

## **WG Oral Health**

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**CED General Meeting**

**May 2026 GM - Limassol**



# Institutional – policy updates



Brussels, 2.4.2026  
SWD(2026) 111 final

COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT

EVALUATION

of the Tobacco Products Directive (2014/40/EU), the Tobacco Advertising Directive (2003/33/EC) and other related tobacco control policies across the EU

{SWD(2026) 112 final}



Ref. Ares(2026)3940555 - 16/04/2026

## CALL FOR EVIDENCE FOR AN INITIATIVE (without an impact assessment)

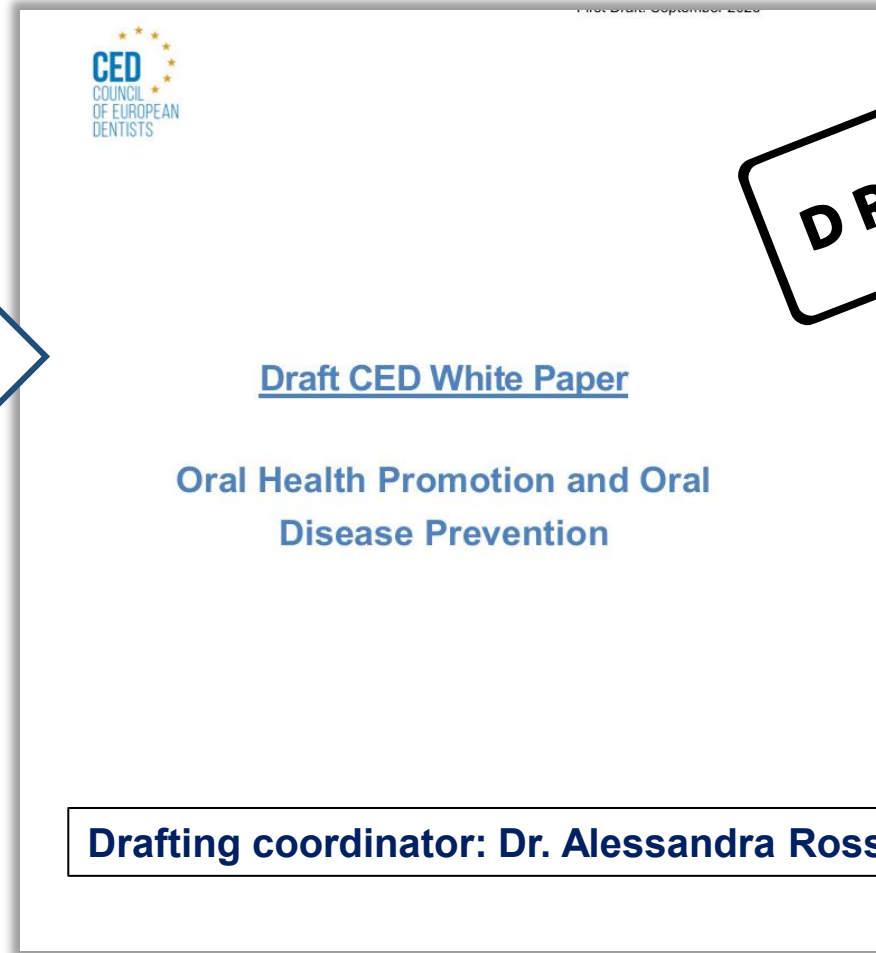
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| TITLE OF THE INITIATIVE    | Council Recommendation on health checks for cardiovascular diseases: an EU approach to early detection and screening |
| LEAD DG – RESPONSIBLE UNIT | SANTE – Unit for 'Disease prevention and health promotion' (SANTE B4)  |
| LIKELY TYPE OF INITIATIVE  | Non-legislative (Council Recommendation)   |
| INDICATIVE TIMING          | Q3 2026  |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION     | <a href="#">Cardiovascular health – public health – European Commission</a>  |

*This document is for information purposes only. It does not prejudice the final decision of the Commission on whether this initiative will be pursued or on its final content. All aspects of the initiative described by this document, including its timing, are subject to change.*

