

DRIVE-AB

RE-INVESTMENT
IN R&D AND RESPONSIBLE
ANTIBIOTIC USE

Welcome

Welcome to the first official DRIVE-AB stakeholder newsletter. Since October 1, 2014, the partners and participants of the DRIVE-AB project have been working hard to develop the foundation upon which the activities and outputs of the project will be built. We are delighted to see that we have collectively made a positive and strong start. The project has already received a significant amount of attention in scientific journals such as *Nature*, *Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy* and *Health Affairs*. We look forward to working alongside all of you for the duration of the project.

Kind regards,



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The Newsletter

This quarterly newsletter will provide all stakeholders with an overview of the activities and accomplishments of each of the DRIVE-AB work packages as well as any notable announcements. Should you wish to receive more detailed information, nominate another stakeholder or update us on your activities as relevant to the project please contact [Victoria Wells](#), DRIVE-AB Communications Officer.

What have we been up to?

The DRIVE-AB team has been busy preparing all of the tools and resources that will be necessary to ensure that the outputs of the project are robust, relevant, and impactful.

The team has been building up a comprehensive stakeholder platform and held its first stakeholder

meeting in London in February. The meeting was between 30 CEOs and representatives of European small companies with antibacterial R&D focus to discuss and provide essential input to the building of economic models of the DRIVE-AB economics and public health groups (work packages 1 and 2). At this meeting, an informal European "antibacterial" SME (small-medium enterprise) group was formed to represent the small companies that provide major research activities.

The project has also been connecting with other initiatives such as the O'Neill group to ensure synergy between DRIVE-AB and other similar projects. DRIVE-AB has also collaborated with Chatham House and the British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy to host antimicrobial resistance roundtables, with the Uppsala Health Summit, with the CDC, and connected with other international events such as the G7 summit.

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Project updates by work package

Work Package 1 - Creating the building blocks of economic models

WP1A: Responsible use of antibiotics, new and old

The team has begun a comprehensive literature review on the definitions of responsible antimicrobial use, quality and quantity indicators for use, and variations and barriers of responsible use. They have also begun preparing tools for stakeholder consultation.

WP1B: Setting, communicating and revising public health priorities

The team has identified large antibacterial resistance surveillance systems databases for use in modelling and have already received some of these databases. They are now working on the commencement of data mining and the identification of patterns in the spread of resistance.

WP1C: Antibiotic Evaluation

A detailed outline for a framework paper on the value of antibiotics has been completed, and a review of use of antibiotics in health care beyond infectious disease control has reached a draft stage. A review of transition from a pre-antibiotic era to an antibiotic era is the next focal point for WP1C.

Work Package 2 - Create, test and validate new economic models

WP2: Creation and testing of new economic models

Communication and synchronisation between WP2 and WP1 groups is ongoing, and the team is engaging with the O'Neill commission regarding the details of the DRIVE-AB approach and how to complement this with the commission.

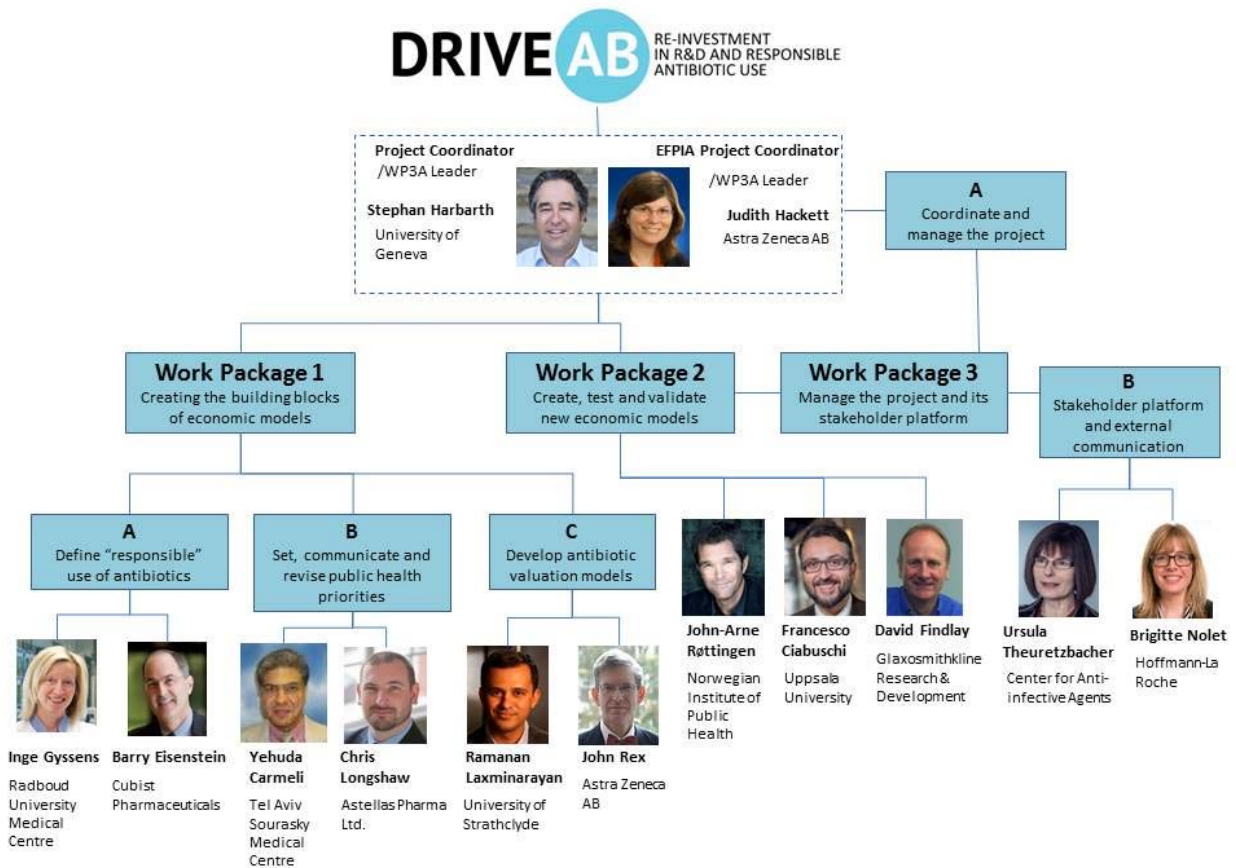
Work Package 3 - Manage the project and its stakeholder platform

WP3A: Project management and governance

The team has completed many internal management activities. A DRIVE-AB general assembly is in the planning stages, to be held in late 2015.

WP3B: Stakeholder platform and external communication

WP3B has created a comprehensive communications plan and has created numerous resources for internal communication. The team has also hosted the first meeting for SME stakeholders, and the stakeholder engagement strategy is being designed. The external website is being updated regularly with media releases, publications, and activities relevant to DRIVE-AB.



To view the complete list of DRIVE-AB partners, participants, and their biographies for each work package, please click [here](#).



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