

How HOSPEEM is contributing to keep antibiotics working

Intervention 10th European Antibiotic Awareness Day

Dear Commissioner Andriukaitis, Dear Director Ammon,

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

The European Hospital and Healthcare Employers' Association (HOSPEEM) represents national employers' organisations operating in the hospital and healthcare sector at the European level. Our goals are to establish, with our social partners, a European autonomous frame to develop management and labour relations in the hospital and health care sector.

HOSPEEM welcomes the work of the ECDC in the field of training needs assessment and the recently published TRNA survey, in particular outlining the need of more specific training of the health workforce.

The training of health workforce is also the main motivation of the Joint declaration on Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and Life-Long-Learning (LLL) for all health workers in the EU, adopted in November 2016. There, HOSPEEM and European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU) aim to inspire members to become change makers, maximising the potential of CPD and LLL and contributing to enhance quality of care and patient safety within the local/national setting. Any CPD activity should also aim at improving the working conditions including occupational safety and health at the workplace. We would be delighted to see the declaration to be put into the context of antibiotic resistance, ultimately keeping antibiotics working.

Lastly, we would like to inform you about our joint workshop, which will be hosted together with the European Hospital and Healthcare Federation (HOPE) on 22 November 2017. The workshop is titled AMR and Workplace Learning: the case for a multi-professional approach in hospitals. It addresses the importance of continuing professional development for the correct understanding and use of antibiotics by hospital staff and patients and the prevention of infections. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for further information.

Thank you for your attention.