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Health systems, medical products and innovation
Performance of national health systems

Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health

Drafting group on Managing antimicrobial resistance across the health system (Virtual meeting)

7 June 2022

Minutes

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved without changes. The minutes of the previous meeting of 16 May 2022 have been approved and will be published on the [Expert Panel website](#).

2. Nature of the meeting

The seventh drafting group meeting on ‘managing antimicrobial resistance across the health system’ took place on 7 June 2022 via MS Teams. The meeting, which was chaired by Professor Jan De Maeseneer, Chair of the drafting group, was a non-public meeting.

No declarations of interest that could interfere with the topic discussed were submitted by any member.

3. Points discussed

Feedback/comments on the draft

The first part of the meeting was dedicated to general comments on the latest draft. COM asked if the opinion will discuss alternatives to antibiotics, such as phage therapy. It was agreed that it will be elaborated in the draft in more detail.

ECDC confirmed that it will provide the most recent data on consumption of antibiotics in Member States where these data are available.

Recommendations in the draft opinion

The next part of the meeting was dedicated to a discussion on possible recommendations.

Members agreed that the numerous recommendations suggested in the draft need to be clustered and streamlined. They stressed that they should be evidence-based. The recommendations have

to indicate who would need to act and why, while taking into consideration who has the legal authority and competencies to act. Members further discussed how to structure and streamline recommendations along the agreed framework.

Members underlined the role of physicians and the use of goal-oriented and patient-centred healthcare in tackling the AMR. Members agreed to highlight the key recommendations where most investments and funds should be directed. The importance of national action plans on AMR, the accountability of national governments in the use of antibiotics were stressed as well as the need to have data from all Member States available. These data should be regularly analysed and interpreted.

Members further discussed the role of awareness campaigns and their possible impact on antimicrobial prescriptions and antibiotic consumption.

4. Conclusion

Rapporteurs agreed how to work on redrafting and streamlining the section on recommendations and finalise the draft to have it ready for the public hearing.

The Chair thanked everyone for their active participation and for the valuable discussion.

5. Next meeting

The virtual public hearing organised on the Health Policy Platform is scheduled for 20 June 2022 via WebEx.

6. List of participants

EXPH members: Professor Jan De Maeseneer, Dr Anna Garcia-Altes, Professor Damien Gruson, Dr Dionne Kringos, Professor Lasse Lehtonen, Professor Christos Lionis, Professor Martin McKee, Professor Liubove Murauskiene, Dr Heather-Lynn Rogers, Professor Luigi Siciliani, Dr Jelka Zaletel

Invited external private expert: Professor An De Sutter

Representatives from the European Commission (DG SANTE: B1, C3, G5)

Representative from ECDC