# White Paper on Oral Health Promotion and Oral Disease Prevention



To be adopted in  
November



# White Paper on Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)



Source: Alrejaye, N., 2024



CED White Paper

## Obstructive Sleep Apnea

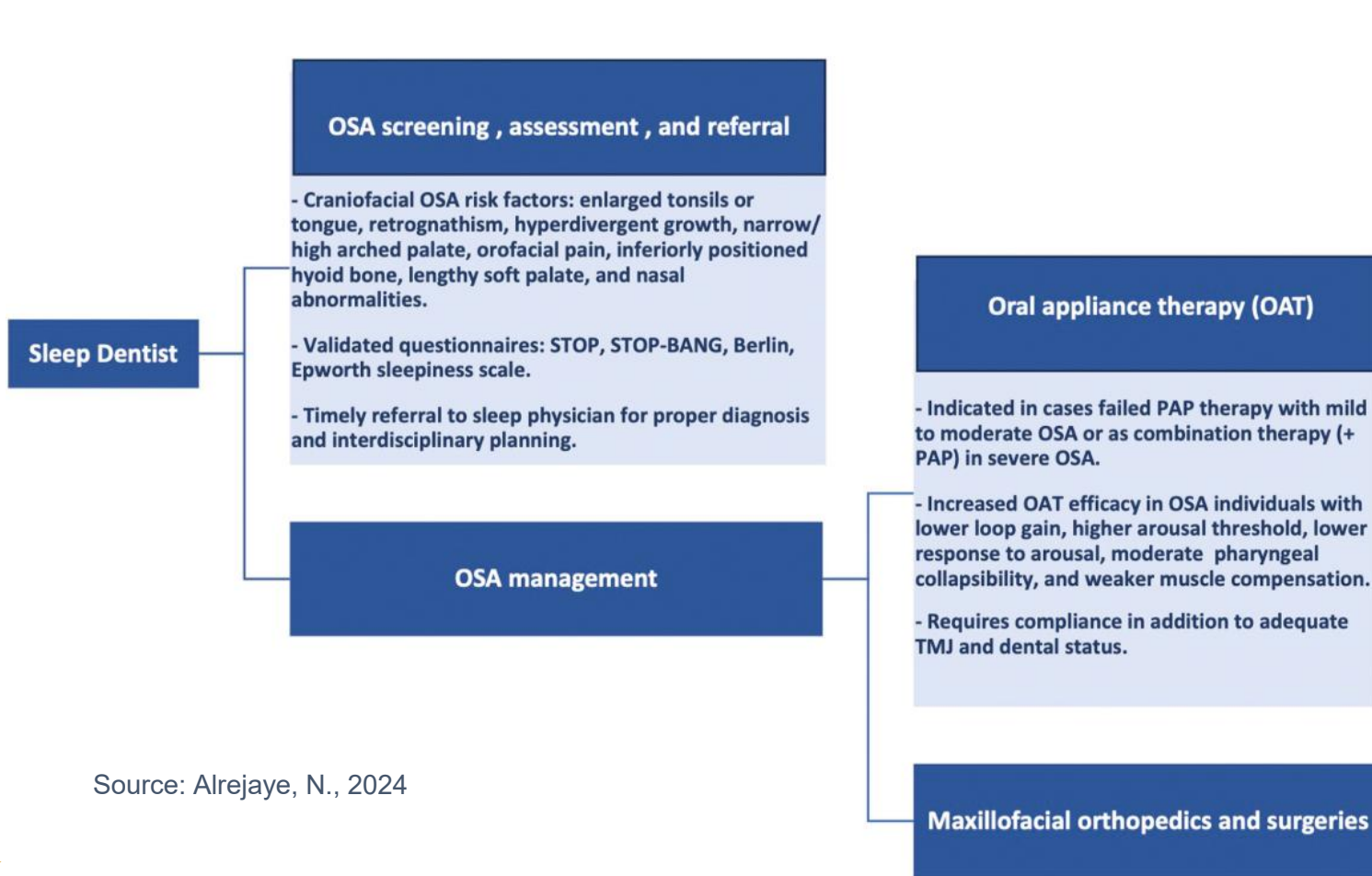
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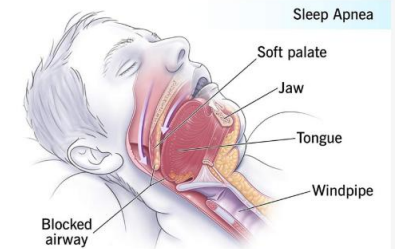


