

Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2023

- *Professional and efficient president*
- *Act in the common interest of the EU*

Main tasks

- Chair meetings in the Council and its preparatory bodies
- Lead and drive forward the Council's work on EU legislation



Preparations

- This is the third time that Sweden has held the Presidency
- Preparations are well under way
- Parliamentary elections were held on September 11th
- The presidency priorities and work programme will be communicated later this year



Preparations (2)

- The general political direction of the Swedish Presidency:

1. *Provide security for EU citizens and strengthen the EU's role in the world*
2. *Stop organised crime*
3. *Speed up the green transition*
4. *Strengthen the EU's competitiveness for the jobs of the future*
5. *Safeguard the EU's fundamental values*



Legislative proposals

- Spring 2023, late in the legislative cycle → Heavy agenda
- In regard to health, many major legislative files on our table, such as:
 - EHDS (Regulation on European Health Data Space),
 - Revised pharmaceutical legislation (general, rare diseases, and pediatric),
 - SoHO (Regulation on substances of human origin)
- We will do our best to bring the work forward in the Council



Meetings

- More than 2000 meetings in total during the presidency
- Around 150 meetings in Sweden, 11 informal ministerial meetings in total
- The Ministry is planning for:
 - an Informal EPSCO Health in May,
 - a High-Level Meeting on health in February
 - two presidency expert conferences on health

