border cooperation

will examine how the EU can enhance its capacity to address transnational health threats



B. The One Health approach

will delve into the interconnected challenges affecting human, animal, and environmental health



C. Advancing affordable, accessible, and innovative medicines

will explore the need for innovation within the EU pharmaceutical sector



D. Leveraging the European Health Data Space

will explore the vast potential of interoperable health data to revolutionise healthcare delivery and research.

3 December 2025

From 09.00

Guests' registration

10.00 - 11.00

Opening session 'Health as the foundation of Europe's Strategic Agenda' [S1]

This session will set the scene for the conference by emphasising the centrality of health to the European Union's strategic priorities. It will outline the vision of health as a cornerstone of Europe's future, highlighting its role in driving economic growth, social cohesion, and resilience in the face of global challenges, and explore the critical intersections between health and policy, showcasing how multisectoral collaboration can advance EU priorities.

11.00 - 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 - 12.30

Plenary session – Strengthening EU leadership in global health security [S2]

This session will tackle topics such as emerging pathogens, wars and conflicts – including forced migration, cybersecurity, terrorism, climate change, and supply chain resilience. This plenary will delve into the EU pivotal role in addressing global health security challenges.

12.30 - 14.00

Lunch break and networking

14.00 - 15.30

Track A - Crisis preparedness and cross-border cooperation [S3]

Track B - The One Health approach [S4]

Track C - Advancing affordable, accessible, and innovative medicines [S5]

Track D - Leveraging the European Health Data Space [S6]

15.30 - 16.00

Coffee break

16.00 - 17.00

Plenary session – Health data as a catalyst for policy and innovation [S7]

This session will delve into the transformative potential of the European Health Data Space in addressing key health challenges through seamless data sharing and cross-sector collaboration. Key topics include leveraging the EHDS to enhance policy and practice, using data to drive cross-sector collaboration, and understanding the role of interoperable systems in shaping a resilient and inclusive healthcare future.

17.00 - 18.30

Networking reception

