

# ***Combating AMR in a country with high resistance prevalence***

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# ***AMR and HAI***

***AMR – antibiotic usage in hospitals and community***

***HAI – infection control measures***

# ***Action plans of combating AMR (WHO)***

- 1. Awareness about lack of access to ATB and AMR consequences***
- 2. AMR monitoring and evaluation***
- 3. Resources mobilisation***
- 4. Multisectoral action***

# ***Different points of AMR view?***

***Bacteria: attractive destinations to live at***

***Medical doctors: responsibility, extra education...***

***Hospital staff: extra workload***

***Patients: egoism, individual interests***

***Professional societies: guidelines, regulations***

***Health insurance companies: increased funding***

***Health care authorities: legislation, economic interests***

***Government: unpopular for governmental programs***

***Society: prefer easy, uncomplicated life***

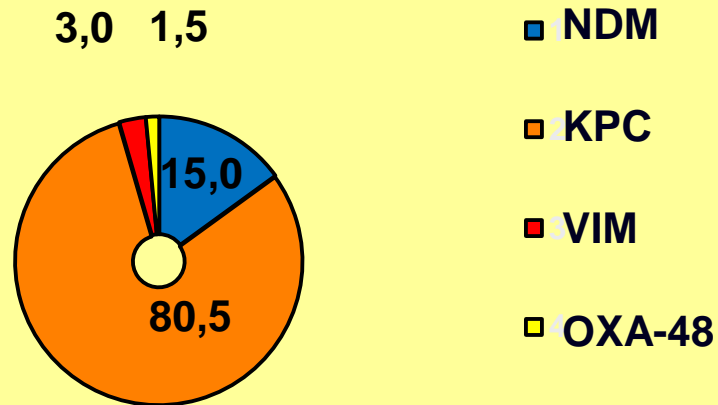
***Bacteria***

***adapt to survive and to multiply***

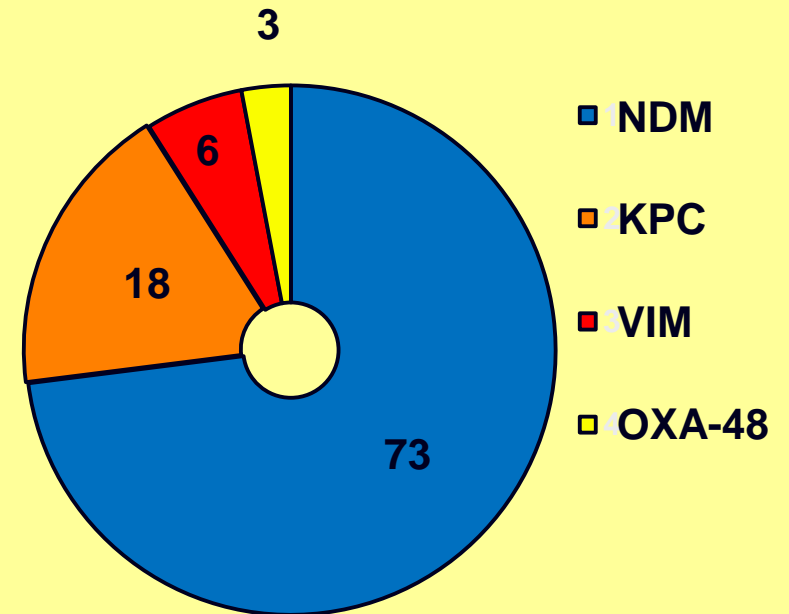


# Bacterial competition: „successful“ strains spread faster

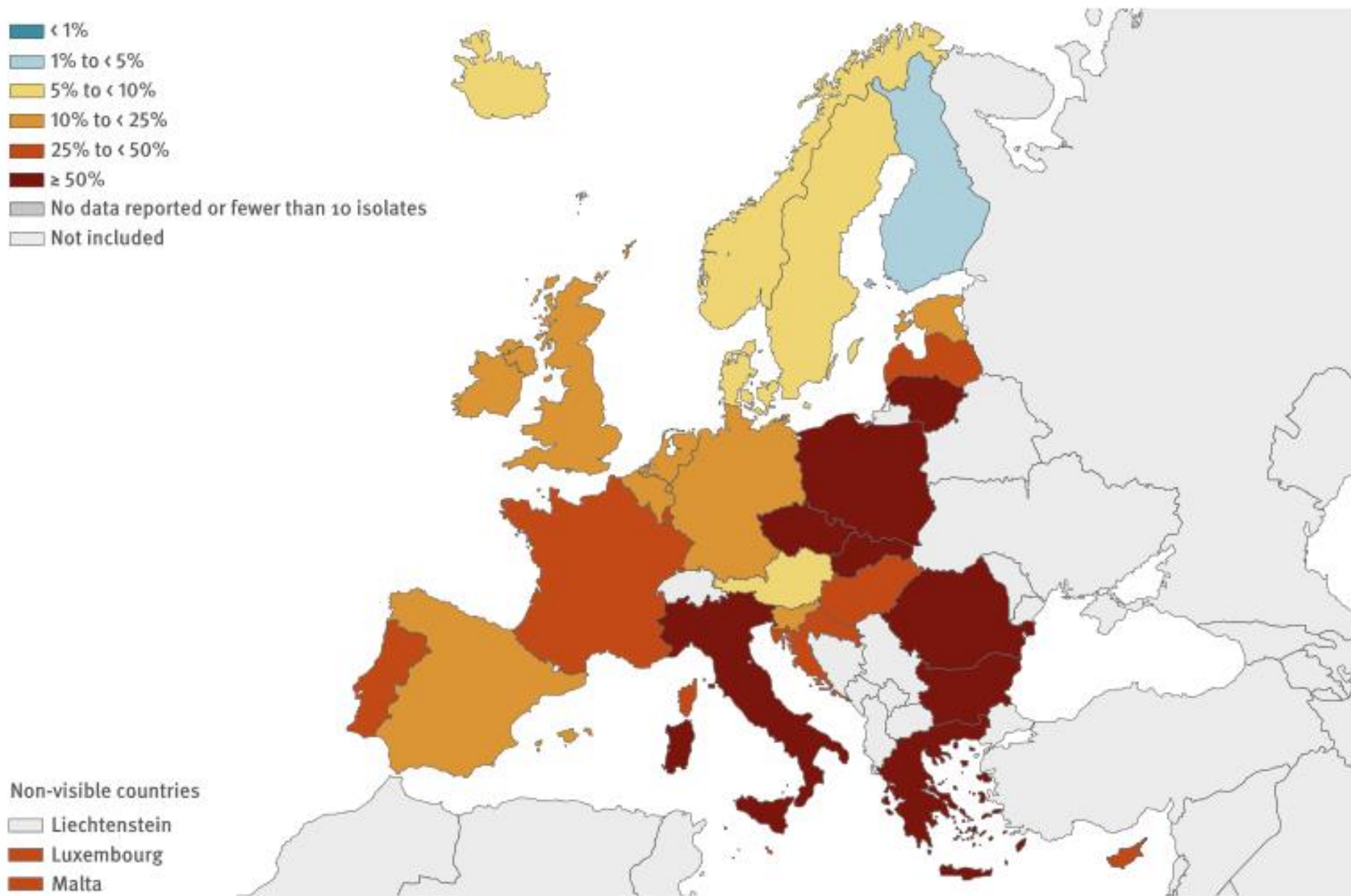
Carbapenemases % 2015 (199)



Carbapenemases % 2017 (654)



**Figure 3.9.** *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. Percentage (%) of invasive isolates with resistance to third-generation cephalosporins, by country, EU/EEA countries, 2017

