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Head of Unit Disease Programmes



Dr Ole E. Heuer was appointed as Head of Unit Disease Programmes at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) by 1st July 2024 and leads the disease specific work of Centre to prevent and control infectious diseases in the EU/EEA. His career spans over two decades, marked by significant achievements and contributions in the areas of antimicrobial resistance, zoonotic diseases, surveillance, epidemiology and One Health.

Dr Heuer began his academic career at the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University in Copenhagen where he became a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) in 1996. He holds a PhD in Epidemiology and Microbiology from the University of Copenhagen (2002) and complemented his scientific expertise with education in Research and Development Management at the Copenhagen Business School from 2002 to 2004.

He started his professional career as a research scientist at the Danish Institute for Food and Veterinary Research in 1997 and transitioned to the Danish Zoonosis Centre in 2002. He moved to the Technical University of Denmark as a senior scientist in 2007.

In 2008, Dr Heuer joined the ECDC where he has held various pivotal scientific and managerial functions including Senior Expert, Group Leader Surveillance, Head of Section One Health Related Diseases, Head of Section Epidemic Prone Diseases and Public Health Emergency manager during the COVID-19 pandemic, before being appointed as Head of Unit Disease Programmes. His leadership and expertise have been instrumental in ECDC's efforts to protect public health in Europe.

Dr Heuer is the chair of the EU Cross-Agency One Health Task Force involving five EU Agencies (ECDC, EFSA, EMA, ECHA and EEA) and he leads the implementation of the ECDC One Health Framework. His work is characterized by strong commitment and dedication to advancing public health through interdisciplinary and cross sectoral collaboration.

Dr Heuer is a Danish national, outdoor enthusiast and father of four children.

