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drive-AMS Networking Event & Consortium Meeting: Partners commit to continue the mission

The drive-AMS project, co-funded by the European Health and Digital Executive Agency, has officially concluded its mission with a high-level meeting held at the EU Thon Hotel in Brussels from 16-18 October. Over three days, consortium members as well as other AMR experts, policymakers, and public health officials from across Europe gathered to review the project's

achievements and lessons learned, but also to discuss possibilities to broaden the impact of drive-AMS and to make its legacy sustainable.

[Read our recap article here](#)

Towards sustainability in Portugal: drive-AMS PT Long Road Meeting

The Unidade Local de Saúde São João, the Portuguese partner of the drive-AMS project, organized a two-day meeting gathering all the sixteen Portuguese Local Health Units aboard the program. In addition to these sixteen healthcare institutions, the Society of Intensive Care Medicine, the Society of Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology, the Portuguese Hospital Infection Association, the Portuguese Hospital Administrators Association and the Portuguese Drug Agency (Infarmed) were also represented.



[Read the full article](#)

Where to next? Interview with drive-AMS knowledge partners

In their forward-looking interview, Prof. Jeroen Schouten and Prof. Erika Vlieghe elaborate on the origin of the project, its unique blend of the Dutch AMS Masterclass and the Global-Point Prevalence Survey, its challenges and achievements. They also shed light on the road ahead...



[Watch the video here](#)

Looking back on drive-AMS: a Country Lead's perspective

In this interview article, our Country Leads from Romania, Lithuania, Greece and Portugal reflect on the project's impact and achievements, as well as on the challenges that accompanied the journey. Although some difficulties were shared across countries, others were specific to national contexts. What united the Country Leads, however, was a shared commitment to innovation and collaboration, and, most importantly, a unanimous consensus about the project's impact and success.



[Read the full article here](#)

Note: this activity is postponed until March 2026 due to local circumstances in the country

Upcoming course in Tanzania: combined AMS/IPC track

From 26 to 28 November, the drive-AMS/IPC Masterclass will take place once again in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. This marks the second time that the drive-AMS masterclass in Tanzania combines Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) with an Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) track, following last year's success. The training will be delivered by trainers from Muhimbili National Hospital, supported by international drive-AMS/IPC experts. Over the course of three intensive days, 32 healthcare professionals from various hospitals across Tanzania will come together to gain the skills and knowledge needed to initiate and implement their own AMS or IPC improvement projects within their hospitals.

New publication

In a new publication, S. Kuijpers et al. (2025) evaluate the effectiveness of the 2-year ESCMID Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) Certificate programme. Forty participants from 22 countries completed online and live courses and implemented local AMS projects. All passed the final exam, and 88% submitted project reports, 84% of which showed positive impacts on antibiotic use or patient outcomes. The study demonstrates that the programme successfully enhances AMS knowledge, skills, and measurable practice improvements across clinical settings.

[Read the article here](#)

Introducing the drive-AMS Media Repository page

drive-AMS may have come to an end, but its legacy lives on. To showcase the many inspiring activities and achievements, we've brought together a collection of drive-AMS media resources on a single page. Click the button below to read all eight editions of our newsletters, watch the recordings of our recent Networking Event, browse a selection of photos, and much more.



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