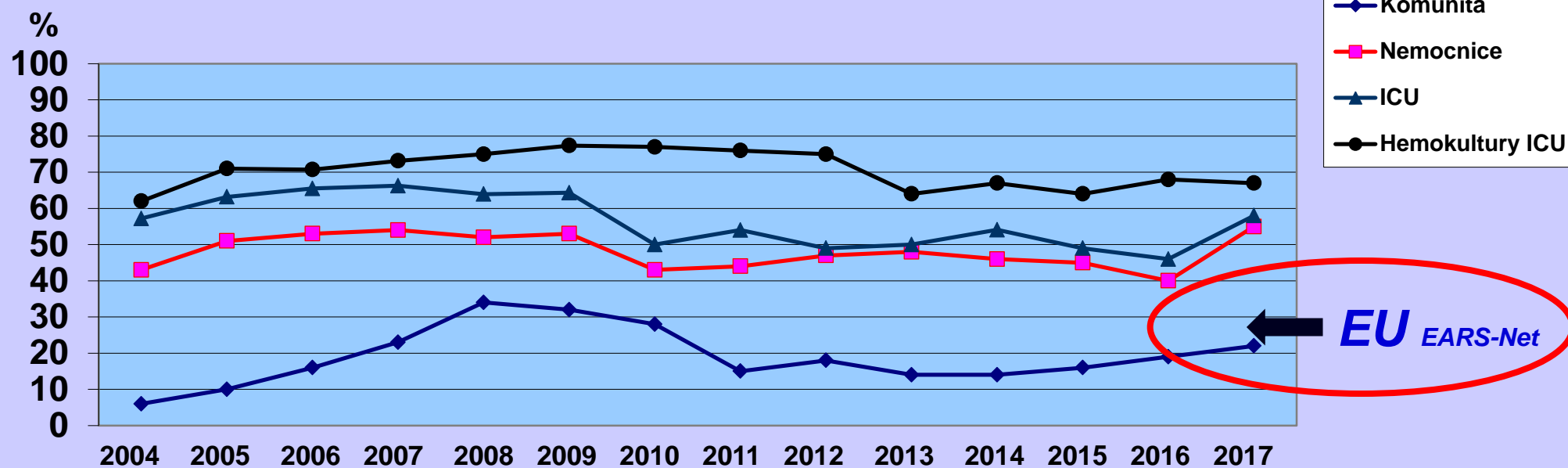




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<https://www.snars.sk/>

## *Klebsiella pneumoniae* 3. gen. CEF



***„Objective“ factors***

**Isolation beds SK**

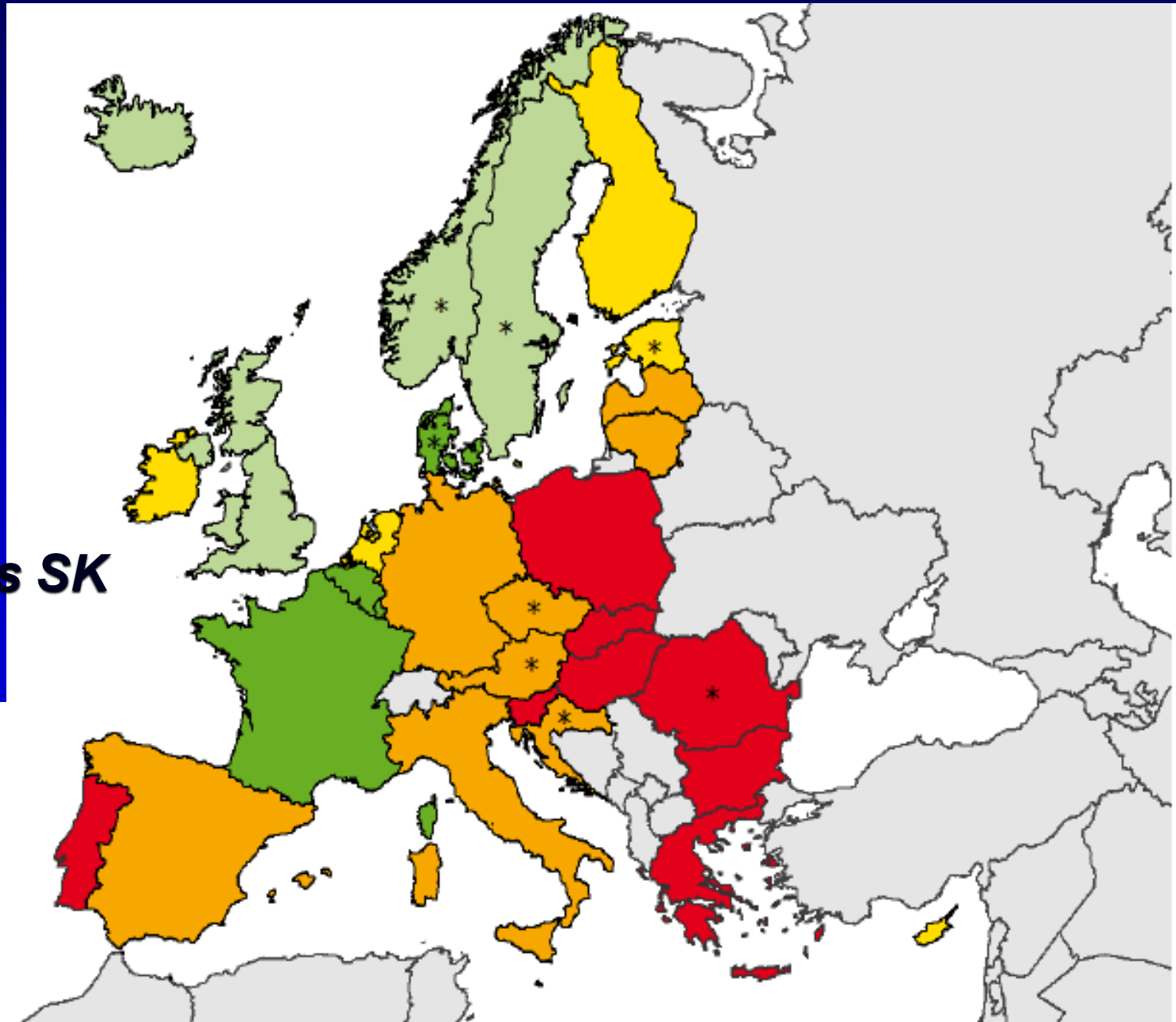
