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OF HIGH M/XDR-TB
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What is essential for healthcare systems in order to effectively prevent MULTIDRUG-RESISTANT (MDR)/Extensively Drug-Resistant (XDR)-TB?

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- 2. How to harness all existing resources in the health system**
- 3. How to minimise misuse of TB medicines. Can such action be linked to broader work on rational use of medicines/antibiotics?**



Council Conclusions on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), June 2008

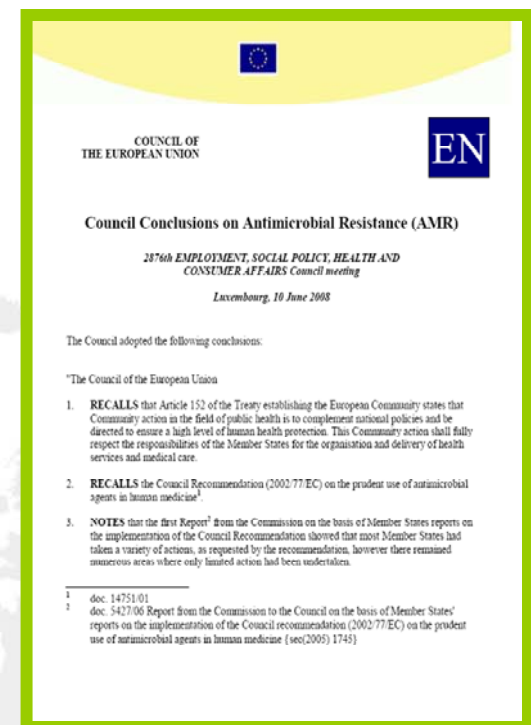


The Council of the European Union

RECOGNISES that emergence of strains of Mycobacterium tuberculosis resistant to the most effective anti-tuberculosis agents (MDR-TB), as well as strains resistant to second-line agents (XDR-TB) poses a serious challenge to the control of tuberculosis in several Member States and is a serious health threat to the European Union (EU).

STRESSES the importance of improving susceptibility testing of tuberculosis (TB) against anti-TB medicines in the context of strengthening TB laboratory services and optimizing surveillance of multidrug-resistant (MDR) and extensively resistant (XDR) TB.

CALLS UPON THE MEMBER STATES to improve management of patients infected with MDR- or XDR-TB, including infection control, isolation precautions, contact tracing, prophylaxis practices and use of anti-TB medicines according to international guidelines, such as WHO Stop TB Strategy.



European Antibiotic Awareness Day



European public health initiative

1st European Antibiotic Awareness Day, 18 November 2008

- Focus on general public
- 32 European countries held national events (27 EU Member States, Iceland and Norway, three candidate countries)

2nd European Antibiotic Awareness Day, 18 November 2009

- Focus on general public and health professionals (new material)



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