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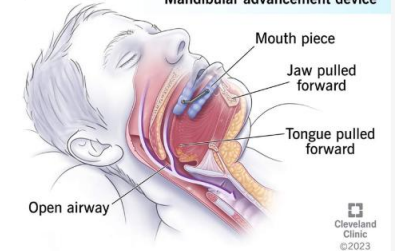
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Oral Appliance for Sleep Apnea



Source: Cleveland Clinic, 2023

Mandibular advancement device

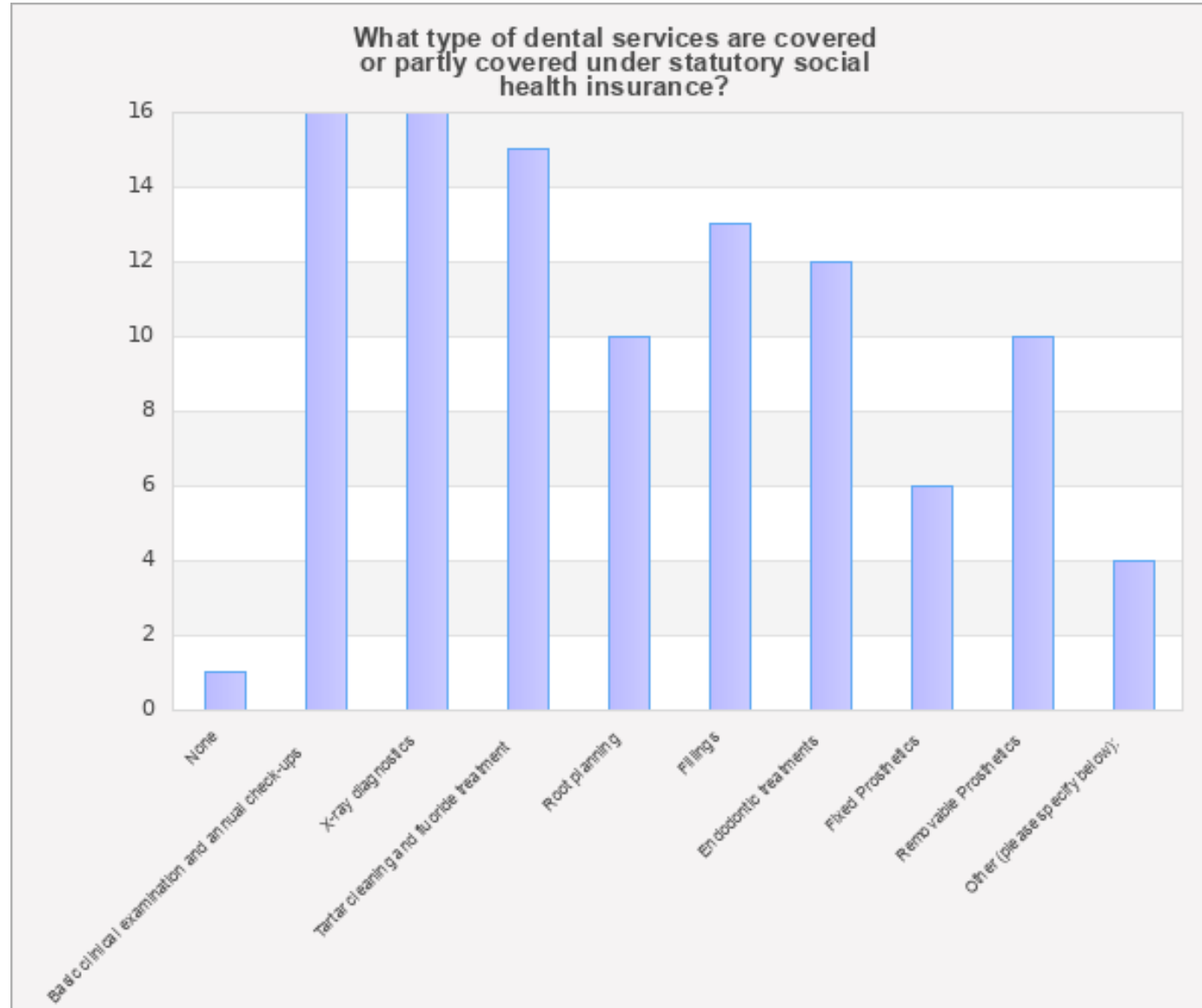


