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DRIVE-AMS UPDATE

Successful final two in-country courses

It's a wrap on the in-country courses and we're pleased to share that the last two trainings have been a success as well. From 18 to 24 March, under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Mihaele Lupse from Iuliu Hațieganu University of Medicine & Pharmacy, representatives from 8 Romanian hospitals assembled in Cluj. From 15 until 18 May, the final course took place in Birštonas, Lithuania, organised by dr. Rolanda Valinteliene from the Institute of Hygiene in Vilnius and her team. During four days of presentations and discussions in both courses, the participants were taught on all aspects of effective stewardship programs to optimise antibiotic use.

[Read the course recap - Romania](#)

[Read the course recap - Lithuania](#)



EXPERT INTERVIEW



Country lead interview with Prof. Mihaela Lupse

Professor in infectious diseases Mihaela Lupse has 30 years of experience in the field of antibiotic resistance (AMR). She sheds light on the situation in Romania and the ongoing efforts in fighting AMR. Mihaela also shares her insights into establishing the drive-AMS project in Romania and her goals for the future.

[Read more](#)

DRIVE-AMS IN THE NEWS



The drive-AMS networks have continued their efforts in growing their AMS expertise.

- Dr. Francisco Almeida has earned top honours in the AMS Certificate Programme 2022-2024 by ESCMID for his impactful project within drive-AMS. He works at the Infection Prevention and Control and Antimicrobial Resistance Unit (UPCIRA) of São João Hospital. His intervention focused on reducing ceftriaxone use in community pneumonia cases. [Read the press release.](#)

- The Portuguese team, led by Dr. José-Artur Paiva from Centro Hospitalar Universitário Sao Joao, organised the second part of their in-country course. This time, the training was centred around indicators of AMS and methodologies of mapping actors. [Find out more](#).
- The drive-AMS project has been featured in a policy brief titled “Strengthening the EU response to prevention and control of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR): Policy priorities for effective implementation” under the section “Boosting implementation of effective strategies to combat AMR”. The document was recently published on the occasion of the Belgian Presidency of the EU Council. [Read more on page 17 box 7](#).

HOW DO YOU DO IT?

AMR challenges in Portuguese hospitals: a story from the field by Dr. Raquel Duro

In this interview, Dr. Raquel Duro, member of the Portuguese drive-AMS team, shares her AMS journey, from implementing restrictive interventions to handle antibiotics better to facing challenges regarding resistance and collaboration from prescribers. She elaborates on her role within the project and how AMR has affected patients.

[Read the interview](#)





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