

EG on Antimicrobial Resistance
11th meeting
Telephone meeting
24th of August 2017, 10.00-11.00 CEST

Reference	AMR 11/2
Title	Meeting minutes
Submitted by	AMR EG Chair
Summary / Note	-
Requested action	For information

Participants: Johan Struwe (Sweden), Sanja Cabric (Sweden), Björn Gunnar Iversen (Norway), Danuta Lis (Poland), Muna Abu Sin (Germany), Akvile Kenstaviciene (Lithuania), Jaana Vuopio (Finland), Roman Kozlov (Russian Federation)

Absent: Uga Dumpis (Latvia)

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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

No comments.

4. Draft Update of Action Plan 2018-2020

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. The circulated draft was discussed.

There were no additional comments from delegates prior to the meeting.

- IPC part, no comments. All agree that important but we cannot address this part.
- General public and awareness part, no comments. All agree that important, but we cannot manage general public.
- Workstream 1
 - Everyone is encouraged to update Table 1 concerning expected results, indicators, targets and progress.
 - It was agreed that further implementation of GLASS will be the most important activity. Germany commented that the "Indicator" part (1.4 No. of NDPHS Partner countries reporting data to GLASS) is unclear. Johan

will make an alternative suggestion and send back for comments (attached).

- Workstream 2
 - No specific activities so far besides updating the table concerning expected results, indicators, targets and progress. Concern was raised if the baseline really was correct. All EU-member states report to ESAC-Net.
 - Norway confirmed that they will take lead related to work-stream 2 and will update an outline for workstream 2 part in the action plan before submission in September.

- Workstream 3
 - No specific activities so far besides updating the table concerning expected results, indicators, targets and progress. Germany has taken lead of workstream 3 and is applying for financial support from German MoH. A draft developed by colleagues in Germany for a suggested plan was shared prior to the meeting (AMR-EG draft outline WS3 for comments). Germany will update the workstream 3 part in the action plan before submission in September.

5. Draft Workplan 2018

- Workstream 1 – *“More representative and comparable AMR surveillance systems developed for implementation in the NDPHS Partner Countries”*

Most of the work has up until now been done within work stream 1 (AMR surveillance - NoDARS, NorthernGLASS). NoDars will be reported this year. Finalizing and sharing the report on NorthernGLASS will be main activity 2018.

- Workstream 2 – *“Improved measurement and monitoring of antibiotic use in Northern Dimension area”*

Norway has taken the lead of workstream 2 and will thereby make necessary updates and comments (plan/outline/comments). Any written contributions to be received 1 September latest.

- Workstream 3 – *“Increased awareness of prescribers and policymakers on the antibiotic resistance situation in the Northern Dimension”*

Germany has taken lead of workstream 3 and will work on the plan/outline/comments. Any written contributions to be received 1 September latest.

- Under the 4th paragraph everyone agreed to leave the disclaimers that it is impossible to keep a high ambition while at the same time national bodies are experiencing cut-downs and the critical mass of persons is too small in

several countries to be able to respond to all assignments. Furthermore that is not feasible to apply a true “one-health” approach until a common understanding and methodology is implemented in the human sector.

6. Meetings and Updates on NDPHS Matters

- Meetings
 - Partnership Annual Conference (PAC) – tbd, preliminary February 2018
 - Committee of Senior Representatives (CSR) meeting - 24 October 2017, Bonn, Germany
 - EG Chairs and ITA Meeting, 2 October 2017, Tallinn, Estonia
 - Training Capacity building for stakeholders, 8-9 November 2017, Riga, Latvia
- Sweden, as AMR-EG chair have approached Iceland through their NDPHS focal point and invited them to join the AMR-EG, but yet no reply.
- NDPHS.org website will be updated with the information regarding the AMR-EG meetings.

7. Any Other Business

- Finland reported that the importance of activities beyond desk-top reviews had been stressed during a meeting with their MoH. Both NoDars and NorthernGLASS have met these requirements. They also reported that findings in the NoDars project will inform treatment guidelines.
- Finland also reported that MoH had expressed a wish for collaboration with other expert-groups within the partnership. This also had been discussed during the chair and ITA-meetings and we have approached the primary health care EG for potential future collaboration related to workstream 3, implementation of guidelines.
- The agreement during last teleconference 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, was reaffirmed.

8. Next AMR-EG Meeting

During the meeting it was proposed to have a teleconference to confirm the writing before submitting the updated action plan and the workplan to the secretariat. The week after 7 September was proposed. However, shortly after the meeting it became clear that written contributions must be submitted no later than Friday 1 September, in order to be able to have a telephone conference 4th or 5th September before submitting the plans to the secretariat early September. The participants were informed about this shortly after the meeting via e-mail and a doodle-poll was sent out.

9. The Meeting was closed.

