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EAP Response to the Antibiotics Awareness Day Stakeholder Consultation

What should be the focus of European Antibiotic Awareness Day (EAAD) in the next five years?

1. Promoting the safe and proper use of antimicrobials (i.e. correct indication, dose and duration for prescribing) and promoting training and sharing good practice (e.g. 'Start Smart the Focus');
2. Antimicrobial resistance and how we can change this (e.g. following the safe/proper use guidelines, lobbying the farming industry).

What activities is your organisation currently developing and/or implementing related to prudent use of antibiotics and antimicrobial resistance?

1. Young EAP blog on AMR (available [here](#));
2. EAP infographic and factsheets on AMR and AMS (available [here](#) and [here](#));
3. Recommendation for training for paediatric residents to incorporate AMS training.

What are the plans of your organisation in the near future (two to five years) in the area of prudent use of antibiotics and antimicrobial resistance?

1. To continue raising awareness of the growing problems of AMR/AMS;
2. To incorporate AMS into European paediatric training;
3. identify opportunities to lobby other professional groups for positive change.

What are the challenges and limitations that your organisation experiences when implementing activities related to prudent use of antibiotics and antimicrobial resistance?

1. The differing health care system structures across Europe - one method may not fit all;
2. Different health care cultures across Europe - may require different ways to change attitudes/approaches;
3. Supporting low income countries as they are likely to have the highest burden of infectious disease and the biggest challenge in overcoming AMR.

How could ECDC better support your organisation?

Further involvement in AMS training from ECDC.

After 10 years of existence, would you support changing the name of European Antibiotic Awareness Day to “European Antibiotic Action Day” (the acronym would remain the same)?

Yes, as 'action' sounds more like a call to action than awareness does - it may inspire people more.

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