



HEALTH FIRST
EUROPE

Health First Europe



Who is Health First Europe?

Health First Europe is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to transform health care through innovative solutions.

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Umbrella association bringing together patient organisations, academia, healthcare professionals and the medical technology industry

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17 years of strong track record of *engagement* with EU policy makers

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Extensive cooperation with EU agencies and international organisations

26 Member Associations

Healthcare professional associations



Patient associations



EFCCA
European Federation of Crohn's & Ulcerative Colitis Associations



International Diabetes Federation Europe



Industry



And many more...

The European Patient Group on Antimicrobial Resistance



Our 29 members

1. Patients for Patient Safety – Ireland
2. France Sepsis Association
3. European Patients Forum
4. European Forum for Primary Care – EPFC (EU)
5. AMR Patient Alliance
6. IAPO P4PSO
7. Associazione Respiriamo Insieme (Italy)
8. AVEC (Association Vie Et Cœur) (France)
9. Bulgarian Association for Patients' Defense (Bulgaria)
10. Fondazione The Bridge (Italy)
11. GILS - Gruppo Italiano per la lotta alla Sclerodermia (Italy)
12. International Alliance for Patients' Organizations – IAPO (EU)
13. KARKINAKI for childhood and adolescent cancer (Greece)
14. Malta Health Network (Malta)
15. National Association for Patient Participation (UK)
16. National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society
17. Pelvic Pain Support Network (EU)
18. RePE (Rete Pazienti Esperti) (Italy)
19. Save Liver Association of Patients – SLAP (North Macedonia)
20. Spanish Patient Forum (FEP)
21. The Patients Association (UK)
22. UNIAMO Federazione Italiana Malattie Rare (Italy)
23. Kosovo Society for Patient Rights
24. Czech National Association of Patient Organizations
25. European Lung Foundation
26. Norwegian gastrointestinal association - Mage-tarmforbundet
27. ANTRUK - Antibiotic Research UK
28. Miracle Premature Association.
29. Active Citizenship network.



The AMR Challenge in Europe

- ❑ One of the top 3 health threats identified by the Commission's Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA)
- ❑ **35,000 people die each year** in the EU due to infections caused by resistant bacteria
- ❑ **€1.5 billion:** estimated annual costs of AMR per year in healthcare costs and revenue losses
- ❑ **Only 1 in 2 Europeans know that antibiotics are not effective against viruses**
- ❑ Only 3 in 10 Europeans knew that the unnecessary use of antibiotics makes them become ineffective
- ❑ Around 8% of antibiotics were taken **without a prescription**
- ❑ A very large proportion of Europeans have taken antibiotics without justification (i.e., for viral infections or symptoms only)
- ❑ Over half of respondents (53%) say that they **did not have a test** to find out the cause of their illness, before or at the same time as starting the antibiotics.

The next big health crisis

“We see concerning **increases in the number of deaths** attributable to infections with antibiotic-resistant bacteria, especially those that are **resistant to last-line antibiotics**. Each day, nearly **100 people die from these infections** in the EU/EEA.

Further efforts are needed to continue to reduce unnecessary antibiotic use, improve **infection prevention and control practices**, design and implement **antimicrobial stewardship programmes**, and ensure adequate microbiological capacity at national level”.

Andrea Ammon, Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

Goals of the AMR Patient Group

Raise patient awareness about AMR and HAIs to help reduce antibiotic misuse.

Build a consistent patient voice across Europe to advocate for national policies to tackle AMR and HAIs.

Broaden the AMR debate to include infection prevention and control measures.

The group's policy recommendations

1. Increase awareness and understanding of AMR and HAIs through effective communication, education and training.
2. Establish and promote clear governance arrangements at all levels to ensure engagement and coordination of actions.
3. Improve infection prevention and control measures across human health and animal care settings.
4. Establish and monitor national targets for the surveillance of antibiotic use in human and animal health, as well as infection surveillance standards at European level.
5. Promote equitable access to appropriate treatments in primary and secondary care settings at both European and national levels.
6. Implement antibiotic stewardship programmes in primary and secondary care settings with active engagement of patients.
7. Invest in and promote the use of medical technologies in preventing AMR and HAIs, leading to better patient outcomes and generating cost savings for hospitals, health systems and society at large;
8. Support the creation and promotion of awareness raising activities to disseminate recent statistics and patient experiences.

High-level Parliament Roundtable Debate



AMR
PATIENT GROUP

Engaging with patients and closing knowledge gaps to fight antimicrobial resistance

The role in infection prevention and antimicrobial stewardship

Hybrid event



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