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How HOSPEEM is contributing to keep antibiotics working

Distinguished Commissioner Andriukaitis, Dear Director Ammon,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The European Hospital and Healthcare Employers' Association (HOSPEEM) welcomes the work of the ECDC in raising awareness on the challenge of antibiotic resistance in all EU/EEA countries.

In line with the Joint declaration on Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and Life-Long-Learning (LLL) for all health workers in the EU, adopted in November 2016, HOSPEEM stresses the importance of continuous training **for all healthcare staff and patients for a better understanding and a more prudent use of antibiotics in hospital settings**. We would be delighted to see the declaration as one of the main tools to combating antibiotic resistance and ultimately ensuring patients health and safety within the local/national settings.

We hope that the new ECDC survey on healthcare workers' knowledge and attitudes about antibiotic resistance will go in this direction.

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.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for further information.

Thank you for your attention.