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JOINT PROCUREMENT TO TACKLE SHORTAGES OF ANTIBIOTICS?

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JOINT PROCUREMENT (JP) AT EU LEVEL

Regulation (EU) 2022/2371 and
Decision C(2014) 2258 final

- Signed to ensure **equitable access to MCMs**, improve **security of supply**, better **preparedness** for health crises
- To initiate a JP at least **five contracting parties**, including the Commission, must show willingness to take part
- The Commission ensures the overall organisation of the procurement procedure. **Each step is subject to an opinion** of the countries
- Different types of procedures & contracts

No EC budget involved

Challenges

- Initially a preparedness instrument, **not designed for crises** yet was used extensively to target crisis
- Coordinating **36 countries**
- Operating under the **EU Financial Regulation (limitations)**

“Targeted joint procurement or procurement on Member States’ behalf of medical countermeasures enabling prevention.”

- Short-term action:
 - Vaccines and medicines against RSV
 - Exploratory phase

“The Commission will look at using joint procurement for antibiotics and treatments for respiratory viruses ahead of winter 2024-25.”

- Long-term action:
 - JP at EU level as a tool to secure additional and appropriate production capacity
 - Better demand forecasting
 - Higher volumes
 - Introduction of environmental/sustainability criteria
 - Reporting obligations in contracts
 - Complementing national measures

- Lengthy process
- Multiple MaH
- Ensure that producers fulfil their contractual obligations at national level before triggering JP
- Ensure that JP is not favoring big players and is benefiting all interested countries

- Added-value of JP
 - Enhance demand signaling
 - Improve negotiating position
 - Allow access to products not available
- Type of JP:
 - Purchase specific products
 - Reserve production capacity (reservation contracts)
- Challenges of using JP
- Questions on national measures, obstacles and solutions



Analysis and brainstorming ongoing