

# **EU Ministerial AMR One Health Conference 10Feb16**

## **Outcome Summary**

# Process Overview

- **Dutch Presidency – AMR a priority issue**
- **Pre-Conference: Draft Outcome Document**
  - circulated in advance of conference
  - MSs asked to input
- **Conference 10Feb16**
- **Post Conference: Conclusions/Findings Document**
  - circulated post conference
  - v brief summary only (point format 1pg)
- **Council Conclusions awaited**

# Pre-Conference

## Draft Outcome Document

- 1. One Health Action Plans**  
*National Action Plans*  
*New EU Action Plan*
- 2. EU One Health Network on AMR**
- 3. Ensure prudent use in interests of public health**
- 4. Commit to action outside EU**
- 5. Research & Innovation**

### Outcome document (rev. 15-01-2016)

#### Introduction

On the 10th of February 2016, the European Ministers of Health and of Agriculture will meet to discuss the growing threat of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and the urgent need for European action.

This outcome document is a proposal to be discussed during the meeting. The aim is to reach agreement between Members States on the proposed goals and to find the best way to go forward and take steps to realise the agreed objectives.

The best way to achieve certain goals may be to formulate -or include them in- Council Conclusions. Therefore, we will discuss the outcome of this conference in the Health Council and the Agriculture and Fisheries Council to reach agreement on Council conclusions. A combined working group of human and veterinary health attachés will prepare the Council Conclusions. Other goals may be related to current discussions in the Council and will be put to the Council with the request to, in agreement with the established procedures, include them in current Council proposals. Some goals may even need a different approach to be reached.

#### Conclusions

## CONFERENCE AIM

To reach a common  
EU approach to  
fight AMR at  
national, EU &  
International level

### 9.00h-10.00h : Opening

- Opening by Ms. Edith Schippers, Dutch Minister of Health and Mr. Martijn van Dam, Dutch Minister for Agriculture
- Dr. Vytenis Andriukaitis, DG Health and Food Safety The European Action Plan against AMR and its ongoing evaluation, Commissioner
- Dr. Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy DG, Food and Agriculture Organization
- Dr. Margaret Chan, DG World Health Organization

### 10.00h-10.30h : Coffee break

### 10.30h-13.00h : Scenario-based policy discussion

- Interactive part with scenario films that form the basis for an in-depth discussion. This scenario based policy discussion provides the basis for the outcome of the conference

### 13.00h-14.30h : Group picture and Lunch

- Closed lunch for Ministers, DGs of International organisations and Commissioner
- Buffet lunch for other delegates

### 14.30h-16.30h : Next steps

- Interactive discussion with all delegates to reach a common approach to fight AMR on national, EU, and international level.

### N. 16.30h-17.15h : Wrap-up and conclusions

‘AMR needs to be our joint priority’

E Schippers

Dutch experience outlined

M van Dam

Priorities to make EU a ‘best practice region’

V Andriukaitis

FAO commitment to One Health approach

MH Semedo

Reduced antibiotic use possible without losing economic benefits

Importance of WHO+OIE+FAO+EU collaboration

Health sector alone cannot deal with problem

M Chan

Risk to human health must drive antibiotic use in food production

Must take heed of repeated warnings (MCR-1 gene / resistance to Colistin found in animals/humans/food)

Stressed need - plug monitoring gaps/prevent infections/R&D business models

AMR ‘*a cross border, slow motion tsunami*’

# Action Plans

- Action emphasis
  - practical approach with focus on implementation/results
- National Action Plans
  - push for strong national action plans (by mid-2017)
  - Ministerial collaboration / One Health approach
  - measurable targets for ↓AMR / antimicrobial use
- New EU Action Plan
  - consensus on need
  - evaluation of current plan, conference outcome, WHO Global Action Plan
  - targets nb
- Accountability
  - holding each other accountable on progress - further discussions needed

# EU One Health Approach

- Broad support
- Political will to take next steps
- EU One Health Network
  - forum for exchange of information/ best practices between MSs
  - not a governance structure
  - Use other EU cooperation mechanisms to support
- Twinning mechanisms
  - need to establish
  - mutual support
  - country by country peer review

# Prudent Use

- Prudent use in interests of public health
- Ban on preventive use of antibiotics in animals?
  - further discussion needed
- Firm restrictions on antibiotics of critical importance to human health?
  - further discussion needed



# Commit to action outside EU

- Support for putting AMR on Global Agenda
  - including UN General Assembly 2016
  - to ensure commitment of Heads of State for One Health approach to AMR
- Need for EU to ..
  - take common position in global fora
  - play leading role
  - impact with implementation of WHO Global Action Plan

# Research & Innovation

- Need for new R&D policy
- More Ministerial involvement in developing EU research agenda
- Better align national investments to promote research
  - new antibiotics, alternatives, diagnostics, prudent use of new & existing
  - research on behavioural models needed
  - include plant health
- Need to delink issue of investment cost from antibiotic sales (vol)
  - important aspect of business models in developing new antibiotics
- Need public/private partnerships

# Wider Discussion

- Framing of AMR as a health security issue
  - suggested by some MSs
  - greater possibility of acting together at a political level?
- Economic **benefits** and costs
  - should be addressed as an integrated part of AMR policy