



# DRIVE **AB**

RE-INVESTMENT  
IN R&D AND RESPONSIBLE  
ANTIBIOTIC USE

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## Driving reinvestment in R&D for antibiotics and advocating their responsible use

**DRIVE-AB** is a public-private consortium funded by the EU Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) and is composed of **16 public and 7 private partners from 12 countries**.

### What is the problem?

Antibiotic resistance is a **global public health threat** that is getting worse every year. It is estimated that antibacterial drug resistance costs the EU at least EUR 1.5 billion and 25 000 lives each year. The development of new drugs to treat resistant infections is falling behind; new economic models that offer incentives for the discovery and development of new antibiotics and reconcile these with responsible antibiotic use and access are long overdue.

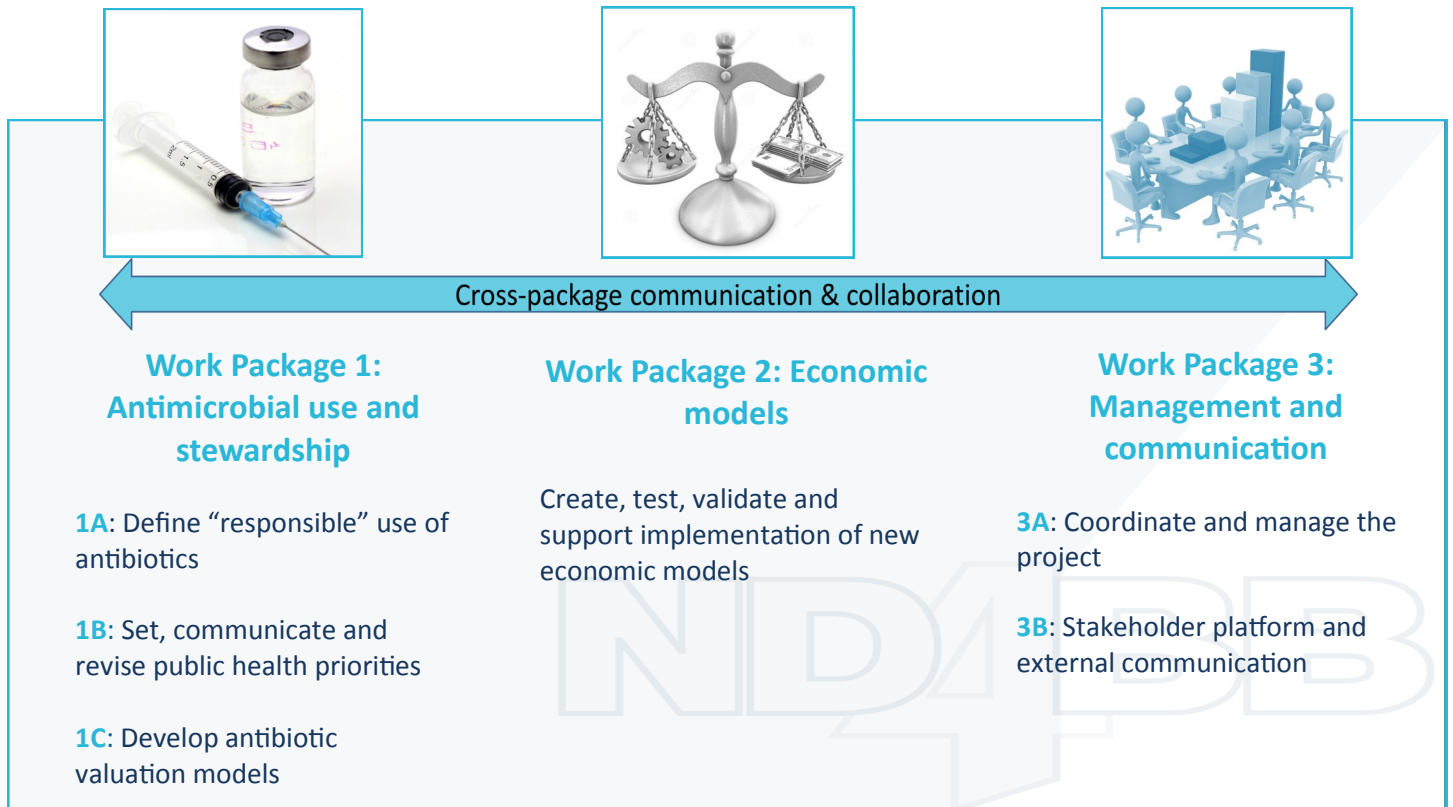


### What we plan to do

- Define standards and metrics for **responsible antibiotic use**
- Estimate the current and future **impact of antibiotic resistance** on societies in order to determine future public health needs
- Quantify the **value of new antibiotics**
- Create, test and validate new **economic models to incentivise the discovery and development** of new antibiotics
- **Recommend to governments and policy-makers** new economic models that stimulate innovation, responsible use and global access of novel antibiotics to meet public health needs

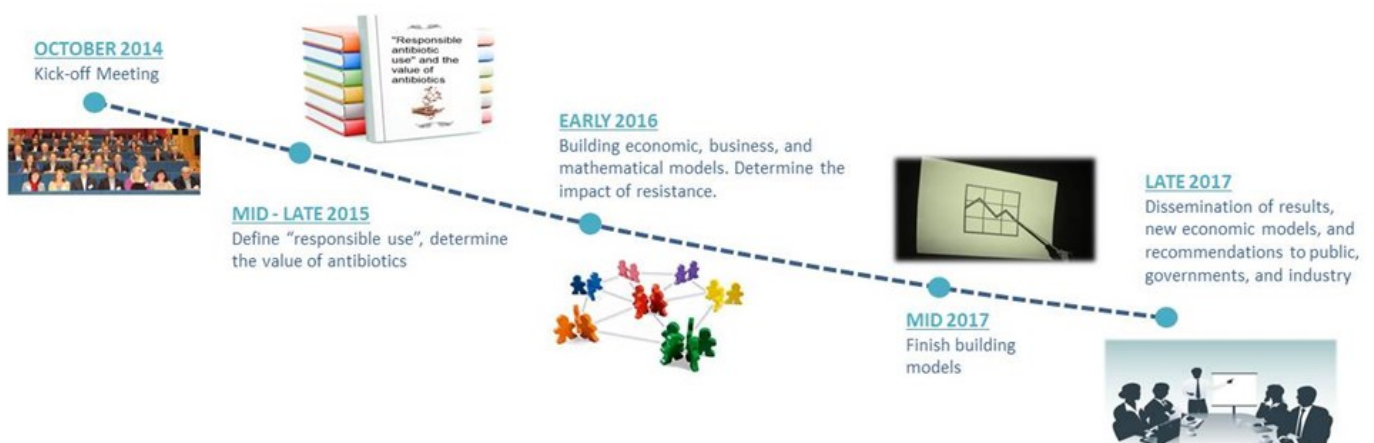
## How do we plan to do it?

Six work packages will work together, along with the input of a wide variety of stakeholders, to produce these models in a stepwise, interconnected process and present them to appropriate decision-makers.



## When will we do it?

DRIVE-AB is a 3 year project which started in October, 2014. Over these 3 years, the project will conduct research, engage stakeholders, create and test new models, and finally disseminate their findings and encourage the implementation of their recommendations in late 2017.



## Get Involved

We are always interested in engaging with as many diverse stakeholders as possible! Fill out our **Expression of Interest form** on the website to tell us how you would like to be involved.

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