

One Health Conference 2025

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One Health Conference 2025

- Hosted by The Danish Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries in collaboration with the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe
- Attended by Her Majesty The Queen of Denmark
- Part of Denmark's Presidency of the Council of the European Union



Overarching goal

- Inspire government policy officials from EU Member States to adopt and implement a unified and holistic One Health approach to address complex health issues arising at the human-animal-environment interface



Aim of the Conference

- Inspire civil servants from human health, animal health and environmental health in the EU Member States to adopt a more integrated One Health approach
- Platform to explore and identify effective policy solutions and good practices to support a coherent and coordinated response to health challenges in the human, animal, and environmental interface.



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Partners & participants

- **Participation from:**

- EU Member States
- EU Commission etc.
- Quadripartite
- NGO, Industry, and Research Institutions

- **Partners**



Key take-aways

Purpose

- One Health is a crucial cornerstone as a coherent approach to achieving and upholding universal goals related to environmental protection and climate (see COP30), human health, animal health, plant health, and food safety

Key take-aways

Collaboration

- “Bridging the silos” and building trust and mutual respect is crucial
- Consider collaboration between the sectors as an opportunity and not an obstacle and give financial incentives to reward it
- Collaboration between human, animal, and environmental sectors in both planning and implementation as early as possible, is essential. All sectors are part of the solution
- Integrate technical and organisational systems so that data, surveillance, and response mechanisms can work as one, not in silos

Key take-aways

Communication

- Local engagement of communities is necessary
- Ensure to educate children & youth and allow “cross-silo” training of the next generation.
- Communication and demonstration of good examples of impacts of One Health efforts is needed in relation to all sectors, including private sector, research and civil society
- Champions/ambassadors to communicate the key take-aways simply and effectively to the public is needed
- Ensure transparency and speak a language that everybody can understand.



Key take-aways

We all need to act

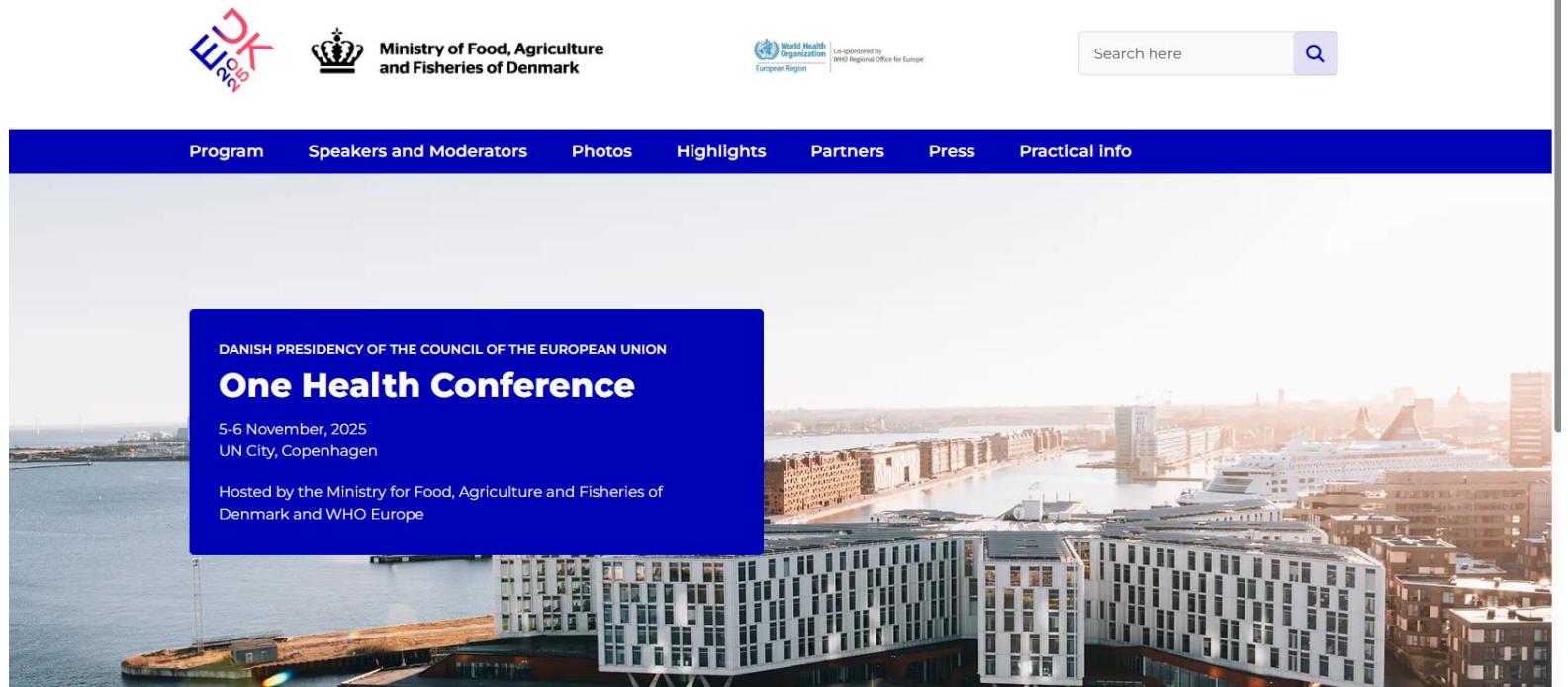
- The future of One Health will depend on strong involvement not only from authorities but also from research communities who innovate, from industry partners who bring solutions to life, and from civil society who ensures accountability and public trust.
- Important that all relevant stakeholders align and acknowledge that we all need to act instead of compete or miscredit facts.

