

## **Northern Prospects: Health data in R&I - How can Europe build on the Nordic-Baltic experience?**

**We are happy to invite you to an event organized by the network of Nordic and Baltic R&I liaison offices in Brussels!**

The focus of this event is on the important role of health data in research and innovation, with cancer as a use case. The event will examine the Nordic-Baltic region as a pilot for cross-country collaboration in health data, identify key learnings, and showcase innovative R&I projects and partnerships currently in place.

The program offers showcasing and discussions on experiences from the Nordic-Baltic region, as well as networking opportunities with stakeholders from all of our countries.

### **Provisional Programme**

#### **11:15 Doors Open & Light Lunch**

#### **12:00 Opening Session of the event**

Keynote by the organizers and by **Irene Norstedt**, Director at the European Commission's DG RTD.

#### **12:20 Session I - Value of cross-country collaboration in use of health data for cancer-related research and innovation**

This session will showcase examples of existing collaboration in the Nordic-Baltic region that can be considered for broader European implementation. The invited speakers come from across the region and together give a holistic representation of the ecosystem.

**Speakers:** Kjetil Tasken, Oslo University Hospital; Kristaps Paļskis, Riga Technical University; Lenne-Triin Kõrgvee, Tartu University Hospital Cancer Centre; Anna Eklöf, Barncancerfonden – Swedish Childhood Cancer Fund; Edita Baltruškevičienė, National Cancer Institute in Lithuania

#### **13:30 Coffee Break**

#### **14:00 Session II - Panel Discussions**

##### **Panel 1: Data infrastructure and legislation**

In this panel discussion, panelists will explore how the unique experiences and best practices

from the Nordic-Baltic region can contribute to maximizing the utilization and benefits of European research and innovation (R&I) in health data.

**Panelists:** Nikita Trojanskis, Adviser to the Latvian Minister of Health; Domas Vaitiekus, Lithuanian University of Health Sciences; Nima Jokilaakso, Sitra; Jaak Vilo, University of Tartu; Johanna Mattsson, University of Helsinki (TBC); Mari Nygård, Cancer Registry of Norway, Norwegian Public Health Institute

## **Panel 2: Ecosystems and public private partnerships**

This panel discussion will focus on lessons learned from the Nordic and Baltic ecosystems, particularly their successful public-private partnerships. Panelists will explore how these models of collaboration, innovation, and governance have driven progress in these regions.

**Panelists:** Niklas Blomberg, Innovative Health Initiative JU; Tarja Laitinen, FinnGen; Ketil Widerberg, Oslo Cancer Cluster; Terje Peetso, North Estonia Medical Center; Agnė Paulauskaitė-Tarasevičienė, Kaunas University of Technology; Emil Syundyukov, Longgenesis

**15:30 Closing session**

**16:00-17:30 Networking reception**