



Brussels, 21 November 2018

MINUTES

Subject: Meeting of the Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) One-Health Network – 26 October 2018

1. WELCOME AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

Under AOB, (i) the Austrian delegation updated the Network on the Codex Alimentarius upcoming meetings; (ii) the Romanian delegation provided the Network with information on their upcoming Presidency of the Council of the European Union, and in particular on the conference that they will organise on AMR on 28 February - 1 March 2019 in Bucharest. At the request of the Swedish delegation, the presentation of Sweden national activities and practices on AMR was postponed to the next meeting.

The agenda was then adopted without further modification.

2. EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT REPORT ON A EUROPEAN ONE HEALTH ACTION PLAN AGAINST ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

Ms Victoria Royston, Assistant of MEP Karin Kadenbach, presented the [report](#) on a European One Health Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance adopted by the European Parliament on 13 September 2018. After having explained the background of the report, Ms Royston presented some of the key suggestions made *e.g.* on the AMR One Health Network and the EU Joint Action on Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-Associated Infections, the One Health concept, the need for standardised data, the importance of the collaboration between EU agencies, the need to increase public awareness, the importance of multidisciplinary antibiotic stewardship, the issues of rapid diagnostic tests and of sales of antibiotics, the importance of vaccination and prevention, environment issues, animal husbandry and animal welfare aspects, the future Common Agricultural Policy, the importance of labelling, the issue of research, the cross-border dimension of AMR, the issue of poverty-related and neglected diseases, the importance of AMR in trade agreements, questions around access to antibiotics and the importance of international cooperation.

3. OUTCOME OF WHO / FAO / OIE SURVEY CONDUCTED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MONITORING OF THE GLOBAL ACTION PLAN ON AMR

Dr Danilo Lo Fo Wong presented the outcome of the FAO/OIE/WHO 2nd survey conducted in the context of the monitoring of the Global Action Plan (GAP) on AMR. Dr Lo Fo Wong presented the GAP objectives and the progress of the monitoring process. He outlined the key results from the survey in terms of One Health collaboration / coordination, progress on national action plans development, awareness-raising in human and non-human health sectors, training/professional education aspects, national monitoring system on use, and infection prevention and control in human healthcare. Dr Lo Fo Wong concluded by highlighting the importance of collaboration and explained the next steps, including the preparation of the FAO/OIE/WHO 3rd survey.

4. REGULATION ON VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS AND REGULATION ON MANUFACTURE, PLACING ON THE MARKET AND USE OF MEDICATED FEED

The Commission services presented the AMR measures contained in the forthcoming EU Regulations on veterinary medicinal products and on medicated feed. Concerning the EU Regulation on veterinary medicinal products, the Commission services underlined the following provisions: ban on preventive use of antibiotics in groups of animals, restrictions on metaphylactic use, possibility to reserve certain antimicrobials for humans only, ban on the use of antimicrobials for promoting growth, compulsory data collection on sales and use of antimicrobials and various measures aiming at prudent and responsible use. Concerning the EU Regulation on medicated feed, the Commission services highlighted the following provisions: carry over limits of veterinary medicines in feed, restrictions for veterinary prescriptions and ban of use of antimicrobials in medicated feed for prophylaxis and growth promotion.

5. PRESENTATIONS OF NATIONAL ACTION PLANS

a) Luxembourg

Ms Valérie Guérin presented the development of the Luxembourg national action plan 2018-2022. She explained its objectives, its governance, as well as its measures (*e.g.* on prevention, education and communication, treatment and diagnostic, surveillance and research). Ms Guérin concluded by outlining the perspectives *e.g.* to continue enhancing the collaboration between animal and human health sectors to promote the One Health Approach, and involve the environment in all One Health initiatives.

b) Germany

Dr. Alexandra Clarici and Dr. Anke Schröder presented the German Antimicrobial Resistance Strategy. They started by outlining the main activities and results in the implementation of DART 2008-2013. The main goals of the strategy DART 2020 *i.e.* (i) strengthening the One Health approach nationally and internationally; (ii) recognising changes in resistance at an early stage; (iii) retaining and improving therapy options; (iv) breaking chains of infection early and avoiding infection; and (v) raising awareness and

strengthening skills; and (vi) supporting research and development, and the achievements so far under each of these goals were presented to the Network.

6. PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PRACTICES

a) The Netherlands

Ms Maria le Grand and Dr Heike Schmitt presented the research results and policy dilemma's in the Netherlands concerning AMR in the environment. They summarized the overarching framework of activities on AMR, and described the outcome of recent research projects on the release of AMR to the Dutch environment. While human wastewater and manure contributed about equally to the total release, wastewater might be more relevant for human exposure. In the Netherlands, the contribution of hospitals to the total AMR discharge was relatively small. Possible interventions to reduce AMR discharge to the environment, such as advanced wastewater treatment, exist.

b) France

Ms Cécile Adam presented France actions in the field of AMR. In particular the Ecoantibio plan 2012-2016 objectives, measures and results were presented as well as its evaluation which led to the Ecoantibio plan 2.

7. STATE OF PLAY OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2017 AMR ACTION PLAN

The Commission services updated the Network on the state of play of implementation of the 2017 AMR Action Plan and in particular on the regulatory developments, latest events with stakeholders, training and communication activities, international, research and environmental developments.

8. UPDATE ON EUROPEAN AGENCIES ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF AMR

The European Medicines Agency (EMA), the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) updated the Network on their respective activities on AMR and in particular for EMA: on the last ESVAC report, the project on stratification of antimicrobial sales data by animal species and the upcoming scientific advice of the Antimicrobial Advice Ad Hoc Expert Group (AMEG); for ECDC on: upcoming ECDC publications, country visits on antimicrobial resistance, preparation of 3rd Joint Interagency Antimicrobial Consumption and Resistance Analysis (JIACRA III) on behalf of the 3 European Agencies; and for EFSA on: AMR monitoring activities and ongoing work to provide the Commission with scientific and technical assistance in view of the planned revision of Decision 2013/652/EU.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting should take place mid-March 2019. It was agreed to recirculate the link to the website where national action plans and strategies can be found: https://health.ec.europa.eu/antimicrobial-resistance/eu-action-antimicrobial-resistance/national-action-plans-and-strategies_en. Delegations

were invited to send to SANTE-AMR-ONE-HEALTH@ec.europa.eu their national action plans and strategies should they want them to be posted on this webpage.

It was suggested to put on the agenda of the next meeting the feedback from the country-to-country assessments that are currently taking place under the Joint Action Joint Action on AMR and HAI (EU-JAMRAI) Work Package 5.