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Dear colleague,

The second day of the GLASS meeting, that is Tuesday 27 April, will be dedicated to work in breakout sessions. This part of the program is aimed at country representatives. The rest of us will benefit from the reporting back from these discussions on Day 4.

The aim of the breakout sessions is to agree on selected technical issues highlighted in the compiled results of the feedback from Member States. These are technical issues which require clarifications and in depth discussions in order to settle the next roadmap for GLASS. The discussions are divided into three Work Streams: Policy, AMR and AMC.

#### ***Work Stream Policy***

The objective of the Policy Work Stream is to discuss and agree on the steps for further development and implementation of GLASS. The main topics to be covered will include the use of surveillance data for policy making, the need for assessment of AMR burden of disease, and ways to monitor and support the development and implementation of national AMR and AMU surveillance systems.

#### ***Work Stream Antimicrobial resistance surveillance***

The objective of the AMR Work Stream is to discuss the new AMR surveillance approaches added to GLASS 2.0 and agree on the roadmap for their implementation. The three main discussion topics will include incorporation of the anonymised individual data submission, inclusion of the molecular targets, and the ways to improve the quality and representativeness of the AMR surveillance.

#### ***Work Stream Antimicrobial consumption surveillance***

The objective of the AMC Work Stream is to discuss the antimicrobial consumption (AMC) surveillance approach taken by WHO, including the newly developed WHO guide for monitoring AMC in hospitals, and agree on the support needed for their implementation. This will include a discussion on the methodological approach and identifying needs for additional tools on reporting and using AMC data at local and national levels, and a discussion to identify country support needs from WHO and partners to surveillance of AMC at national and local levels.

#### **Feedback from countries – background**

In preparation for the meeting, online technical discussions on AMR and AMC surveillance were held with all countries from October 2020 to March 2021. Countries were invited to provide feedback on five GLASS technical documents through structured questionnaires following regional webinars. In total, 72 countries responded to at least one feedback form. More information about the documents can be found in the GLASS2020 platform. Use your login credentials which have been sent to you by email to access the area.

We look forward to welcoming you to the meeting!

The organisers

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