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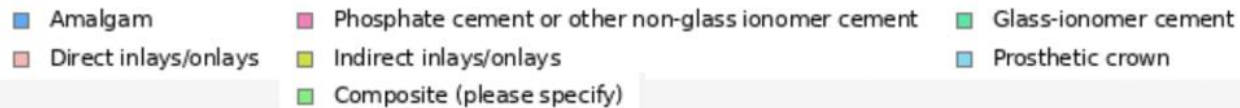
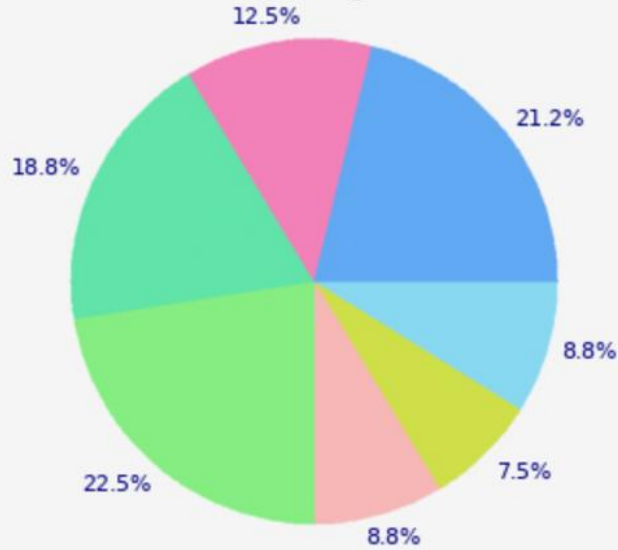
# SURVEY RESULTS: Restorative dental materials following Regulation 2024/1849



# Change in materials covered under public health insurance

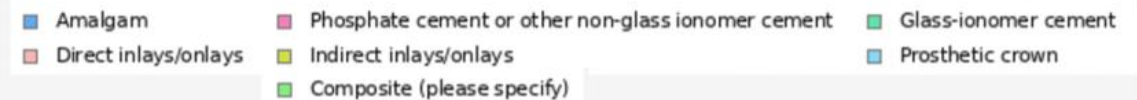
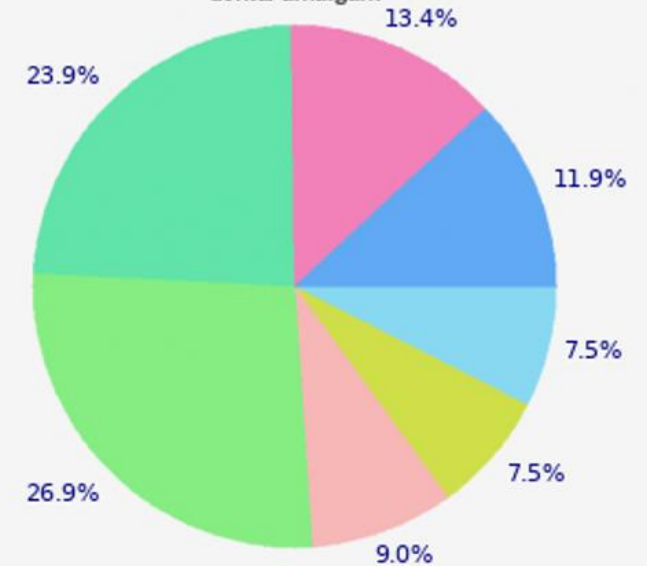
## Before

