



Biomedical Alliance in Europe 2026 Online Spring Meeting

Sharing the expertise of healthcare professionals and researchers at EU level: Update on the BioMed Alliance Work

Monday 15 June 16.00-18.00

There have been a lot of new developments in the health and research policy fields, which affect the work of healthcare professionals and researchers in different ways. The BioMed Alliance has been active in following and shaping legislative developments, including on: the next EU budget (MFF), new proposals such as a new Biotech Act, and revisions of existing legislations such as the Digital Framework (Digital Omnibus) and the Medical Devices Regulation and In Vitro Diagnostics Regulation. In this session, we will explore relevant legislative developments, look back at the impact of related BioMed Alliance activities, and discuss what is next with the chairs of our different Committees and Task Forces.

16.00-16.05 Welcome - Tom Hemming Karlsen

16.05-16.35 Health & research policy at EU level: what is on the agenda?

- Presentation on recent EU policy files and how they will impact the health and research sectors - Loredana Simulescu
- Presentation on the impact of our recent activities - Elizabeth Macintyre (BioMed Alliance Past President)

16.35-17.15 How can we strengthen healthcare professionals' and researchers' voices at EU level?

- 2-3 minute pitch presentations followed by panel discussion on how we can ensure that the voices of healthcare professionals are taken into account in EU policy making with:
 - Chair: Sanja Kolocek (BioMed Alliance BoD member)
 - Per Kjaersgaard Andersen
 - Els Dequeker
 - Sarah Collen
 - Annamaria Iagnocco
 - Tom Hemming Karlsen

17.20-17.30 What is next?

- Presentation exploring future activities, based on the input from BioMed Alliance members - Annamaria Iagnocco

17.30-18.00 Governance

- Presentation and approval Accounts 2025 - Tom Hemming Karlsen
- Announcement open position in the Board
- Measures to fill the gap in the budget for 2027



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Academic Research in an Era of Innovation: How should the EU keep up?

Tuesday 16 June 9.30-12.30

The shift in the EU's political agenda—moving from a primary focus on European public health and health security to one centered on economic competitiveness (as highlighted in the 2024 Draghi and Letta reports)—has important implications for the future of health research funding. In this session we will explore with guest speakers how translational research can evolve in a changing environment, and how it can help drive innovation and contribute to the EU life science sector.

09.30-09.35 Welcome - Tom Hemming Karlsen

09.35-11.00 Positioning the EU as the World's Most Attractive Life Sciences Hub

- *Positioning the European Union as the world's most attractive life sciences hub is currently a strategic possibility, backed by significant legislative momentum, though critics argue it remains a mirage unless structural innovation and funding gaps are closed.*
- Chair: Idar Kreutzer (Director, Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise)
- EU legislative initiatives to enhance innovation in the EU life science sector - Ferenc Marofka (Policy officer for the European Commission)
- Key actions to address the challenges in the EU life science sector - Katarina Nedog (Director Science & Regulatory Affairs, EFPIA)
- Next steps in the implementation of the EU Life Science Strategy - Liselotte Højgaard (Professor in Medicine and Technology at University of Copenhagen and member of the ERC Scientific Council)
- Key actions to restore Europe's attractiveness for medtech innovation - Oliver Bisazza (CEO MedTech Europe)
- Q&A

11.00-12.15 Nordic Experience in Boosting Innovation in Translational Research Environments

- *Europe does not lack innovation—it lacks the conditions to scale it. The Nordic life sciences ecosystem provides concrete examples of how integrated systems, trust-based data governance, and strong collaboration can overcome fragmentation.*
- Chair: Elizabeth MacIntyre (Past-President BioMed Alliance)
- Norway: UiO:Life Science; Jens Petter Berg (Vice Rector for Life Sciences and Health Research at the University of Oslo)
- Sweden: Genomic Medicine Sweden: Richard Rosenquist Brandell (Professor of Clinical Genetics at Karolinska Institutet and Senior Physician at Karolinska University Hospital in Stockholm)
- Denmark: Novo Nordisk Foundation: Sarah Kulahin Roed (Senior Scientific Manager Innovation)
- Oslo Science City - experiences in establishing a Nordic network of innovation districts: Christine Wergeland (CEO Oslo Science City)
- Q&A

12.15-12.30 Closing remarks