

PANDASIA Project Participates in the One Health Research to Policy Workshop in Brussels, Belgium



The PANDASIA project recently participated in the One Health Research to Policy Workshop, organized by the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD) of the European Commission. The event took place on January 29, 2026, at the TownHall Europe Conference Centre in Brussels, Belgium. Dr. Hans J. Overgaard, the PANDASIA Principal Investigator represented the project, along with Dr. Marina Treskova and Mohamed Shelil, who participated to the workshop.

The workshop aimed to enhance collaboration between research and policy communities, focusing on integrating the One Health approach into European research and innovation initiatives. It brought together coordinators of EU-funded research projects, policymakers from the European Commission, and representatives from EU agencies addressing issues such as antimicrobial resistance, emerging zoonotic diseases, environmental health, and food systems.

Dr. Hans J. Overgaard served as a speaker and panel member in Panel 1: One Health Success Factors and Challenges in Research and Innovation. This panel discussed the key challenges and opportunities in implementing the One Health approach within interdisciplinary research projects, particularly those related to zoonotic diseases, pandemics, and environmental health. Additionally, Dr. Marina Treskova participated in Panel 2: Cross-cutting research needs to operationalize One Health. She shared insights on cross-project collaboration and the research needs for operationalizing One Health approaches. She also provided perspectives from another EU-funded research project.

The workshop served as a vital platform for exchanging ideas among research coordinators and policymakers, allowing participants to discuss practical experiences, identify research gaps, and strengthen collaboration for future One Health initiatives. Through its involvement, the PANDASIA project contributed to discussions aimed at enhancing transdisciplinary research and promoting integrated strategies to prevent emerging infectious diseases at the human-animal-environment interface.