Materials covered under public health insurance before the EU Regulation on dental amalgam

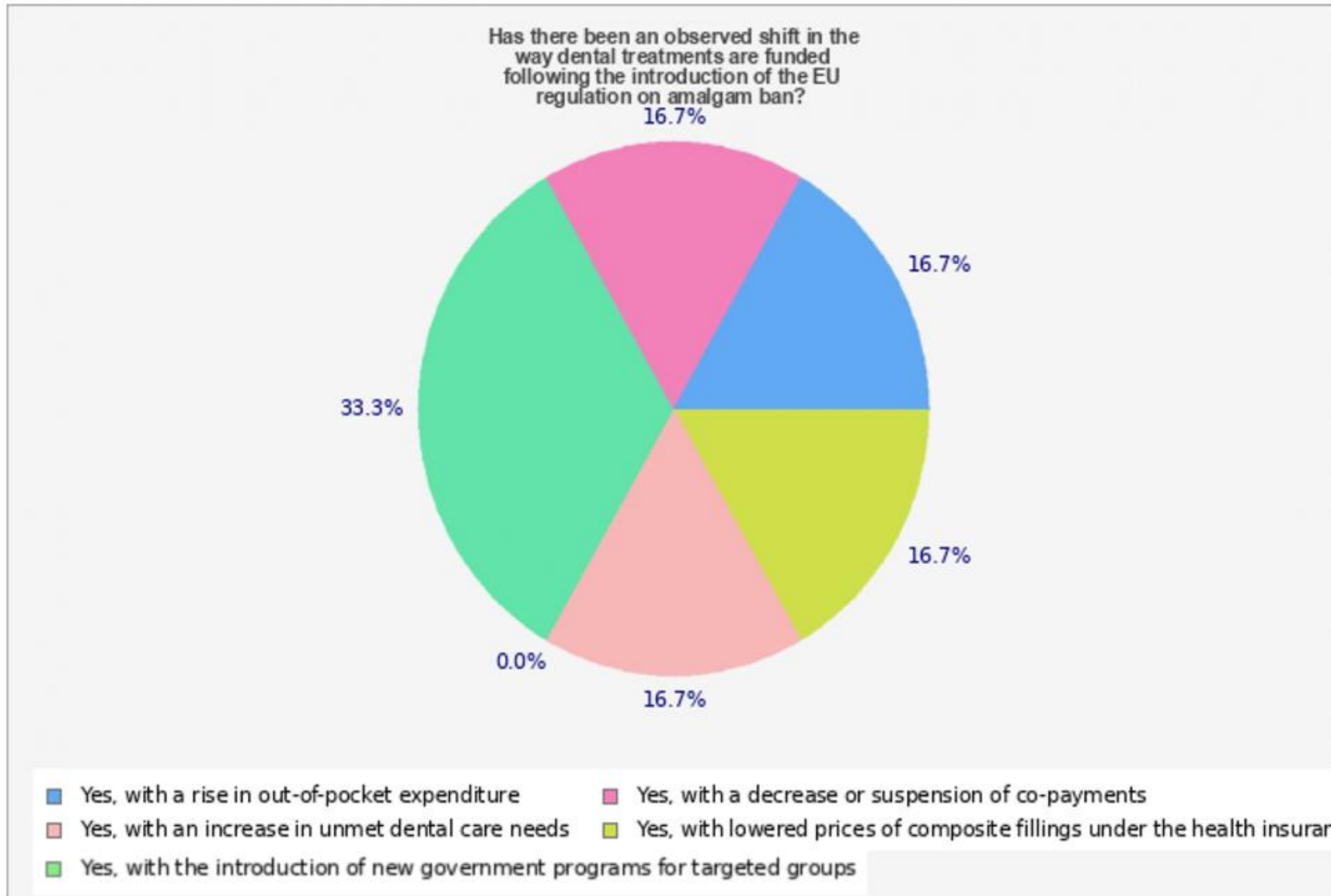


## After

Materials currently covered under statutory public health insurance since the introduction of the EU Regulation on dental amalgam



