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European Health Management Association (EHMA) to host CARE Summit in Brussels on 3–4 December 2025

WHY CARE Summit

Europe's health systems are under growing strain—from workforce shortages and rising chronic diseases to cross-border threats and care inequalities. These challenges risk undermining the EU's broader ambitions for economic stability, democratic resilience, and social cohesion. **Health is not just a sectoral issue—it is a strategic priority.** The **CARE Summit – Collaborative Action for Reframing Europe's Health** – responds to this urgency, offering a timely **platform** to position health at the heart of Europe's political and economic agenda.

Location

Brussels Marriott Hotel Grand Place

Rue Auguste Orts 3-7 | Grand Place.
1000 Brussels | Belgium

Hosted in Brussels, the heart of European policymaking, this two-day high-level event will bring together stakeholders representing health, academia, civil society, EU institutions, and sectors including agriculture, defence, environment, energy, and industry to co-create a **Roadmap for a Stronger European Health Union**. With the next EU mandate on the horizon, this landmark summit aims to reposition health as a cross-cutting enabler of the EU's strategic goals: competitiveness, resilience, sustainability, and social cohesion.

"The CARE Summit embodies our mission to advance sustainable, people-centred health management and health systems through innovation and collaboration. By bringing together leaders and experts from across Europe to tackle pressing challenges such as staff shortages, service gaps and digital change, it serves as a unique platform for driving the practical solutions needed to build stronger, fairer and more resilient healthcare systems." – **Ms. Federica Margheri, EHMA Executive Director.**

The CARE Summit will challenge the traditional framing of health as an isolated issue, instead proposing a vision of health as a catalyst for innovation, solidarity, and resilience across the Union. The event will highlight how health investments are instrumental to achieving Europe's priorities – from economic recovery and digital transformation to environmental

sustainability and social trust.

Structured across **four thematic tracks**, the Summit will feature high-level plenaries, and participatory workshops addressing:

- Crisis preparedness and cross-border cooperation
- The One Health approach
- Affordable, accessible, and innovative medicines
- Leveraging the European Health Data Space

The Summit builds on EHMA's longstanding commitment to fostering evidence-informed dialogue between health managers, policymakers, and thought leaders across Europe. The CARE Summit will take a participatory format and will conclude with the co-creation of a **Roadmap for a Stronger European Health Union**, grounded in evidence and jointly shaped by a diverse range of actors. This roadmap will provide a practical guide to embedding health across EU and national policies, with follow-up activities planned to ensure sustained implementation and engagement.

Learn more: [here](#)

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