

KEY MESSAGES

- DRIVE-AB (Driving Reinvestment in R&D and Responsible Antibiotic Use) is a public-private consortium funded by the EU Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) with in-kind support from EFPIA partners equivalent to one third of the total Euro 9.4 million funding awarded.
- DRIVE-AB has been established to tackle the crisis of antimicrobial misuse and associated resistance and the paucity of new antibiotics.
- DRIVE-AB is a powerful independent coalition that comprises partners across 11 European countries from academic institutions, research organisations, and pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.
- DRIVE-AB will help to define what constitutes responsible antibiotic use, forecast future resistance trends to inform public health priorities and estimate the real value of new antibiotics based on the economic and health costs of growing antimicrobial resistance.
- DRIVE-AB will engage with all interested stakeholders during the 3 year project, with [full] transparency to develop and test new economic models for antibiotic development and use to reinvigorate investment in this area.
- DRIVE-AB will recommend to governments and policy makers around the world appropriate options to resolve the crisis.

KEY FACTS

Project partners (in alphabetical order): British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy, Chatham House, Center for Anti-Infective Agents, Heidelberg University, London School of Economics and Political Science, Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Radboud University Medical Center, Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center, University of Antwerp, University of Geneva, University of Lorraine, University of Rijeka Medical Faculty, University of Strathclyde, University of Tübingen, Uppsala University, Wageningen University and EFPIA members Astellas Pharma Europe LTD, AstraZeneca AB, Cubist Pharmaceuticals GmbH, GlaxoSmithKline Research & Development, F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd, Pfizer Limited and Sanofi-Aventis Research & Development.

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medicines, and antimicrobial resistance. In addition to research projects, IMI supports education and training projects. A comprehensive overview of ongoing projects is available at www.imi.europa.eu.

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