



**Antimicrobial Medicine Consumption  
(AMC) Network Meeting**  
**UN City, Marmorvej 51, 2100 Copenhagen,  
Denmark**  
**3-4 July 2017**

**27 April 2017**

**Original: English**

## **Scope and purpose**

### **Title of the seminar**

Antimicrobial Medicine Consumption (AMC) Network Meeting

### **Organized/sponsored by**

*WHO Regional Office for Europe*

### **Background**

The Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly adopted the Global Action Plan (GAP) on antimicrobial resistance in May 2015. An important element of the GAP is monitoring of both antimicrobial resistance and of consumption of antimicrobials.

The Health Technologies and Pharmaceutical (HTP) programme, WHO regional office for Europe has established a protocol for collection of antimicrobial medicines consumption (AMC) data that follows from pilot project work undertaken in 2011, using the ATC/DDD and ESAC-Net methodology.

The AMC network consists of 17 non-EU countries - Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan -, and Kosovo. An analysis of AMC data for 2011-2014 has been conducted and data from 12 network countries/area published in 2017.

This network meeting will build on previous meetings that have focussed on reporting and analysis of national consumption data and how these data might be communicated more effectively at the country level. The program will include sessions on the interpretation of antimicrobial consumption data and identifying potential problem practices that may require further investigation or intervention. In addition, the meeting will review the outcomes of the meeting of the Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines (27-31 March) that conducted a comprehensive review of (essential) antimicrobial medicines.

### **Objectives of the meeting:**

- Sharing analysis of 2015 antimicrobial consumption data;
- Discussing methods for analysis and presentation of antimicrobial consumption data;
- Interpreting the data collected and identifying opportunities for further studies and interventions to address problem practices in consumption of antimicrobials;
- Review the status of point prevalence surveys in AMC network countries;

- Update on 2017 review of antimicrobial medicines for the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines and discussion on use of reviews conducted to support country guideline development;
- Discussing and agreeing on the plans for future AMC network activities.

#### **Member state involvement and other participation:**

- Member States will be invited to participate and discuss their experiences in data collection and dissemination. We seek nomination of **two** representatives from each country participating in the AMC network. **One** representative should be the nominated AMC focal point. The **second** nominee should be involved in national level activities on antimicrobial consumption, e.g. member of national coordinating committee on AMR, or a clinical leader in AMR or antimicrobial stewardship. We request that the **second** nominee is selected on the basis that he/she is in a position to be able to assist in increasing awareness and dissemination of antimicrobial consumption data in the country.
- Representatives from partner organizations working in the region such as ECDC and ESAC-Net
- Representatives from WHO HQ, regional and country offices.

#### **Venue and date**

UN City, Copenhagen, Denmark – 3-4 July 2017, 8.30 am to 6 pm