



## Statement for the European Antibiotic Awareness Day European Medical Students' Association

Antimicrobial resistance is one of the most important modern healthcare challenges affecting our community, the healthcare sector, our environment with significant consequences for the economy and human health. Addressing all relevant factors of AMR requires multidisciplinary and global involvement across all sectors of governance and organization.

The European Medical Students' Association represents over 100.000 medical students from 110 faculties in 28 countries from all across geographical Europe.

EMSA is a stakeholder in the European Union's Joint Action on Antimicrobial Resistance and Hospital Associated Infections and part of the project's Working Package on Raising Awareness and Communication. Furthermore, EMSA takes an active role in awareness raising and peer education about AMR through local, national and European projects. Last year we organized one of our annual meetings with the professional topic of AMR, where we educated 250 medical students on AMR through symposia, workshops and lectures, with a special focus on prevention.

We would like to raise concerns, that a comprehensive education on the scale of AMR, the one health approach and the importance of interprofessional collaboration is still not systematically included in healthcare students' curriculum in most European countries. Therefore, European medical students urge governments and institutions to change this, in order to equip the next generation of health workforce with the necessary knowledge to contain AMR in clinical practice, to advocate and take action on behalf of their profession and their patients.

EMSA is ready to cooperate with institutions and organizations to strengthen the collaboration between future healthcare professionals and relevant stakeholders in joint efforts fighting AMR. As a medical students' association, EMSA wants to highlight the importance of meaningful youth involvement in this process. Having innovative ideas and the capability to bridge the gap between strategy and practice, we strive to be engaged in all level of society to improve the health and well-being of the population of the European Region.

Thank you for your attention.