

**EG on Antimicrobial Resistance  
10<sup>th</sup> meeting  
Telephone meeting  
21<sup>st</sup> of June 2017, 13.00-14.00 CEST**

<b>Reference</b>	10/2
<b>Title</b>	Meeting minutes
<b>Submitted by</b>	AMR EG Chair
<b>Summary / Note</b>	-
<b>Requested action</b>	For information

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*Absent: Jaana Vuopio, Roman Kozlov*

**1. Opening of the meeting and welcome**

The meeting was opened and chaired by Dr. Johan Struwe.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted by the participants.

**3. Minutes from the previous meeting**

Norway was mistakenly not added to the list of essential partners in the progress report 2016. This was updated in the final version developed in collaboration with the secretariat in which the Norwegian Institute of Health was added as an essential partner.

No additional comments.

**4. Progress report 2016**

The Progress report 2016 is finalized and has previously been sent out and approved by the Committee of Senior Representatives (CSR).

**5. Update the work streams**

An updated AMR-EG action plan for the period 2018-2020 (accompanying the NDPHS strategy 2015-2020) needs to be submitted to the secretariat early September.

- Most work has up until now been done within work stream 1 (AMR surveillance - NoDARS, NorthernGLASS).
  - NoDARS update
    - Uga: Attended the meeting in May. Informed that basic collection is finished and that they need to wrap up the results.
    - Danuta: Attended the same meeting. Within the NoDARS project two publications are written. The first of them will present the AMR of *Escherichia coli* strains isolated from community-acquired UTI. These results will be used to assess current national guidelines on antibiotic therapy in uncomplicated

UTI. An idea is that the relationship should be between the observed AMR and the recommendations. The second publication will present data on the carriage of ESBL *E. coli* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* strains in a healthy population. These results will be considered together with current AMR surveillance systems.

We look forward the reports.

- NorthernGLASS project
  - Successful national workshops in Finland, Latvia and Lithuania. Upcoming workshops in Poland (6 September) and Russia (18-20 October, Sochi). Uga commented that these workshops are very useful since they also involve persons within the country, which is helpful for implementation for these kind of projects.
  
- During the previous meeting, in order to reach the results set by the group until 2020, Johan suggested that the focus of the group 2018-2020 could be workstream 2 (improved measurement and monitoring of antibiotic use in the Northern Dimension area) and workstream 3 (increased awareness of prescribers and policymakers on the antibiotic resistance situation in the Northern Dimension area).
  - Norway (Björn) has been approached to help out with leading and some thinking related to work-stream 2 (antibiotic use). Currently there are many restrictions in Norway due to cut backs, however after summer they will have more exact and detailed information on the matter.
  - Regarding the workstream 2, ECDC has previously sent a questionnaire on indicators for antibiotic use. This questionnaire will be sent out by PHAS.
  - Since the previous meeting, Germany (Muna and Tim) has considered the possibility to taking some lead of workstream 3, i.e. Munas suggestions on what can be done concerning WS3 is to primarily focus on guidelines. A short draft for a suggested plan will be shared.

## 6. Meetings and updates on NDPHS matters

NOTE: At this stage some of the partners disconnected due to misunderstanding.

- As discussed under item 4, the NDPHS Action Plan needs to be updated (for the period 2018-2020) during 2017. A first draft needs to be sent to the Secretariat September 2017 and the final version December 2017. As mentioned during the previous meeting, we can transfer our goals from 2015-2017 (modified) to the next period. We do not have to come up with a completely new action plan.

- Members of the AMR-EG are encouraged to visit the NDPHS.org website in order to get updates on meetings and minutes.
- The NDPHS secretariat have appointed a new director from August to succeed Marek Maciejowski.
- Iceland has joined NDPHS again. An invitation to join AMR-EG should be sent by PHAS.
- Upcoming meetings:
  - AMR-EG: It was agreed (by those who still were connected) that general meetings on AMR-EG updates and planning can be undertaken as teleconferences for practical and economic reasons, while physical meetings should be prioritized for project meetings related to the workplan.
  - EG Chairs and ITAs meeting: Norway will probably host, no date is set
  - Partnership Annual Conference (PAC): Anyone interested from the AMR-EG can go. Estonia will host in Tallin, no date set
  - Committee of Senior Representatives (CSR): TBD

## **7. Any other Business**

### **8. Next AMR–EG Meeting**

Further discussions to be continued in mid-August. Doodle invite will be sent out prior to the meeting.

### **9. Closing the Meeting**