

# Enhancing AMR National Action Plans

The [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) developed a Global Action Plan (GAP) on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). However, recent reviews highlight that the majority of national AMR strategies are underfinanced and/ or are insufficiently aligned with the GAP goals and guidelines. This [policy brief](#) reviews the AMR National Action Plans (NAPs) of Italy, the Netherlands and Spain to identify gaps and provide recommendations for future adaptations.

Italy, Spain, and the Netherlands were evaluated using a modified assessment tool developed by the European Commission in the Overview report: *Member States' One Health National Action Plans against Antimicrobial Resistance*. This revealed varying compliance levels: Italy (72%), Spain (51%), and the Netherlands (37%). All three countries have National NAPs in place. Italy and Spain recently updated their plans in 2022, whereas the Netherlands last published theirs for the 2015-2019 period.

This policy brief lays out specific recommendations for improving AMR national action plans under the general themes of:

- Enhancing NAP structures and the One Health Approach
- Improving data and surveillance
- Effective implementation and awareness raising
- Research, innovation and antibiotic availability

[Download the policy brief](#) to find out more about the background, findings and specific recommendations for policymakers and other stakeholders.