



AMR One Health Network meeting of 21 September 2023

MINUTES

2nd session: Member States and EU institutions only

The Commission informed that the last point “exchange of views on operationalisation of the One Health approach beyond AMR” is postponed for a future meeting.

1. Information on the EU Communication Plan on AMR by DG SANTE

DG SANTE presented the forthcoming Commission Communication campaign to raise awareness about AMR among teenagers. DG SANTE is currently developing the campaign concept and has informally contacted some Member States as possible focus countries for the campaign. Member States asked about the campaign’s link to the JAMRAI work package on communication and the information material released by ECDC.

2. European partnership on One Health AMR research and innovation

A representative from the Swedish Research Council explained the rationale, the mechanisms as well as the forthcoming steps in building the One Health AMR Partnership. The project will be launched in 2025 as a joint research and innovation programme agreed between Member States’ research funders with co-funding from the EU. Its aim will be to boost One Health research and innovation leading to improved surveillance of resistant pathogens, better diagnostics and effective treatment of infections and to prevention measures reducing the use of antimicrobials and spread of AMR. Member States will be involved in autumn 2023 through workshops and consultations on e.g. the Roadmap of Joint Actions.

3. Topics brought for discussion by Member States

The Commission launched a discussion on the organisation of the work of the AMR One Health Network in light of the Council Recommendation on AMR and invited Member States to share proposals for future discussion points.

One Member State proposed that the work of the JAMRAI-2 is reported to the AMR One Health Network to ensure information sharing between the different levels and sectors. It also proposed that information is shared with the network on on-going discussions on AMR at International level. Another Member State proposed to use the One Health Network to discuss overall sectorial developments that are ongoing at EU level, such as the review of the pharmaceutical legislation.

Furthermore, the One Health Network could discuss indicators that could be used to monitor the implementation of the Council Recommendation and exchange views on which future projects on AMR could benefit from cross-sectorial collaboration with a One Health approach. Further proposals for points of discussion include Member State's plans regarding the implementation of targets set out in the Council Recommendation, integrated surveillance systems and developments in the forthcoming Commission education campaign.

The Commission explained that it intends to share the progress of the two studies on the design of a monitoring framework of the EU One Health Action Plan against AMR and Council Recommendation on AMR, and the feasibility study on integrated surveillance.

The Commission invited the Member States to further reflect in light of the discussion on the issues that they would like to be discussed at the AMR One Health network and invited them to send suggestions.

Conclusion

The Commission thanked the Member States for the relevant proposals and asked them to reflect on the representation at the next meetings (three members per Member State) in light of future physical meetings. The Commission encouraged Member States to register for the upcoming One Health Conference in Luxembourg on 13 November 2023.