



CROSSBORDER COLLABORATION INITIATIVES PANEL WITH REGIONAL INITIATIVES

Nordic Pharmaceuticals Forum

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ABSTRACT

The Nordic Pharmaceuticals Forum (NLF) was established by Amgros, the Danish pharmaceuticals organization, in 2015. The objective was to set up an informal space for Nordic collaboration with focus on identifying opportunities, knowledge sharing, and work towards common Nordic solutions.

Currently, representatives from Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark are taking part in the Forum. The Forum has been set up as an operational network by and for practitioners. The design of the collaboration is flexible and practice-oriented, and it is driven by concrete collaboration projects that create value for the individual country and for the Nordic community.

The Nordic collaboration is based on the following principles:

- Voluntariness and consensus - the individual countries are involved in projects that are relevant for them.
- Common responsibility - all participating countries are responsible for progress in the projects, including that the necessary personnel are available for work groups and projects.
- Common funding - funding is agreed between the participating countries specifically from project to project.

The Ministers of Health from Denmark and Norway have just signed an agreement of intention to show their political support to the collaboration – first of all to ensure better supply of medicines - and secondly lower medicine prices.