# Shift in funding schemes for dental treatments and materials



# Standard composites across EU countries

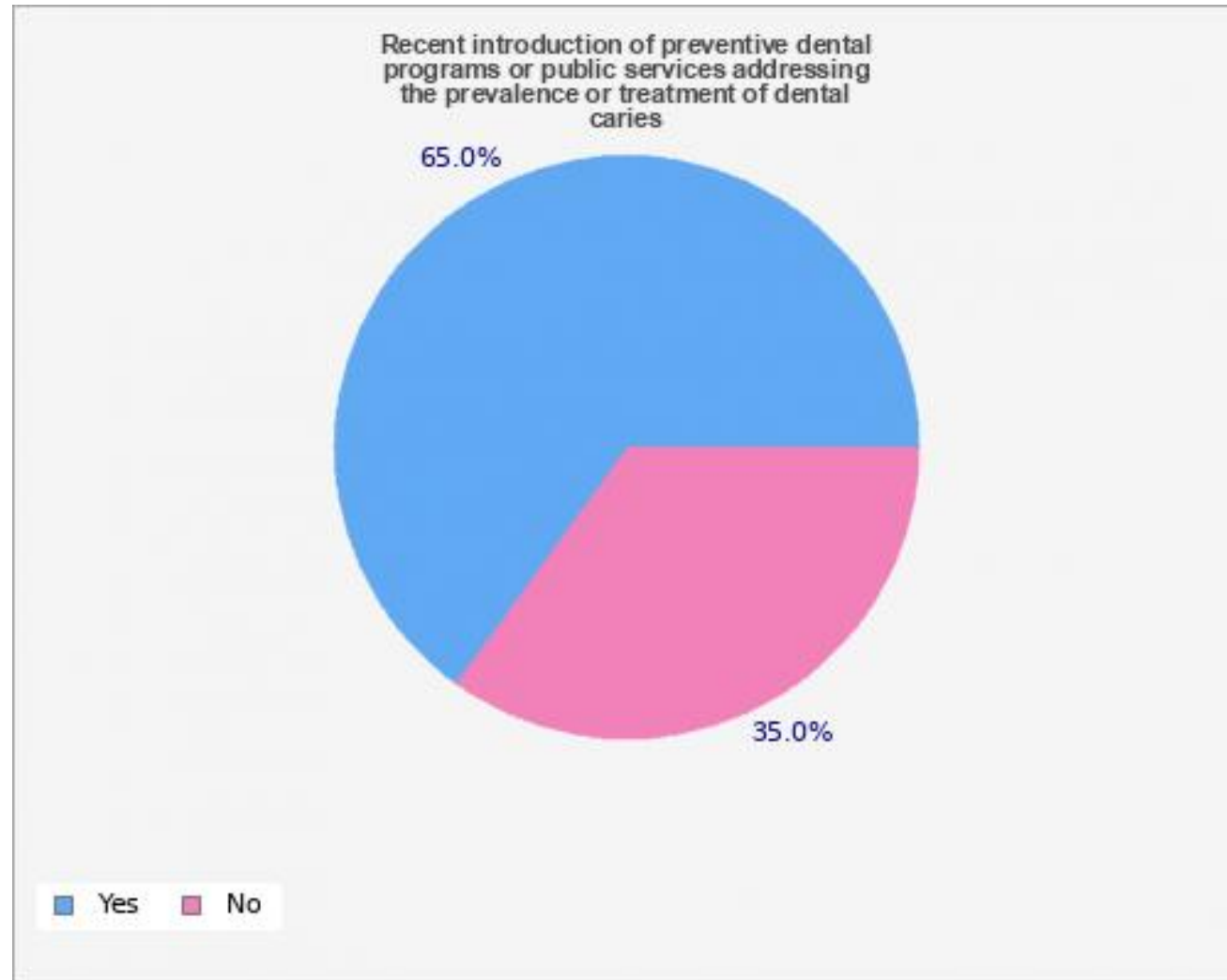
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## Most commonly cited composites:

