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DRIVE-AMS UPDATE

A practical AMS guide for hospitals

Antimicrobial resistance is a critical global health challenge, and effective stewardship is our strongest defense. The drive-AMS team at Radboud University Medical Center and bioMérieux have created a practical guide to help hospitals implement sustainable Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs (ASPs). This resource equips healthcare professionals worldwide with actionable strategies to improve antibiotic use, adapt to diverse settings, and measure impact.



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A practical guide to implementation in hospitals

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drive-AMS expands to 8 new Portuguese hospitals



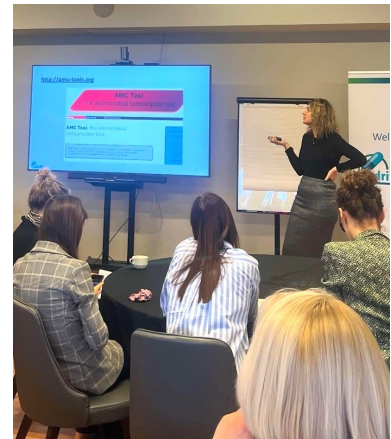
The third edition of the drive-AMS training course equipped doctors from eight new national hospitals with advanced strategies to optimize antibiotic prescribing and combat antimicrobial resistance. This initiative, led by [ULS São João](#) and its partners, has now expanded to a network of sixteen institutions committed to quality improvement interventions and reducing antibiotic overuse.

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PARTICIPANT INTERVIEW

Clinical pharmacologists take more prominent role in drive-AMS in Lithuania

In January, 40 healthcare professionals participated in the second drive-AMS course in Lithuania to expand antimicrobial stewardship efforts, among them was clinical pharmacologist Eglė Karinauskė. Passionate about rational antibiotic use, she shares how the program has shaped her work and inspired new AMS initiatives in hospitals across the country.



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Introducing IMAGINE



The IMAGINE Project, co-funded by the EU4Health Programme, is working to reduce infections and inappropriate antibiotic use in nursing homes across eight European countries. Aligned with drive-AMS, the initiative combines infection prevention, antimicrobial stewardship, and behavioral science to combat antimicrobial resistance in long-term care facilities.

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Expanding the outreach of the drive-AMS philosophy



- **Rwandan Masterclass**

The second drive-AMS Masterclass brought together healthcare teams from across Rwanda for an intensive 3-day training on antimicrobial stewardship. Participants developed real-world intervention projects to improve antibiotic use in their hospitals and got an introduction to Global-PPS. [Read more here.](#)

- **Greek webinars**

In January, the Greek team hosted two impactful webinars in focusing on antimicrobial stewardship in pediatric hematology-oncology and hospital pharmacy. Co-organized with [EEPAO](#) and [PEFNI](#), these sessions provided healthcare professionals with practical strategies to optimize antibiotic use, foster collaboration, and enhance patient care, reinforcing our commitment to tackling antimicrobial resistance.

- **Hospital infections course in Portugal**

In January, STOP-Hospital Infection 2.0 brought together 350 health professionals in its second learning session to share results, tackle challenges, and strengthen efforts to reduce hospital infections in Portugal. With significant progress in ICU-acquired infections, the program remains committed to achieving its goal of a 50% reduction across four infection types through education, leadership, and behavior change. [Find out more here.](#)

- **drive-AMS course in Cyprus**

Cypriot hospitals took a major step forward in AMS with the drive-AMS course, a training event held in February. Supported by the Cyprus Ministry of Health and EU-JAMRAI, the Global-PPS team equipped 38 healthcare professionals with Global-PPS feedback reports and a training on interpreting their results, highlighting opportunities to optimize antibiotic use. With expert mentorship and ongoing support, participating hospitals are now set to implement targeted AMS strategies, reinforcing their commitment to combating AMR. [Read more here.](#)



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