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### The participants

**Cédric Lussiez**, CEO of the Nord-Essonne Hospital Group – **Thomas Larsen**, Executive Vice-President of Central Region Denmark – **Martin Magelund Rasmussen**, Executive Vice-President of Zealand Region Denmark – **Annick Iltis**, Head of the Outpatient Department at the Nord-Essonne Hospital Group – **Jean Gaschignard**, Head of the Paediatric Department at the Nord-Essonne Hospital Group – **Edoardo Poli**, Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist at the Nord-Essonne Hospital Group – **Ralph El Khoury**, Consultant in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism, and Expert in Digital Health and AI at the Nord-Essonne Hospital Group – **Vincent Lebon**, Head of Nuclear Medicine Service and Director of PASREL-Imagerie at the Nord-Essonne Hospital Group, Departement Chief at CEA – **Peggy Baudouin-Cornu**, Scientific Coordinator for the Structuring of Research at the Nord-Essonne Hospital Group – **Mikaël Grynszpan**, Director of Sales at Corti – **Philippe Jørgensen**, CEO of Cortrium – **Fabien Capitain**, Sales Director at Cortrium – **Sylvain Touron**, CEO of Getinge – **Inas Sadoun**, Project Manager INSIGHT at Getinge – **Niels Onteniente**, Country Manager (France) at SelfBack – **Hans Spierings**, Regional Sales Director at WARD 24/7 – **Ylva Pisters**, Clinical Implementation Specialist at WARD 24/7 – **Annette Bertelsen Arbes**, Team Lead, Healthcare at the Royal Danish Embassy in Paris – **Sophie Labrosse**, Health Attaché at the Royal Danish Embassy in Paris – **Simon Brix**, Health Advisor at the Royal Danish Embassy in Paris.

**On Thursday, December 5, 2024, the newly inaugurated Paris-Saclay Hospital hosted a Danish delegation as part of a workshop organized jointly with the Embassy of Denmark. Bringing together French and Danish healthcare leaders, clinicians, and industry experts, the event explored innovative ways to tackle shared challenges such as rising patient numbers, workforce shortages, and the growing complexity of comorbidities. Recognizing the urgency of rethinking care delivery, all participants emphasized cross-border collaboration and leveraging technology to create more efficient and sustainable healthcare systems. The workshop provided a platform for knowledge exchange and actionable strategies to improve patient outcomes and foster resilience in healthcare infrastructures.**

## Paris-Saclay Hospital: a hub of innovation and sustainability

The day began with a presentation by Cédric Lussiez, CEO of the Nord-Essonne Hospital Group, who shared the hospital's vision for integrating advanced technologies and sustainable practices into its operations. Paris-Saclay's mission focuses on:

- **Implementing fully digital workflows** to enhance efficiency and minimize errors.
- **Adopting patient-centered care models** tailored to individual needs.
- **Incorporating environmentally conscious practices**, including energy-efficient infrastructure and resource optimization.



## Denmark's vision for healthcare of the future

Thomas Larsen, Executive Vice-President of Central Region, opened discussions by addressing the double demographic challenge that both countries face: an increasingly ageing population with comorbidities and a decreasing workforce. He introduced Denmark's approach to use data and AI to predict care needs, to reduce unnecessary treatments by 30% and to increase home-based care. He also pointed out the importance of patient empowerment to reduce strain on healthcare systems.

For his part, Martin Magelund Rasmussen, Executive Vice-President of Zealand Region, underscored the importance of sustainability, noting that healthcare accounts for 6% of Denmark's carbon footprint. He advocated for public-private partnerships to drive impactful solutions and demonstrated how cross-sector collaboration creates resilient systems.

### Key Insight

**Strategic innovation must balance immediate clinical needs with long-term systemic changes, incorporating both technological advances and cultural changes as well as new competence profiles.**

## PASREL program: turning research into tangible healthcare solutions

The workshop then progressed with Vincent Lebon, Head of Nuclear Medicine Service and Director of PASREL-Imagerie, and Peggy Baudouin-Cornu, Scientific Coordinator for the Structuring of Research, who presented the PASREL program. This groundbreaking initiative leverages the unique ecosystem of Paris-Saclay, an innovation hub that represents 20% of France's academic health technology research.

