

Mandate of the subgroup established under the EU AMR One Health Network to formulate suggestions for AMR actions

The AMR One Health Network decided to establish a temporary subgroup to formulate Member States' suggestions to the Commission in view of its AMR policy initiative currently planned for the end of 2022. The policy initiative will take the form of a proposal for Council Recommendation on AMR as well as AMR provisions in the package of legislative proposals revising the EU pharmaceutical legislation as announced in the EU Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe¹.

1. SCOPE

The subgroup will provide technical expertise and opinions from the EU 27 Member States (MS), as a consultative step, to the Commission on needed concrete objectives and activities to strengthen EU and Member States action against antimicrobial resistance (AMR), in particular in the area of public health, animal health, plant health and the environment, taking into account the latest policy developments and the need to decrease antimicrobial resistance.

This consultative step among MS will be one of the several elements based on which the Commission will develop its policy initiative. Other elements include *inter alia*: an AMR future proofing study, a Eurobarometer on AMR, work on AMR by the expert panel on effective ways of investing in health, the Commission review of Member States AMR One Health National Action Plans, the recommendations of EU-JAMRAI², relevant scientific opinions and reports of EFSA, EMA and ECDC.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this MS subgroup is to develop conclusions summarising actions, which Member States experts identify as relevant to consider for the above-mentioned policy initiative. Such actions should be as specific and concrete as possible, and focus on unmet needs and priority areas where the EU level can be an added value, either via actions undertaken at EU level or national actions undertaken in a coordinated manner within the EU.

The conclusions of the subgroup should be adopted by the end of June 2022 and be presented at the EU AMR One Health Network meeting in September 2022.

3. STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP

The subgroup shall be chaired by the French representative(s) of the EU AMR One Health Network. A Steering Committee composed of up to 3 Member States including French authorities will advise on the methodology, prepare the discussions and review the meeting documents as well as the draft prepared by the French representatives for the subgroup conclusions. In this **Steering Committee**, each Member State should be represented by experts of the public health, veterinary and environmental sectors (with a maximum of 3 people per MS). The steering committee will then include 9 people in total.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52020DC0761>

² Joint Action on Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-Associated Infections: <https://eu-jamrai.eu/>

Member States interested to be part of the Steering Committee should confirm such interest to the French authorities by 15 February 2022 at the following address: SANTE-AMR-ONE-HEALTH@ec.europa.eu

Such confirmation imply a commitment to take an active part in the work of the steering committee in a One Health approach (i.e. bringing expertise from the public health, veterinary and environmental sectors). Should the Commission receive such confirmation from more than 2 Member States, the French authorities will, in consultation with the Commission, confirm the members of the Steering Committee based on an objective to ensure a balanced geographical representation and balanced representation of AMR national situations.

All Member States' representatives of the AMR One Health Network will be invited to the subgroup meetings. In addition, the Commission will be invited as observer. The Steering Committee may decide to invite additional experts such as representatives of ECDC, EMA or EFSA.

4. WORKING METHODS

Meetings of the subgroup will be held virtually (probably via Teams) and will be convened by the French authorities.

The working language of the subgroup will be English.

The frequency of meetings will be decided by the Steering Committee.

The agenda and meeting documents will be circulated by the French authorities at least 1 week before the date of the meeting.

Short non-exhaustive and anonymised summary minutes of the meetings will be drafted by the Steering Committee. Those minutes will be published by DG SANTE on the Commission's webpage of the AMR One Health Network meeting.