**< 2% !**

Non-visible countries

□ Liechtenstein

■ Luxembourg

■ Malta



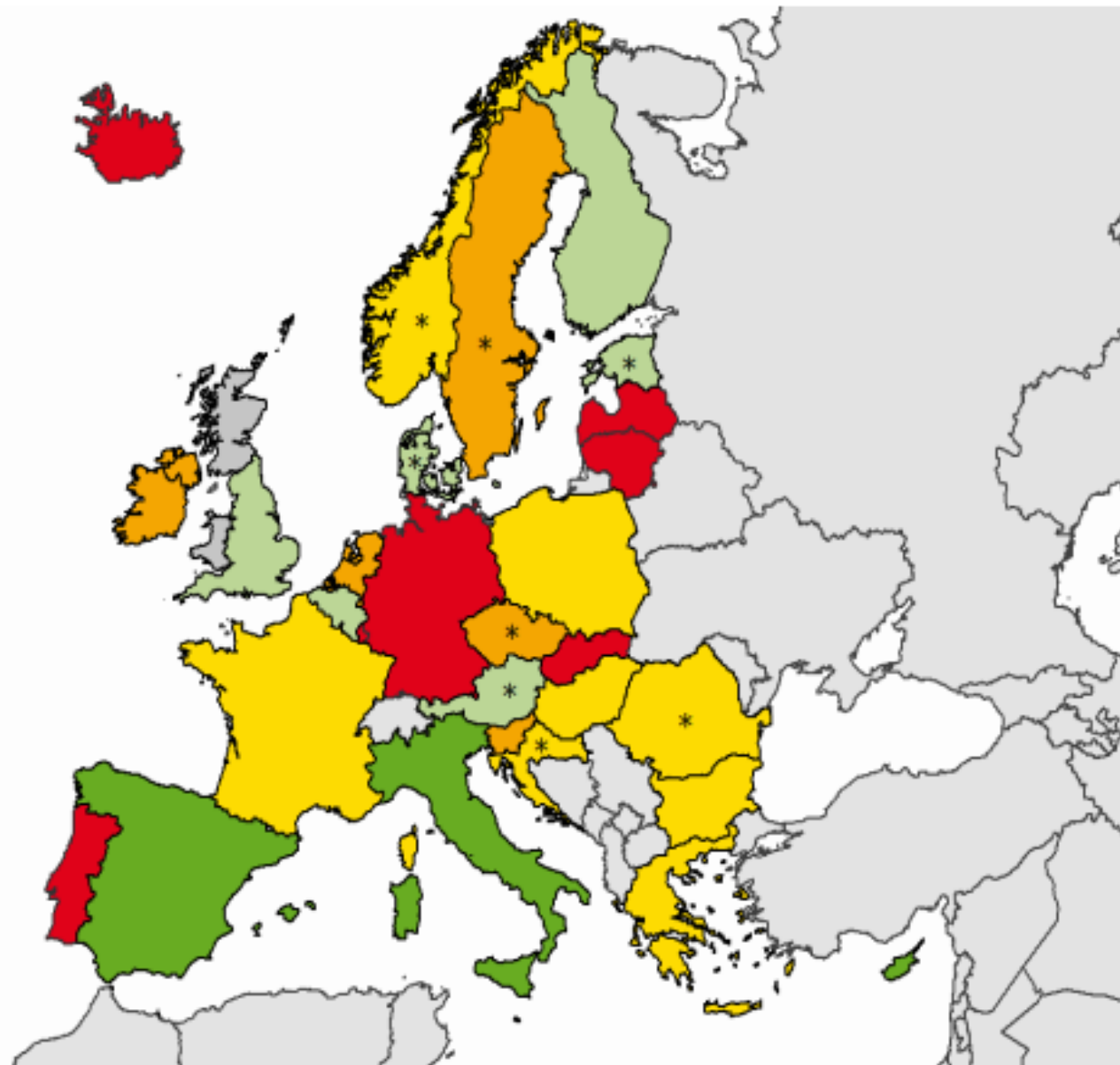
**Figure 21. Median number of infection prevention and control doctor full-time equivalents (FTE) per 250 hospital beds (n=779 hospitals), ECDC PPS 2011–2012**