- Photo composite
- Dual composite
- Micro-hybrid
- Nano-hybrid
- Bulkfill
- Composite resin-based composites
- Ionomers

# Accessibility and national prevention programmes

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# Call for evidence: Health Checks for Cardiovascular Diseases

## Call for evidence

Feedback period

21 April 2026 - 19 May 2026

Feedback: Open

Upcoming

## Commission adoption

Planned for

Fourth quarter 2026

## CED input: submitted on 19 May 2026



### Early detection, improved care

- Common approach on health checks.
- Mobile screening programmes, bringing screening directly to people.
- Improved personalised treatment and integrated care with the use of digital tools.
- European network of cardiovascular health centres to bring expertise and care together.
- Improving knowledge about gender specifics.
- Reaching every citizen via a dashboard monitoring health inequalities.

**17.7 MILLION PEOPLE**  
die every year from  
**CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES**

that's **31%** of all  
global deaths



World Health Organization  
www.who.int/global\_hearts

CED draft response:  
Call for evidence – EU plan for cardiovascular health  
Deadline: 15 September  
Context  
About this initiative  
Summary  
The EU plan for cardiovascular health will focus on actions that have tangible benefits for individuals, governments and stakeholders across the EU.  
The plan aims to strengthen the EU's economic resilience by:

- improving the health of millions of citizens through prevention, early detection and treatment
- increasing innovation
- boosting the market capabilities and competitiveness of the EU health industry.

The EU Plan is foreseen to be adopted during the fourth quarter 2025.  
The full call for evidence: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14755-EU-cardiovascular-health-plan\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14755-EU-cardiovascular-health-plan_en)

“The CED therefore calls on the European Commission to ensure the integration of oral health in all initiatives and activities stemming from the EU Cardiovascular Health Plan”.

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## Periodontal Disease & Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease: A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association

“...there is strong evidence that **treating periodontal disease improves intermediate outcome measures, such as BP, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol level, and inflammatory markers.** This is an important finding because these outcome measures are known to increase future CV risk and provide a possible link between periodontal disease and ASCVD”.

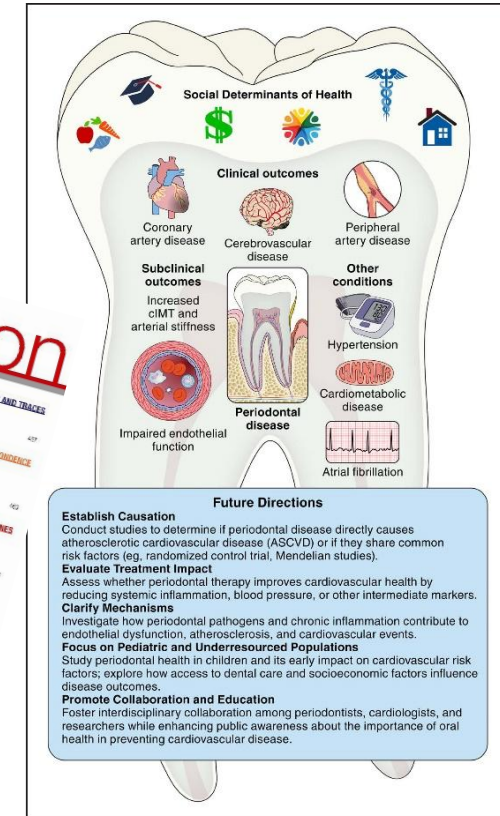


Figure 1. Periodontal disease associations with clinical outcomes, subclinical outcomes, and other conditions. Social determinants of health, including food insecurity, educational level, economic stability, social and community context, access to health care, and neighborhood and built environment, can affect all of the outcomes listed. Future directions for study are also depicted. CIMT indicates carotid intima-media thickness.

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Association between periodontal diseases and cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and respiratory diseases: **Consensus report of the Joint Workshop by the European Federation of Periodontology (EFP) and the European arm of the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA Europe)**

**Principal findings:** Periodontitis is independently associated with cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, obstructive sleep apnea and COVID-19-associated complications, and treatment of periodontitis is associated with improvements of systemic health.

