



Newsletter December 2016

Dear colleague,

This is the second newsletter of the European Committee on Infection control (EUCIC), which we *hope you* will find of interest. The aim of the EUCIC newsletter is to establish a continuous flow of information with all interested members of the clinical microbiology and infectious diseases community, regarding recent news, future activities and the evolution of the overall project.

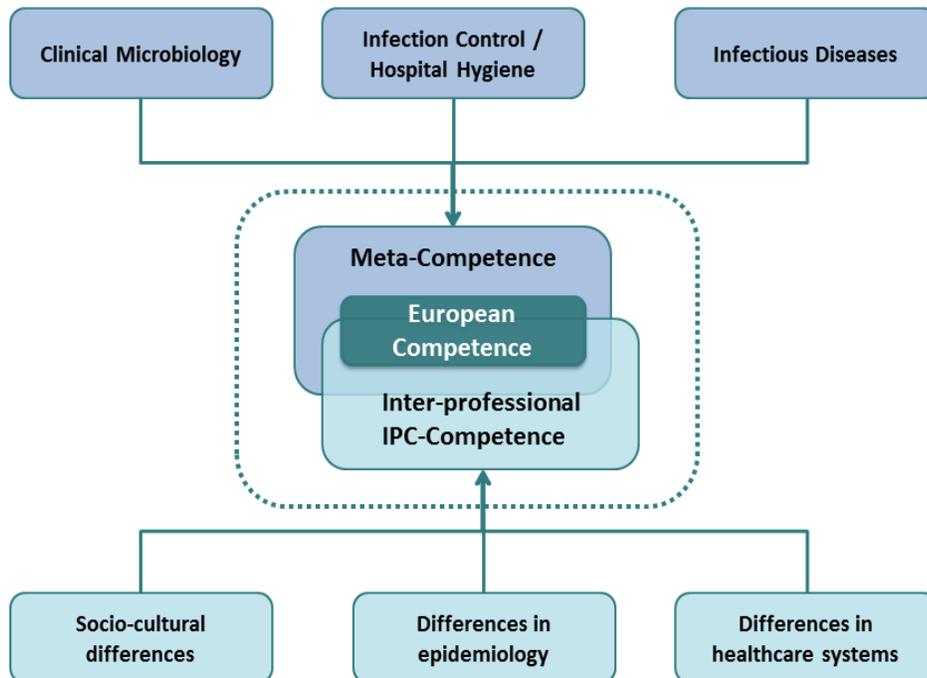
EUCIC activities in 2016

- EUCIC has further expanded its reach, creating a strong Infection Control (IC) network in Europe currently covering more than ~90% of all European countries (see map). Its stakeholder board now comprises ECDC, WHO, EUNETIPS, HIS, IFIC, EUPHA, ESGNI, ESGAP and TAE.



- A themed section regarding consensus documents in the field of infection prevention and control was published in the December 2015 issue of CMI ([http://www.clinicalmicrobiologyandinfection.com/issue/S1198-743X\(15\)X0015-2](http://www.clinicalmicrobiologyandinfection.com/issue/S1198-743X(15)X0015-2)) to outline EUCIC's first achievements. Looking at the components and the implementation of infection prevention and control (IPC) measures in European hospitals, one would best describe the picture as a mosaic, E. Tacconelli and N.T. Mutters state in their editorial.
- EUCIC together with the Imperial College London launched the [PERCEPT-R](#) project on the perception of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in Europe. In this study, we aim to investigate infection control specialists' perceptions regarding AMR and IPC in a panel of European countries, as well as the role cultural, contextual and behavioral aspects play in the prevention of AMR.
- EUCIC and the ESCMID Study Group for Antibiotic Policies (ESGAP) organized a number of activities to promote prudent use of antibiotics in Europe and support the ECDC European Antibiotic Awareness Day initiative. The [EUCIC/ESGAP activities](#) include events at healthcare institutions and public campaigns on antimicrobial resistance, surveillance and antibiotic stewardship programmes in Moldova, Turkey, Spain, Cyprus and the Netherlands.
- EUCIC, ESGAP and EUCAST launched a European survey to explore in which countries selective reporting of antibiotic susceptibility testing results has already been implemented at a large scale (regional, national) and how it has been organized. The survey will soon be published in the *International Journal of Antimicrobial Agents*.
- 29 May - 1 June 2016 (Groningen, Netherlands): ESCMID Postgraduate Technical Workshop 'Infection Prevention and Control: Let's Get Practical!' took place at the University Medical Center Groningen and received a very good assessment from the participants. See some of the presentations [here](#).
- The EUCIC Educational Working Group has made substantial progress with the development of the 'EUCIC – Infection Control in Healthcare Settings – Training Programme', which aims to train individuals in current IPC practices and provide

them with a meta-competence, comprising the areas of CM, ID and IC and a European perspective (see picture).



Future activities

- The Implementation Working Group will launch a survey that should provide an overview of major limitations in the implementation of extensive IPC measures against the spread of multidrug-resistant Gram-negative bacteria among patients in European hospitals. This project will also grant national societies a chance to bring specific local drivers of non-compliance with guideline indications on the table for political discussion. The results of the survey will be published in a peer-reviewed journal and presented at international meetings.

Congresses and courses with EUCIC contribution

- 22-25 April 2017, 27th ECCMID, Vienna, Austria.

- 20-23 June 2017, 4th ICPIIC, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Hospital-Acquired Infections: Understanding the Magnitude and Needed Interventions, 23 – 24 March 2017 in Muscat, Oman.
- Advanced Technical Workshop: Infection and Resistance Prevention in the Regional Healthcare Network, 31 May – 1 June 2017, Groningen, Netherlands.

Further information

Information on EUCIC are available on the EUCIC website (<https://www.escmid.org/eucic/>). Do not hesitate to contact us to exchange ideas, propose new activities and get information on membership (eucic@escmid.org).

Thank you for your interest in EUCIC.

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