

# AMR Conference of the Belgian Presidency

**MAY 7, 2024**

Combatting healthcare-associated  
infections and antimicrobial resistance  
in a One world One health perspective

Sciensano meeting

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Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) high-level meeting  
An EU Health Emergency

Organized by Sciensano & the Federal Public Service  
Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment

**RÉSIDENCE PALACE, BRUSSELS**

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## • ONE WORLD ONE HEALTH SCIENSANO TUESDAY MAY 7, 2024

- 08.00** ARRIVAL AND WELCOME: ONE HEALTH MORNING
- 09.00** FORMAL INTRODUCTION by the Belgian Minister of Agriculture
- 09.15** **ONE WORLD ONE HEALTH SURVEILLANCE INITIATIVES**
- The view on the AMR from the quadripartite? – Raschad Al-Khafaji (FAO)
  - Analysis of antimicrobial consumption and resistance (JIACRA reports) – Bernd-Alois Tenhagen (EFSA)
  - Resistance migration: literature review – Isabel Leroux-Roels (BE)
- 10.45** COFFEE BREAK
- 11.15** **ONE WORLD ONE HEALTH SURVEILLANCE INITIATIVES (continued)**
- The burden of HAIs and AMR – Brecht Devleeschauwer (BE)
  - EU-JAMRAI 2 in support for the National Action Plans - AMR – Marie-Cécile Ploy (FR)
- 12.30** LUNCH BREAK
- 14.00** FORMAL INTRODUCTION by the Belgian Minister of Environment
- 14.15** OPENING SPEECH by Robb Butler, Director Communicable Diseases, Environment and Health, WHO for Europe
- 14.30** **ANTIMICROBIALS ACROSS SECTORS: PARALLEL SESSIONS with a coffee break at 15:15**
- Parallel session A: Focus on the environment**  
Moderators: Boudewijn Catry (BE) & Marc Heyndrickx (BE)
- First steps towards monitoring of AMR in European surface waters – Trine Christiansen (EEA)
  - How to address resistance to biocides: scientific and regulated approach? – Nabila Haddache (FR)
  - Reflection paper: Environmental risk assessments for veterinary medicines – René Van Herwijnen (NL)
- Parallel session B: Focus on Antimicrobial stewardship (AMS)**  
Moderators: Pieter-Jan Ceysens (BE) & Diamantis Plachouras (ECDC)
- Regulatory implications of veterinary antimicrobials in the European Union – Christine Schwarz (DE)
  - Surveillance of antimicrobial consumption in the Belgian community sector: What's new? – Lucy Catteau (BE)
  - Real time surveillance of antimicrobial use in animal health – Laura Mie Jensen (DK)
  - Transition to timely antimicrobial consumption and genomic resistance surveillance – Heleen Masset (BE)
- Parallel session C: Focus on Infection prevention & control (IPC)**  
Moderators: Carl Suetens (ECDC) & Agnes Hajdu (HU)
- Outbreaks notification – Regional deputy Hanna Mason (BE)
  - Acute care hospitals & Hospital Outbreak Support Team-project (HOST) – Annemie Vandenabeele (BE)
  - Workload & work force/Behavioural change & cultural background – Michael Borg (MLT)
  - Effect of 20 years of national HH campaigns in Belgium – Anne Simon (BE)
- 16.00** WRAP-UP: How to prioritize actions based upon the evidence to safeguard the patient? – Herman Goossens (BE)

## • AMR HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WEDNESDAY MAY 8, 2024

**08.00** ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

**09.00** OPENING by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health of Belgium

**09.15** OPENING SPEECH by **Stella Kyriakides**, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

**09.20** FORMAL WRAP-UP OF DAY 1 & 2 by **Pieter-Jan Ceysens** (Sciensano, BE), **Diamantis Plachouras** (ECDC)

### OVERVIEW OF CURRENT INITIATIVES TO STRENGTHEN THE EU'S AMR RESPONSE

**09.35** **PANEL DISCUSSION 'The EU AMR Targets: How to ensure efficient implementation?'**

Moderator: **Dominique Monnet** (ECDC)

- Setting the scene – **Dirk Ramaekers** (BE)
- Streamlining and coordinating the use of the EU AMR targets in ongoing initiatives  
**Roser Domenech Amado**, Director of One Health in DG Santé (European Commission),  
**Andrea Ammon**, Director of the European Centre of Disease Prevention and Control,  
**Josep Figueras**, Director and founder of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies,  
**Christiaan Keijzer**, President of the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME),  
**Danilo Lo Fo Wong**, Regional Adviser/Control of AMR (WHO),  
**Mickael Daubie**, Director general of Department of Health Care (NIHDI, BE),  
**Maria Jesús Lamas**, Executive Director of the Spanish Agency of Medicines and Medical Care,  
**Krisztina Biró**, Head of Unit for Public Health and Epidemiology at the Ministry of Interior, State Secretariat for Health of Hungary.  
**Eirini Agapidaki**, Deputy Minister of Health of Greece (tbc)

**11.10** COFFEE BREAK

**11.30** **HOW TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY PRESCRIPTIONS OF ANTIBIOTICS? THE EVIDENCE**

- Successful veterinary medicine strategies: impact of legislation on the use of critically important antibiotics – **Jeroen Dewulf** (BE)
- Optimise use of existing antibiotics in all EU MS. Sweden's experience from **Malin Grape** (SE)
- Reducing antibiotic use, the Netherlands' policy success and a look ahead – **Rosa Perán Sala** (NL)
- How to address AMR to patients and improve awareness among EU citizens? – **Borislava Anieva and Yann Heyer** (AMR Patient Group)

**13.00** LUNCH BREAK

**14.30** **PANEL DISCUSSION 'PUSH & PULL INCENTIVES'**

Moderator: **Dimitra Panteli** (European Observatory)

- Setting the scene – **Christine Árdal** (Norwegian Institute of Public Health)
- A unified EU strategy on how to stimulate the R&D of new antibiotics and sustainable access to existing antibiotics  
**Petra Noreback**, State Secretary to the Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health of Sweden,  
**Javier Padilla**, Secretary of State and Vice Minister for Health of Spain,  
**Péter Takács**, Secretary of State for Health of Hungary,  
**Urszula Demkow**, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Poland,  
**Emer Cooke**, Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency (EMA),  
**Kristine Peers**, General Counsel at the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EPFIA),  
**Cornelius Schmaltz**, Head of Unit Intelligence Gathering, Analysis and Innovation (HERA),  
**Sabine Vogler**, Head of WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Policies

**16.00** WRAP-UP by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health of Belgium