Infection prevention  
and control doctors  
(Median FTE/250 beds)

- <0.15
- 0.15 to <0.30
- 0.30 to <0.50
- 0.50 to <0.75
- $\geq 0.75$
- No data
- Not included

Non-visible countries

- Liechtenstein
- Luxembourg
- Malta



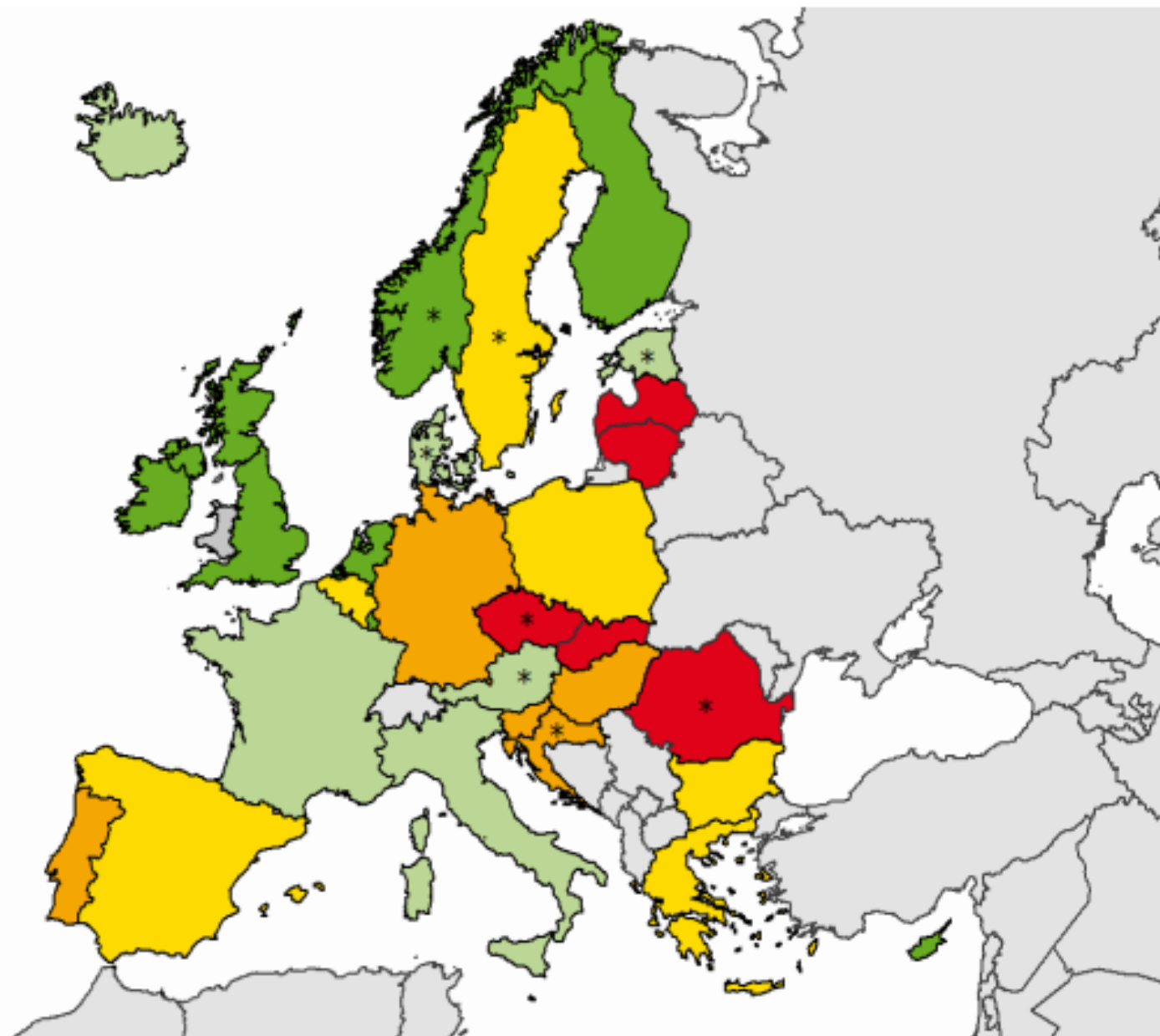
**Figure 19. Median number of infection prevention and control nurse full-time equivalents (FTE) per 250 hospital beds (n=866 hospitals), ECDC PPS 2011–2012**

