



Joint Action
Antimicrobial Resistance and
Healthcare-Associated Infections

Keynote

1st EU-JAMRAI General Assembly Opening Keynote

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Dear distinguished guests,
Dear partners of the Joint action,
Dear representatives of international organisations and stakeholders,
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to welcome you here for the first General Assembly of the European Joint Action on AMR and Healthcare Associated infection. I would like to thank all of you for attending this special meeting and in particular the Federal Ministry of Austria, Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection, for hosting us today.

Looking back - the vision is still relevant



Prof. Marie-Cécile Ploy during EU-JAMRAI 1st GA opening

A little more than one year ago, we were launching this Joint Action in Paris. Many of you were already there. At the kick-off meeting, inspiring and promising speeches and commitments were made by all participants. Our vision was to foster synergies among a wide variety of actors around concrete actions that would help reducing the burden of AMR. This Joint Action ambitioned to bridge the gap between declarations and actions and propose concrete, realistic and pragmatic solutions to tackle AMR and Healthcare associated infections. As we all know, AMR and infection control are tightly linked. To

use the WHO Europe slogan: “Every infection prevented is an antibiotic treatment avoided”. We can’t fight AMR without handling infection control. That’s why EU-JAMRAI addresses both AMR and HCAI.

Reminding the objectives of the EU-JAMRAI

Let me just refresh your memories on the objectives of EU-JAMRAI. It aims:



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- Firstly, to contribute to the identification and testing of evidence-based measures to address AMR and Healthcare-Associated Infections in different contexts and, based on the outcome of these tests, support capacity-building and provide recommendations to policymakers.
- Secondly, to bring together different networks of policy makers, experts and organizations working in different European and International initiatives and projects relevant for policy decision;
- Thirdly, to promote the One Health approach through a closer collaboration, understanding and trust between the animal health and human health sectors, and promote also the “One Health in all policies” concept: health policies should have an intersectoral dimension and all policies should have a health dimension;
- The fourth objective is to increase awareness and understanding of AMR across European member states;
- And lastly, to produce concrete recommendations for a European contribution to international initiatives

The first EU-JAMRAI GA

Today, we have the pleasure to assemble 44 partners from 27 countries, the European and international organizations as well as the stakeholders representing health professionals, industry and civil society. Your presence is witness of your commitment to tackling Antimicrobial resistance. We will start the day with a keynote address by Mrs Helena GUGGENBICHLER, Secretary General of the Ministry of Austria Social affairs and health. Thank you so much for being with us today; at a time where Austria is assuming the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, your presence underlines the great importance of this European Joint Action. After this keynote, the rest of the day will be dedicated to the different work packages and each WP leader will present the progress of their WP. Thereafter, Christian Brun-Buisson, the AMR Ministerial delegate from the French Ministry of Health, will conclude this day.

Tomorrow, we will be launching our first Stakeholder Forum where stakeholders will provide us with their recommendations based on their experience, giving an important added-value to the JA. This SF will start with a keynote address from Mr. Martin Seychell, Deputy Director General for Health at the European Commission. Then three roundtables will focus on Evidence informed public health policies and practices related to combating AMR and HCAI, Training and Education, and Awareness raising and Communication. The moderators of these round tables are Arjon Van-Hengel from DG Research and Innovation, Dominique Monnet from ECDC and the Spanish team in charge of the communication WP.

Thanks for the work done on the 1st year

I would like to thank all the partners involved in this JA. You have worked hard during this first year. I thank the WP leaders for fostering the synergies and for respecting the timeline and deliverable due dates. I would like also to thank warmly the European and international organisations that EU-JAMRAI partners have requested, especially ECDC and WHO Europe for their active support. All countries involved in EU-JAMRAI have actively participated to the work, participating to country-to-country visits or responding to questionnaires. The progresses made during this first year are closely related to your continued commitment!





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Concluding remarks

Let me end up my speech by saying that The European Joint Action on Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-Associated Infections aims to give a new dimension to the AMR issue and make Europe a leader in the field, keeping in mind that AMR concerns everyone, from low to high income countries. Working hand in hand, each within the remit of our competence, we will find better solutions, for a sustainable common European strategy, against AMR. Working hand in hand, will allow us to maximise our resources,



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Together we will move forward, further & faster, to achieve our objectives!

I wish you a very productive working day.

Finally, I would like to thank warmly Reinhild, Lisa-Maria, Hannah and, Sadika for the perfect organization of these 3 days.

As coordinator, I'm very happy to declare open this first General Assembly.

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