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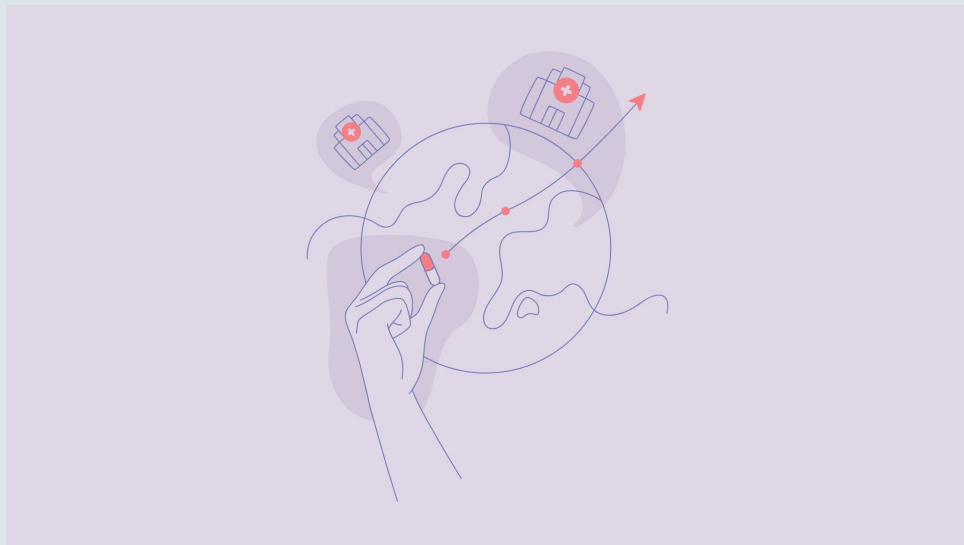
drive-AMS Networking Event - 16 October 2025

Join us in Brussels for the drive-AMS Networking Event on Antimicrobial Stewardship. As the drive-AMS project reaches its conclusion, we're thrilled to invite you to a special Networking Event on 16 October 2025, hosted at the Thon Hotel EU in Brussels. This event is part of the three-day final meeting of the drive-AMS initiative and will bring together key voices in antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) from across Europe.

[More information](#)

Recordings now available: PhD defence highlights the synergy between Global-PPS and drive-AMS

On 15 September, Global-PPS researcher Ines Pauwels successfully defended her PhD thesis, showcasing the powerful link between the Global-PPS initiative and the drive-AMS project.



[Watch the recordings](#)

PARTICIPANT INTERVIEW

SPICE expert Esmée Ruizendaal on mentorship, collaboration and diagnostic stewardship

In this edition of our AMS expert interview series, we speak with Esmée Ruizendaal, a clinical microbiologist at Radboud University Medical Center in The Netherlands, about her journey into global health, her upcoming SPICE* mission in Tanzania, and the value of collaborative mentorship in antimicrobial stewardship (AMS).

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[Read the interview here](#)

AMS IN EUROPE & WORLDWIDE

Join the drive-AMS session at WINNER 2025

Join us on 8 October for the drive-AMS session at the WINNER event (Week of Indonesia–Netherlands Education and Research). Held in a hybrid format, this session explores how drive-AMS Indonesia is strengthening hospital capacity to combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR) through contextualized education and implementation science. The expert panel will share early outcomes and lessons learned, offering a replicable model for global partnerships.



8 October 2025



11:30–12:45 GMT+2 / 16:30–17:45 GMT+7



Free online participation

[Register here](#)

drive-AMS PT Long Road Meeting

On 20 and 21 October, all participating Portuguese institutions will gather in a drive-AMS-PT Long-Road Meeting, to discuss the program's significance and future in Portugal.



drive-AMS PT Long-Road Meeting

20-21 October, 2025

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drive-AMS Masterclass follow up sessions in Greece and Cyprus

The drive-AMS Masterclass follow-up sessions are well underway. On 15 May and 10 September, the first and second meeting with the Greek hospitals took place, with excellent participation from all invited institutions. Hospitals presented the progress of their AMS projects, highlighted key achievements, and openly discussed challenges.

In Cyprus, the second follow-up meeting was held on 20 June. Participants actively contributed by sharing updates, identifying barriers, and exchanging strategies and best practices. The Cyprus group will meet again online on 9 October.

In parallel, preparations are ongoing for a new round of the international Point Prevalence Survey (PPS). This initiative will support hospitals in assessing the impact of their AMS projects, monitoring antimicrobial use and resistance patterns, and benchmarking their results against international standards.

Highlights from the first drive-AMS Masterclass in the Caribbean



From 17 to 19 June 2025, Trinidad and Tobago's capital Port of Spain became the hub of antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) and infection prevention and control (IPC) education, as healthcare professionals from across the Caribbean gathered for the first-ever drive-AMS Masterclass in the region.

[Read more here](#)



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