Infection prevention  
and control nurses  
(Median FTE/250 beds)

- <0.50
- 0.50 to <0.75
- 0.75 to <1.00
- 1.00 to <1.25
- $\geq 1.25$
- No data
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***Hospital antibiotic consumption -  
a straightforward factor driving AMR?***

**Figure 5. Consumption of antibacterials for systemic use (ATC group J01) in the hospital sector, by ATC group, EU/EEA countries, 2016, expressed as DDD per 1 000 inhabitants per day**



***AMR – other, not known factors?***



# Acinetobacter spp., meropenem resistance

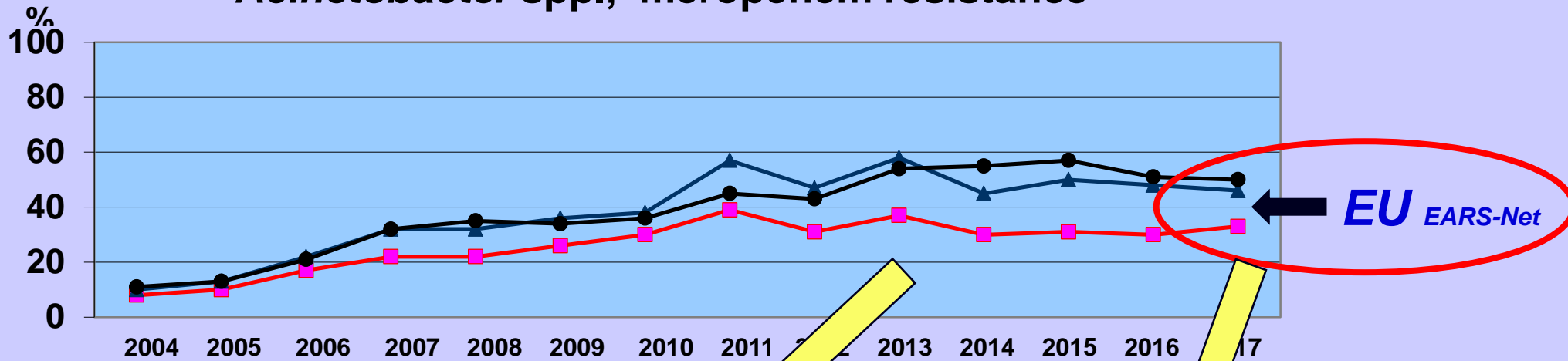
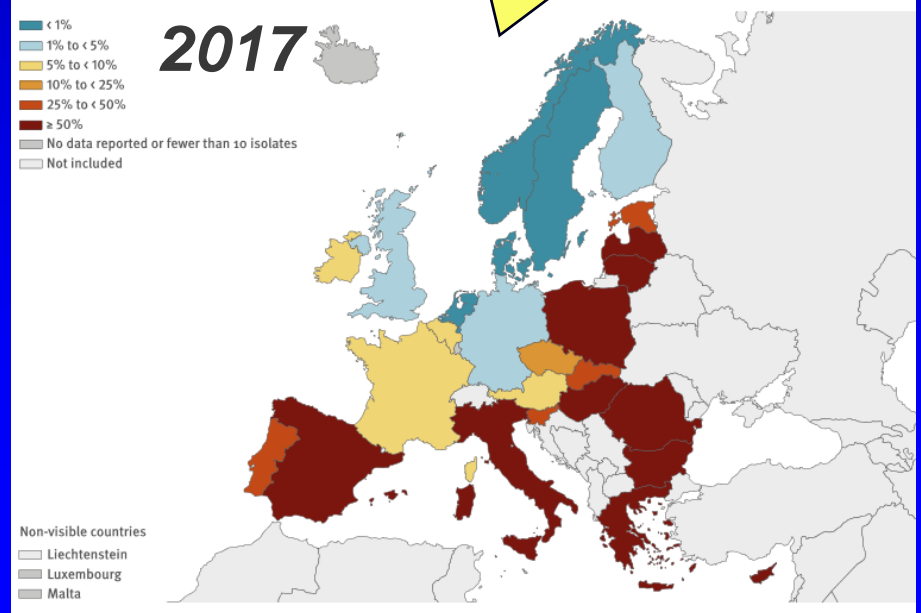


