

Working Group on Exchange of Information and Experience in the Medicines Area (WGEMA) seminar – Day 1

Time 12:00 – 17:00 & Dinner 18:30 – 21:00

Date Tuesday 30th of September 2025

Place Helsinki Congress Paasitorni, Paasivuorenkatu 5 A, The Tarja Halonen room, floor: 1,5

Program

11.30 – 12.00 Arrival

Possibility to leave bags, coats, and other personal belongings to the Tarja Halonen room

12.00 – 12.45 Lunch

12.45 – 13.30 WGEMA Meeting start

Welcome, agenda and round of introductions.

Merja Mustonen, Chief Specialist, Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

13.30 – 14.00 Keynote: One-stop shops for RWD in Finland and data-driven decision making

Johanna Seppänen, Director of Development and Information Services, Finnish Medicines Agency

14.00 – 14.30 Discussion

14.30 – 15.00 Coffee break

Workstreams (WS) overview of 2025

15.00 – 15.15 Production, *Ulrika Espefält Westin*

15.15 – 15.30 Preparedness and shortages, *Julia Lehtinen*

15.30 – 15.45 Pharmacy, *Maiken Nilsson*

15.45 – 16.00 Market Entry Agreements

16.15 – 16.30 Price comparison, *Oliver Jacobi Lomholt*

16.30 – 16.45 Health economy, *Anna Kollerup Iversen*

16.45 Wrap-up

Merja Mustonen, Chief Specialist, Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

18.30 – 21.00 Dinner at Lasikabinetti at Helsinki Congress Paasitorni, address: Paasivuorenkatu 5 A, floor 2

Joint WGEMA and NLF seminar – Day 2

Time 8:00 – 17:00

Date Wednesday 1st of October 2025

Place Helsinki Congress Paasitorni, Paasivuorenkatu 5 A, The Tarja Halonen room, floor: 1,5 +
livestreaming

Program

8.00 – 9.00 Arrival and breakfast

Possibility to leave bags, coats, and other personal belongings to the Tarja Halonen room

9.00 – 9.15 WGEMA & NPF Meeting start

Welcome, agenda and round of introductions.

Merja Mustonen, Chief Specialist, Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

9.15 – 9.45 Keynote: Critical medicines act

Laure Geslin, Team Leader, European Commission, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety

9.45 – 10.00 Commentary: Preparedness of pharmaceuticals, current in Finland

Elina Asola, Senior Specialist, Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

10.00 – 10.15 Introduction: Strategic stockpiling of pharmaceuticals

Leif Lakoma, Chief Physician, Finnish Institute for Welfare and Health

10.15 – 10.30 Commentary: NOMA's new mandate in supply security – products, plans and possibilities

Ole Kristian Aars, Acting Head of Unit for Preparedness and Analysis, Norwegian Medical Products Agency

10.30 – 10.45 Pause

10.45 – 11.30 Panel discussion

Participants from previous presentations

Facilitators:

Oliver Jacobi Lomholt, Administrative Officer, MSc. Public Health Science, Danish Medicine Agency

Johan Pontén, Senior Advisor International Affairs, Swedish Dental and Pharmaceutical Benefits Agency

11.30 – 12.00 Introduction: Data-driven steering and decision making

Maximizing the use and exchange of data to support decision making *Piia*

Rannanheimo, Chief Specialist, Finnish Medicines Agency

12.00 – 12.45 Lunch

13.00 – 13.30 Introduction: Strengthening Danish commitment and Nordic collaboration to combat antimicrobial resistance

Oliver Jacobi Lomholt, Administrative Officer, MSc. Public Health Science, Danish Medicine Agency

Jane Skov, Senior advisor, Danish Medicines Agency

13.30 – 13.50 Commentary: Access on antibiotics

Cecilia Tollin, Analyst, Swedish Dental and Pharmaceutical Benefits Agency

13.50 – 14.15 Discussion

14.15 – 14.30 Introduction: Green Book on ADHD medication use and waiting lists

Bjarni Sigurðsson, Pharmacist, Icelandic Ministry of Health

14.30 – 15.00 Coffee break

15.00 – 15.30 Introduction: Higher willingness to pay for rare conditions in Sweden. Why? How?

Douglas Lundin, Chief Economist, Swedish Dental and Pharmaceutical Benefits Agency

15.30 – 16.00 Intervention of NLF

Flemming Sonne, CEO, Amgros, Chairman of NLF

16.00 Wrap-up

Merja Mustonen, Chief Specialist, Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

18.00 – 20.00 Dinner at Restaurant Juttutupa, address Säästöpankinranta 6

WGEMA seminar – Day 3 Health Economics

Time 8:00 – 16:00

Date Thursday 2nd of October 2025

Place Helsinki Congress Paasitorni, Paasivuorenkatu 5 A, The Tarja Halonen room, floor 1,5

Session	Time	Activity /Topic
	8-9	Breakfast
From excel to R 9-10.15	9-9.40	Howard Thom (Associate professor in Health Economics, Health Economics and Policy, Bristol Medical School, University of Bristol)
	9.40-10.05	Adam Brooke (Principal Technical Adviser – Methods, Medicines Evaluation, NICE) and Lindsay Claxton (Health Economics Advisor, Health Economics and Decision Modelling Team, NICE)
	10.05-10.15	Questions/discussion
	10.15-10.30	Break
PSA 10.30-12	10.30-11	Adam Brooke (Principal Technical Adviser – Methods, Medicines Evaluation, NICE) and Lindsay Claxton (Health Economics Advisor, Health Economics and Decision Modelling Team, NICE)
	11-11.20	Saskia Knies (Coordinator further development HTA and SUSTAIN-HTA WP 2 Lead at Zorginstituut Nederland (ZIN))
	11.20 - 11.35	Christian Dehlendorff (Chief Statistician, Danish Medicines Council)

	11.35-12	Questions/discussion
	12-12.45	Lunch
12.45-14 Knowledge sharing session What requirement do the Nordic agencies have on the HE information companies submit? How do we present the results to the decision makers?	12.45-14	Juha Turunen, Finland Håvard Haugnes, Norway Anna Kollerup and Ehm Galijatovic, Denmark Daniela Wikström and Douglas Lundin, Sweden
	14-14.15	Break
14.15-15.30 The use of AI	14:15-14.45	Tove Holm-Larsen (<i>CEO Silvi.ai, Professor, Ghent University</i>)
	14.45-15.30	Tim Reason (<i>Estima Scientific, UK</i>)
<i>Wrap-up</i>	15.30-15.45	