The PASREL program connects research, hospitals, and industry to drive innovations focused on clinical needs. It targets two main areas: organizational innovation, like AI-driven discharge letters to optimize workflows, and therapeutic innovation, such as automated radiotracer production for PET imaging.

PASREL has forged partnerships with eight healthcare facilities, launched acculturation seminars, and developed pilot projects, including "iMiGiNE", a platform for personalized diagnostics. These efforts demonstrate PASREL's commitment to translating research into real-world, patient-centered solutions.

### Key Insight

**Programs like PASREL demonstrate the power of structured innovation networks in accelerating the translation of research into real-world applications.**

## Innovative clinical practices at Paris-Saclay

Next, the dialogue moved forward, focusing on practical innovations that drive clinical excellence, with insights from practitioners at Paris-Saclay Hospital.

First, Annick Iltis, Head of the Outpatient Department, discussed Paris-Saclay's digital transformation journey, emphasizing the need for interoperability among hospital systems to improve patient care coordination. Digital tools were pointed out as essential for enhancing resource management.

Then, Jean Gaschignard, Head of the Paediatric Department, presented advancements in point-of-care testing within paediatric emergencies. These rapid diagnostic tools have reduced delays but require careful monitoring to avoid overuse.

Following that, Edoardo Poli, Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist, shared a multidisciplinary approach to managing chronic liver diseases, highlighting one-day ambulatory programs that integrate cardiology, nutrition, and hepatology expertise.

Ralph El Khoury, Consultant in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism, finally explored the rise of e-health in diabetes management, emphasizing its role in improving patient autonomy and chronic disease outcomes.

### Key Insight

**Clinical innovation must be adaptable, evidence-based, and centered on improving patient outcomes.**



## User experience of innovative solutions

In the afternoon, five companies presented user-driven healthcare technologies designed to enhance clinical efficiency and patient care.

- **Corti:** offers healthcare practitioners a voice-based AI platform for analyzing patient interviews, helping them to make decisions faster, and more accurately during a medical consultation.
- **Cortrium:** long-term ECG monitoring solution, including a heart-monitoring device, Apex software, and detailed AI-supported ECG reports that are reviewed for accuracy by a quality control team of cardiologists.
- **WARD 24/7:** real-time monitoring systems designed to support proactive decision-making in critical care environments.
- **Getinge:** INSIGHT is a patient flow management solution that ensures complete coordination, collaboration and communication in and across departments, optimizing processes.
- **Selfback:** innovative platform for back pain management, which utilizes AI to personalize treatment and enhance patient outcomes.

### Key Insight

Collaboration with industry partners is essential for integrating scalable, sustainable innovations into healthcare systems.

## Discovering Paris-Saclay Hospital

To conclude this day full of valuable insights, the delegation was invited to visit Paris-Saclay Hospital in order to get a close look at its cutting-edge infrastructures:

- **Paperless operations:** a fully digital workflow that enhances efficiency and minimizes errors.
- **AI-powered diagnostics:** advanced imaging tools that accelerate and refine clinical decision-making.
- **Patient-centered design:** flexible care pathways that prioritize patient satisfaction and recovery outcomes.

Participants observed the integration of technology in real-world settings, from the emergency department to outpatient surgery units.

### Key Insight

Paris-Saclay represents a benchmark for modern French hospitals, integrating technology with patient-centered care.

## Transforming healthcare through cross-border collaboration

The workshop underlined shared challenges and opportunities in French and Danish healthcare systems, emphasizing three key priorities.

1. **Interdisciplinary collaboration:** bridging gaps between clinicians, researchers, and industry to develop holistic solutions.
2. **Sustainable practices:** reducing environmental impacts while optimizing resource allocation.
3. **Patient empowerment:** shifting from reactive to preventive care models, supported by digital tools and personalized approaches.

By leveraging complementary strengths, the day at Paris-Saclay Hospital showcased the transformative potential of international partnerships in healthcare. It laid the groundwork for continued collaboration, driven by a shared commitment to innovation, sustainability, and enhanced patient outcomes.

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