Figure 3.20. *Acinetobacter* spp. Percentage (%) of invasive isolates with combined resistance to fluoroquinolones, aminoglycosides and carbapenems, by country, EU/EEA, 2013



Figure 3.22. *Acinetobacter* spp. Percentage (%) of invasive isolates with resistance to carbapenems, by country, EU/EEA countries, 2017



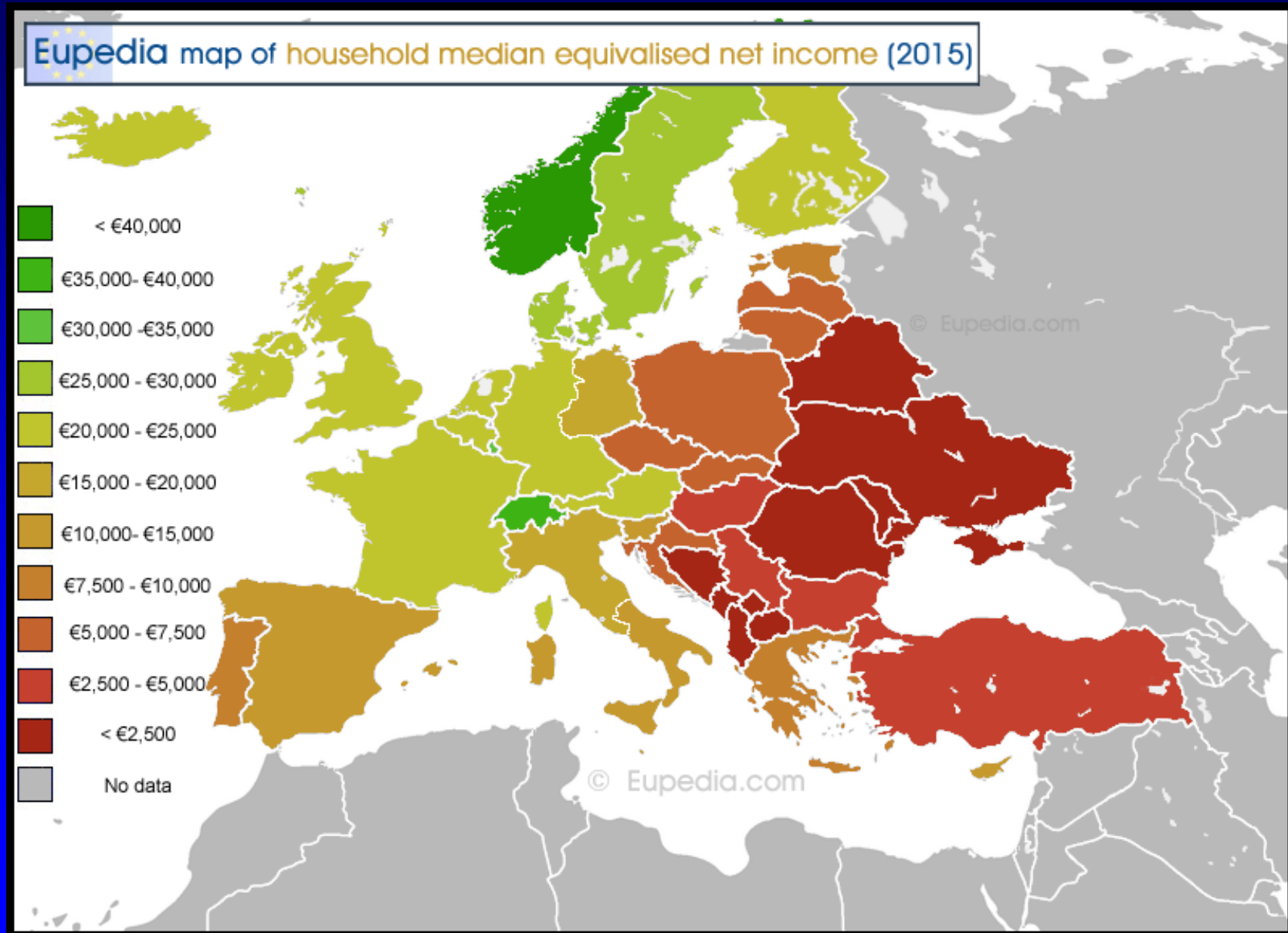
*What role plays country economy?*

*Google search*

*AMR → economy*  
*economy → AMR*

*4 180 000 hits*  
*few if any*

# North→South and West → East gradients....



# ***EU (Slovakia): free trade principles***

***Different commodities: monopolisation, uncontrolled behaviour  
of greatest providers***

***communication technologies (EU regulations effective)***

***food chains (EU regulations at progress)***

***energy, fuels***

***health care ....***

***Free trade autoregulation in health care setting?***

***Special legislation needed?***

# Consequences of free trade on health care system

**Patient: treatment → client processing**

**Hospitals: high bed occupancy rates, insufficient investments, savings**

**Infection control measures: restricted (expensive, extra staff required)**

**Qualified staff: absent - look for better paid jobs**

**Health insurance companies: make profit, intentional limitation of diagnostic procedures where possible**

**Antimicrobial drugs: misuse of new expensive molecules, generics  
prioritisation, cheap narrow drugs sometimes not available**

