

**EG on Antimicrobial Resistance
17th meeting
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Public Health Agency of Sweden, Stockholm, Sweden**

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Requested action	For information

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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

“Minutes from last meeting” was added to the agenda, which was adopted after the correction.

3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting

No comments

4. Update on Work-stream 1; “*More representative and comparable AMR surveillance systems developed for implementation in the NDPHS partner countries*”

NorthernGLASS

The report from Northern GLASS has been included to the background material for GLASS-revision.

Johan and Sonja Löfmark have put together a draft of the planned article, it will be sent to Danuta Lis for reading. If she no longer wish to be a part of the process due to her retirement as Poland’s representative in AMR-EG the draft will be sent to Gunnar Skov Simonsen in Norway.

GLASS vs TESSY

There is a perception that there is a conflict of interest between WHO’s GLASS and ECDC’s TESSY. Many countries cannot afford to participate in both. As long as ECDC is perceived as the lead organization when it comes to AMR and protocol for invasive bacteria and the politicians do not understand the need for two systems GLASS will continue to be underprioritized.

Synchronization between the two data calls will be brought up at the next WHO Collaborating centers meeting held in Egypt in February.

Although there is no indication at the moment that data from TESSY will automatically be transferred to GLASS, WHO is moving towards using line-data.

5. Project under Work-stream 2; “Improved measurement and monitoring of antibiotic use in Northern Dimension area”

No representative from Norway could participate in the meeting so there was no presentation of the project outline.

Rolanda suggested that indicators should be included. What are they and how do countries use them. Also, are there any financial initiatives related to the indicators?

Another suggestion was to look into what information is needed and useful for political decisions. Examples from other countries could be useful.

These suggestions will be forwarded to the Norwegian partners.

6. Project under Work-stream 3; “Increased awareness of prescribers and policymakers on the antibiotic resistance situation in the Northern Dimension”

Annicka Reuss and Angelina Taylor, Robert Koch Institute, Germany

Tim Eckmanns has discussed with Thomas Ifland at the Ministry of Health in Germany if there were any other way the project previously submitted to JPIAMR could be financed. Thomas Ifland said that the application had to be evaluated through the regular channels.

The application was therefore processed by RKI administration and translated to German. The translation was word for word, practically nothing was changed and all countries in the original application are still in play. The only thing that will have to be adjust is the timeline since the project is somewhat delayed (2-3 months), spanning from April 2019 to April 2020.

The question of where to hold the two workshops is raised. Germany suggests to have both in Berlin due to practical reasons, no one objects.

All countries that intend to stay in the project are asked to send a letter of intent promptly to the German team.

It will probably be possible to have sub results for the Expert Group countries, this will be valuable when presenting the result of the project to the ministries and also in the NDPHS Progress Reports.

7. Possible change in chairmanship of the expert group?

Johan Struwe

There are no formal rules for holding or transferring the chairmanship within the Expert Groups. Sweden has been the chair since the beginning during the

entire action plan, and proposed that a change of chairmanship might be good for the energy in the group. The co-chair Germany has declined. No one volunteered at the meeting, but we invite all countries to discuss the issue with their ministries.

There was a suggestion that we could have a rotating schedule, this would allow countries to plan ahead and also take it into their budgets.

As a result of the request from Sweden there was a discussion how to get people to engage. One suggestion was to make the upcoming meeting more working meetings/workshops, where for example workstream 2 and 3 can be developed further.

8. NDPHS Updates

Progress report 2018

The progress report for 2018 should be sent to the secretariat at the end of March. We will attach a matrix for you to fill out and the result of which we can use when drafting the Progress report to the same email as the minutes, please update with the progress for your country by 22nd of March 2019.

Action: Update the progress report matrix no later than 22nd of March.

Healthy aging project

The secretariat hired a person dedicated to writing the application for the project to the Swedish Institute. It was completed in due time and we are now waiting for the result.

9. Any Other Business

Johan is representing Sweden in a project led by Dimitry Titkov from Finland, Denmark and Norway will participate as well. The project is a collaboration on AMR containment with regions in North-west Russia and has been granted 6 million DKK from the Nordic Council of Ministers. A kick-off will take place in St Petersburg in late February. Some work might be carried out in the project which can be integrated with the NDPHS work-streams.

10. Next AMR-EG Meeting

Late May or early June, in conjunction with the kick-off meeting for workstream 3. If it is not possible to synchronize the two meetings we will have a Skype meeting instead. One specific topic will be if any other country is willing to take over the chairmanship.

11. Meeting closes