

Why including Countries outside EU?

Kaliningrad

P08 AFMK (RU), the association of GPs in **Kaliningrad** (RU) is participating as partner. Kaliningrad will be a pilot area for family medicine development with close international contacts.

President Putin has declared primary health care and prevention as two of the three areas for future development. His wife grew up in Kaliningrad and president Putin made a special visit to Kaliningrad in 2005 during the 750-year anniversary, declaring that this region has a special status.

EU-projects directed to develop health care in the Kaliningrad region have gone on for several years, and new projects are starting this year. Several hospital beds will be unnecessary when the primary care will be increased.

Kaliningrad is a region where, as in Argentina it is easy to get antibiotics without doctor's prescription. This means a lot when we consider the challenge of fighting the future development of antibiotic resistance. Infections do not stop at the borders. Today, EU has an on-going development in Russia with increasing trading and European tourists travelling in Russia. Problems of increasing antibiotic resistance in Russia will therefore be of concern for EU.

Argentina

Argentina is included as a Latin-American country with high risk of developing resistant bacteria.

Antibiotics can be purchased at some pharmacies without a prescription. During the nineties, the Antimicrobial Committee of the Argentinean Society for Microbiology performed a national surveillance program to investigate the prevalence of bacterial resistance. In the conclusion of the report is written that “the alarming rates of resistance found in the study provide compelling evidence of the need for more rational use of antimicrobial agents in Argentina”.

Effective initiatives focusing on the primary health care sector are necessary to reduce the high prevalence of resistant bacteria in Argentina. HAPPY AUDIT addresses this objective as the first initiative involving GPs and patients in this process.