

EGHRIN contribution to One Health in the European Union and beyond

EGHRIN pitch on One Health

5 mins – (100-200 words/min)

The European Global Health Research Institutes Network (EGHRIN) is a network of leading research institutions in Europe promoting and advocating for Global Health research and innovation.

EGHRIN aims to facilitate and strengthen equitable collaboration within the network and with global partners, especially from the Global South, by fostering innovation, knowledge & insights to improve health systems and health outcomes worldwide, including their long-term sustainability. EGHRIN aligns with the UN SDGs and encourages governing bodies to invest in One Health and Global Health interventions targeting key health threats worldwide.

EGHRIN advocates for a bold Global Health agenda in order to prepare societies for future health crises with a core set of priorities:

- There is a need for a bigger inter- and trans-disciplinary education & training, and research and innovation capacity. This includes co-creating of agendas and curricula with stakeholders, by ensuring a systems and future perspective; all previous sessions have shown the need for this: to transcend silos towards a broader multi-sectoral perspective is urgently needed in a One Health approach.
- Health and well-being for all requires equitable access to high-quality health care for all - citizens and migrants - across social strata and country borders.
- We need a better integration of approaches for transborder health challenges (such as climate change impact on health, future pandemic threats, antimicrobial resistance) through global collaboration and effective international governance structures with accountability.
- We need to focus more on whole of society approaches, on the challenge of diversity, on addressing “local & contextualized” (as we learned from Caroline Van Cauwelaert in session 3) AND “global” health needs.
- We need to contribute to the “decolonization” efforts by considering different value frameworks and learning from the “Global South”; in this respect it is important to develop North-South equitable partnerships and networks, with an approach covering the challenges of “decoloniality”.
- Proper financing of the above named actions should comprise funding through Horizon Europe, member state contributions, and with respect to drugs also funding mechanisms related to needed innovations, the clinical relevance of drugs and maximum societal benefits. The next Framework programme should include Global Health and One Health priorities for research, innovation and education, allowing for bridging “silos” including proper evaluation of such systems-level funding as we heard in session 2.
- We need to strive towards a healthy environment, socially, ecologically and planetary, and more attention to prevention vs a “treatment or fixing” attitude. To address this, we need more trans-disciplinary research and education, and operational convergence/ integration and synergies between the Global Health, One Health and the Planetary Health agenda (for example in session 2, Brent Loken talked about the healthy food diagram which does not take into account planetary health; Christian Walzer talked about attention to the continuum of care, from individual to planet).
- We need better information management, in terms of health literacy, misinformation literacy, digital health literacy.