

## MedTech Europe's statement on the occasion of European Antibiotic Awareness Day 2018

AMR is a major global public health threat. It risks us going back to a 'pre-antibiotic era', where patients could die from simple bacterial infections and life-saving treatments can no longer be performed safely. The good news is that we already have tools and solutions available that can drive the fightback against AMR throughout the patient pathway. Medical technologies can help prevent and control Healthcare Associated Infections as well as detect and identify bacterial infections. Through this we can reduce the need for antibiotics and avoid the misuse of those medications in the first place.

MedTech Europe, the European trade association representing the medical technology industries, in-vitro diagnostics and medical devices, aims at providing these tools to patients and healthcare professionals as rapidly as possible, for example through raising awareness about the importance of prevention.

Since last year's EAAD and following the European Commission's EU AMR Action Plan, MedTech Europe has increasingly contributed to the debate by providing recommendations on how to meaningfully implement the EU Action Plan (see our [recommendation paper](#)), with a specific focus on prevention.

We strongly believe that it needs coordinated efforts of all healthcare stakeholders to efficiently fight AMR. MedTech Europe is therefore partner of the AMR Stakeholder Network, led by EPHA, where over 40 organisations have signed up and are working on delivering on a [Joint Statement and Call to Action](#). We also actively engage as a stakeholder in the Joint Action on AMR and HAIs, a coordinated European initiative to develop and implement effective One Health policies. Similarly, we acknowledge the importance of keeping the topic on the political agenda at a global level. This is why our organisation is part of a Global Health Coalition engaging high-level decision makers on the topic.

MedTech Europe will continue working with its members and partners and looks forward to reporting back on continued developments at next year's EAAD.