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DRIVE-AMS UPDATE

WAAW 2024 campaign

drive-AMS joined the annual World Antibiotic Awareness Week initiative from WHO. To boost our campaign, we created our own call to action 'Spread Knowledge, Not Resistance: Educate on AMR'. Education is central within drive-AMS, it's part of every phase throughout our project and an important tool for our partners and the participating hospitals to combat AMR. In this video, we further explain our approach and knowledge spreading process.



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Spread knowledge, not resistance

Educate on AMS & AMR

[Watch the video](#)

SPICE expert support

The SPICE Expert Registry, a cornerstone of the drive-AMS initiative led by Radboudumc, is expanding to Greece, Lithuania, Romania and Portugal. This program offers drive-AMS hospitals free, expert-led AMS implementation support. With access to over 50 specialists from various fields, participating hospitals can receive tailored guidance to improve AMS practices. As the program prepares for a full launch in 2025, with regular expert training and webinars, now is the time for eligible facilities to harness this unique opportunity to elevate their AMS strategies and patient care.



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drive-AMS expands to Indonesia



The drive-AMS program has officially expanded to Indonesia, marking a significant milestone in its global reach beyond Europe and Africa. Granted by a Fleming Fund and co-funded by the Indonesian and Dutch Ministries of Health, the program aligns with WHO's "people-centred approach" to combating AMR. In October 2024, 40 participants from eight Indonesian hospitals attended a Masterclass in Bogor, led by Dutch and Indonesian experts. The teams completed the Global Point Prevalence Survey, received tailored feedback, and developed actionable AMS improvement plans through a structured, hands-on methodology.

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EXPERT INTERVIEW



Country lead interview with Prof. Emmanuel Roilides

An insightful conversation with Professor Emmanuel Roilides from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, country lead for drive-AMS Greece, about the pivotal role of antibiotic stewardship in fighting antimicrobial resistance. He elaborates on the work already done by the Greek network, the challenges they faced, and their future goals to further expand the battle against resistant infections.

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AMS IN EUROPE & WORLDWIDE

Introducing EU-JAMRAI2



drive-AMS is proud to join forces with EU-JAMRAI2, the second phase of the European Joint Action on AMR and Healthcare-Associated Infections, to tackle AMR through shared goals and synergies. EU-JAMRAI2, supported by over 120 partners across 30 countries, focuses on a One Health approach to AMR, addressing stewardship, infection prevention, access to treatments, and surveillance. Together, drive-AMS and EU-JAMRAI2 will amplify their impact by co-organising initiatives, such as a February 2025 AMS course in Cyprus, while promoting key messages like the AMR Symbol to raise awareness and foster global action against AMR.

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Global commitments for local action

Global leaders reaffirmed their commitment to tackling AMR at two pivotal events: the UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on AMR in New York and the 4th Global Ministerial Meeting on AMR in Jeddah. The UN meeting set ambitious targets, including reducing AMR-related deaths by 10% and ensuring 60% of countries have funded national action plans by 2030, emphasising a One Health approach. In Jeddah, leaders shared strategies to mobilise resources and drive progress across human, animal and environmental health through multi-sectoral partnerships.

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HOW DO YOU DO IT?

Driving change: Dr. Birutė Zablockienė's role in antimicrobial stewardship in Lithuania

Read our interview with dr. Birute Zablockiene, infectious diseases physician at Santaros Klinikos hospital in Vilnius, who is part of the key drive-AMS team in Lithuania. She shares her experience in setting up antimicrobial stewardship in her hospital, daily challenges and a personal story of the impact of antimicrobial resistance.

[The interview](#)



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