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### **European network on antibiotic resistance**

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**Background and Aim:** In 2014 the World Health Organization published their first global report on antibiotic resistance, predicting the coming of the “post antibiotic era” unless serious measures were taken to halt the emerging resistance patterns throughout Europe and the rest of the world. We, the present and next generation of drug prescribers, have a big responsibility in participating in this crucial endeavor.

The aim is to create a European network between GP-trainees, First Fives and General Practitioners with an interest in the different aspects regarding the emerging resistance to antibiotics, i.e. sharing of ideas, information and practices, education of patients and professionals alike, development of quality improving tools, research, increasing public awareness and understanding, and influencing the political system.

#### **Method:**

- Inviting to a founding meeting during the summer/autumn of 2016, establishing the network within the VdGM-Equip collaboration
- Seeking funding nationally and internationally to support network activities
- Engaging on different media platforms in order to ensure effective communication between network members and to promote the network (Facebook, twitter, newsletters, etc.)
- Encouraging the formation of national work groups
- Arranging campaigns, symposiums and workshops in order to improve and exchange knowledge, and to improve awareness of the network
- Organizing annual meetings in order to coordinate network activities

**Results:** Hopefully, within a few years, the network will expand throughout all of Europe to become a relevant part in the efforts to revert the emerging resistance to antibiotics worldwide through the engagement and important work of the committed network members throughout Europe.

**Conclusions:** Antibiotic resistance is an emerging problem worldwide that requires immediate attention. With the formation of this network general practice takes an important step and shows itself as a serious part of the solution to this global problem.