

Invitation

Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance in Amsterdam

9th and 10th of February 2016

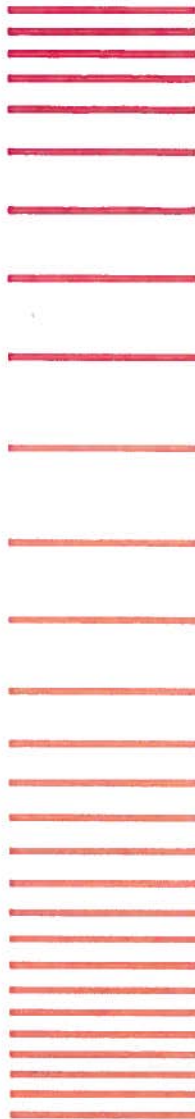
Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to send you the official invitation and additional information about the Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance organised by the Dutch Presidency of the Council of the EU in cooperation with the European Commission. The conference will take place on the 9th (from 5 pm and onwards) and 10th of February Amsterdam, in the Maritime Complex Amsterdam (MEA). Ministers of Health as well as Ministers of Agriculture are invited.

The main aim of the conference is to reach consensus on concrete actions that are to be executed at national and at EU-level. We would like to discuss and reach agreements on several important topics related to AMR, such as the development and implementation of One Health National Actions Plans, a new comprehensive EU-Action Plan, a strong EU One Health Network on AMR, ensuring prudent use of antibiotics in the interest of public health, commitment to action outside the EU and a next step in the development of new antibiotics.

The conference will be preceded by an informal evening on Tuesday the 9th of February with a visit to the Micropia Museum in Amsterdam and a dinner in the NH Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky. An important aspect of the conference on 10th of February is a scenario based policy discussion based on a few short films and an interactive discussion in the afternoon. The goal of this part of the programme and the discussion on the 'next steps' after lunch, is to formulate concrete recommendations for the improvement of existing policies and the development of new policies. In these discussions Member States are actively encouraged to provide input and to contribute to the outcome of the conference. For further details about the content of the conference we would like to refer you to the draft programme in the enclosure.

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The size of your delegation is maximised at three delegates. In order to register for the meeting, a login-account will be sent to your email address in due course with detailed instructions about the registration procedure. Please note that each delegation has to appoint a registration officer that takes care of the registration of all delegates.

With regard to the hotel, as hotel accommodation in Amsterdam is limited, we strongly recommend that you make a reservation as soon as possible. February 2016 is a very busy month for Amsterdam!

Hotel rooms can be booked through:

<https://www.preferredreservations.nl/EU2016>.

If you have any questions, please, do not hesitate to contact us on amr@vws-eunl2016.nl.

Yours sincerely,

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Minister of Health,
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Yours sincerely,

Mr. Martijn van Dam
Minister for Agriculture

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