Key take-aways

- Remember the economic dimension – show that investments in One Health efforts pay off.
- Proactive Stewardship in Denmark: Responsible antibiotic use in agriculture, supported by surveillance and training, sets a benchmark for best practice

Next steps

- The conference webpage includes presentations, videos and pictures from the conference, as well as the outcome document:
<https://euonehealth2025.dk/>



About the One Health Conference

The One Health Conference at the UN City in Copenhagen, hosted by the Danish Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries in collaboration with the WHO Regional Office for Europe, is a flagship event under Denmark's Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

For the very first time, civil servants with expertise in veterinary, human, and environmental health from across the EU will come together under one roof, joining forces around a shared goal. The One Health Conference will focus on how we collectively find good practice solutions to advance collaboration and the implementation of the One Health approach, acknowledging the interdependence between human, animal, plant, and environmental health.

This conference is not merely symbolic - it is practical. It aims to turn One Health principles into coordinated, real-world outcomes. By uniting EU Member States, international organisations, researchers, and key stakeholders, the event seeks to build a shared understanding, align policies, and drive collective progress.

The event will conclude with the 'Copenhagen Recommendations on One Health Collaboration – Solutions and Practical Steps', a roadmap for strengthening One Health collaboration between human, animal, and environmental authorities across the European Union.

Together, we can build resilient health systems — for people, for animals, and for our shared environment.

Introduction

Next steps

- The Conference had a very strong focus on what the participants would do themselves during the next weeks and further to establish and strengthen the One Health approach and relations to colleagues in the other sectors
- For example, the “I commit to....” initiative was used during the conference



Next steps

- The interest in One Health by Her Majesty The Queen of Denmark was noticed by many participants, including the moderators
- WHO forwarded key take-aways to Her Majesty The Queen of Denmark before she attended COP30 in Brazil last week
- The key take-aways from the conference can be used during the Danish Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers 2026



The Copenhagen Recommendations on One Health Collaboration

– Solutions and Practical Steps

- Outcome document – published tomorrow on the conference webpage:
 - <https://euonehealth2025.dk/>
- Written by civil servants for civil servants
- Outline concrete steps at national/EU and institutional levels in order to foster policy alignment, organisational integration, trust, capacity building, and effective communication
- Apply to competent authorities in Member States at all stage of One Health implementation maturity

Purpose

- Set out **practical steps** to strengthen One Health collaboration and implementation between human, animal, food, plant, and environmental authorities in the European Union
- **Aim:** Translate the One Health concept into practical ways of working within and across Member States, with special attention to:
 - Encouraging intra- and inter-agency as well as cross border cooperation
 - Integrating environmental perspectives more fully into health, food, and plant systems, and vice versa
- Offer clear guidance to improve integration of coordination, governance, data systems, communication, and education

The Copenhagen Recommendations

- Organised around five key solutions:
 1. **Building Collaborative Cultures:** by creating regular cross-sector meetings and shared learning programmes that can help us understand each other's worlds.
 2. **Strengthening Policy and Governance Alignment:** Through national One Health coordination structures, formal cooperation agreements, and shared accountability that ensure alignment of policies between ministries and agencies.
 3. **Integrating Organisational and Technical Systems:** So our data, surveillance, and response mechanisms can work as one, not in silos
 4. **Enhancing Communication:** Both internally and externally. Because clear, consistent, and honest communication inspires and builds the trust – so cooperation both begins and lasts
 5. **Integrating One Health in Education:** Early exposure to One Health principles — from schools to professional training — fosters understanding and resilience



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after the One Health Conference.

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continue the dialogue about
human, animal, plant and
environmental health.

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