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Joint meeting EU Directors for Pharmaceutical Policy & Pharmaceutical Committee 8 - 9 July 2021

Day 1: 8 July 2021

9.00 - 9.30 *Opening of the virtual meeting room*

9.30 - 9.45 **Welcome and Introduction**

Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU

Mr. Franc Vindišar, State Secretary, Ministry of Health

European Commission

Dr. Andrzej Rys, Director - Health systems, medical products
and innovation, DG SANTE

1. Innovation, access and availability of antimicrobials in the EU

9.45 - 9.55 **1.1. HERA – State of play and interlink with antimicrobials**

Mr. Wolfgang Philipp, Head of Unit - Health Emergency Response
and Vaccines, DG SANTE, European Commission

9.55 - 10.15 **1.2. Improving the use and availability of antimicrobials
and boosting antimicrobials development in the EU**

**1.2.1. Information from the European Commission on the piloting
innovative approaches to EU R&D and public procurement for
antimicrobials; and on the outcome of the survey on the restriction
and optimisation of antimicrobials usage**

Mr. Arjon Van Hengel, Team Leader DG RTD, Unit D1 Combatting Diseases

Ms. Aleksandra Opalska, Policy officer - DG SANTE, Unit B5 Medicines:
policy, authorisation and monitoring

1.2.2. Information from France - EU-funded project: Ensure the availability of antibiotics in human and veterinary medicine while preserving the environment

Prof. Céline Pulcini, Coordinator of the French AMR National Action Plan, Ministry for Solidarity and Health

10.15 - 10.30 **Q&A**

10.30 - 10.45 **Break**

10.45 - 13.30 **1.3. Improving access to essential antibiotics with EU solutions**

1.3.1. Presentation of the Policy brief: Improving access to essential antibiotics

Dr. Christine Årdal, Senior Researcher, Antibiotic resistance and infection prevention, Norwegian Institute of Public Health (see presentation)

1.3.2. Discussion

13.30 **End of Day 1**

Day 2: 9 July 2021

9.45 - 10.15 *Opening of the virtual meeting room*

10.15 - 10.30 *Summary of Discussion (Day 1)*

2. Repurposing of generic and/or older medicines in oncology

10.30 - 10.45 **2.1. Repurposing of medicines – The hidden champion of sustainable innovation**

Ms. Helen Lee, Policy Officer - Unit B5 Medicines: policy, authorisation and monitoring, DG SANTE, European Commission

10.45 - 11.15 **2.2. Repurposing drugs in oncology**

Dr. Lydie Meheus, Managing Director, Anticancer Fund, Belgium

11.15 - 11.30 **2.3. Framework to support not-for-profit organisations and academia (institutions and individuals) in drug repurposing by STAMP**

Dr. César Hernández García, Head of Department of Medicines for Human Use, Spanish Agency of Medicines and Medical Devices (AEMPS)

11.30 - 11.45 **Q&A**

11.45 - 12.00 **Break**

12.00 - 13.00 **2.4. Repurposing of medicines – Future solutions**

2.4.1. Presentation of the Policy brief: Repurposing of medicines in oncology

Dr. Sarah Garner, Acting Regional Advisor, Access to Medicines and Health Products, WHO EURO

2.4.2. Discussion

13.00 - 14.00 **2.5. Artificial intelligence for drug repurposing**

Dr. Marinka Žitnik, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Informatics, Harvard Medical School

Q&A

14. 00 - 14.15 **Summary of Discussion (Day 2)**

14.15 - 14.20 **Closing remarks**