**Microbiology diagnostics: hospital clinical microbiology laboratories rare  
clinical microbiology captured by clinical biochemistry,  
„economic optimisation“ - formation of big  
laboratory chains based on automation,  
high workload, insufficiently qualified personnel,  
no results interpretation is provided....  
?antibiotic stewardship?**

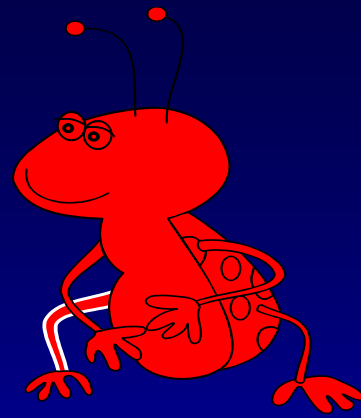
## ***Incomming problems:***

***„New“ system of hospital financing (DRG), SK version:***

- no screening of MDR bacteria on patient's admission***
- price calculations neglect frequent infection complications***
- infection control measures ignored despite high level of AMR***

***How hospitals will manage such conditions?***

# Conclusions



***Bacterial adaptability and rapid evolution of AMR does not tolerate insufficient measures to control antibiotic resistance***

***New aspect: economical trends of free trade ignore professional arguments and may predominate in health care system***

***Legislative regulations should be established to prevent negative free trade economy consequences on health care systems***