**Practical implications:** Strategies for early case detection/prevention of NCDs, including periodontitis, should be developed for family doctors, OHPs and healthcare funders. Evidence based information on the reported associations between periodontitis and other NCDs should be made available to family doctors, OHPs, healthcare funders, patients and the general population

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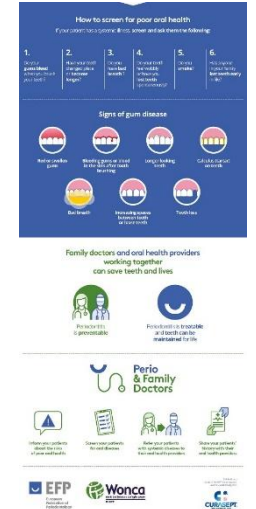
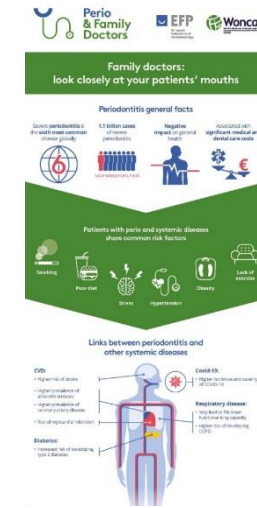
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J Clin Periodontology 2023 ;1-23. Herrera et al, Association between periodontal diseases and cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and respiratory diseases: Consensus report of the Joint Workshop by the European Federation of Periodontology (EFP) and the European arm of the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA Europe) DOI: 10.1111/jcpe.13807

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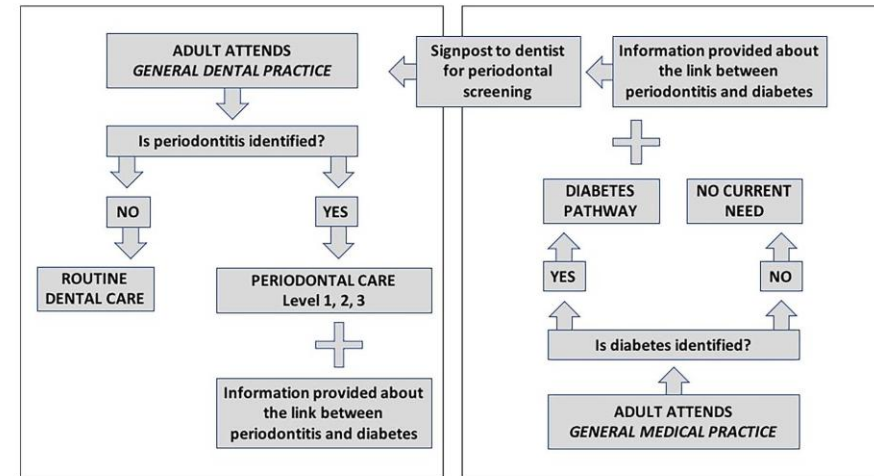
International Diabetes Federation



**Scientific evidence on the links between periodontal diseases and diabetes: Consensus report and guidelines of the joint workshop on periodontal diseases and diabetes by the International diabetes Federation and the European Federation of Periodontology** ☆

HERRERA ET AL.

Journal of Clinical Periodontology | WILEY | 11



**FIGURE 1** Flow-chart detailing clinical care pathway for patients diagnosed with diabetes (from general medical practitioner to general dental practitioner, and appropriate triage – Level 1, 2 or 3). Adapted from NHSE commissioning standard 2019 (National Health Service, 2019). Level 1 = general dental practitioner with no enhanced skills; Level 2 = enhanced skill practitioner but not at specialist level; Level 3 = specialist in periodontology.

## The European Federation of Periodontology and International Diabetes Federation discuss working together to tackle type-2 diabetes



Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice, Scientific evidence on the links between periodontal diseases and diabetes: Consensus report and guidelines of the joint workshop on periodontal diseases and diabetes by the International diabetes Federation and the European Federation of Periodontology; Mariano Sanz et al, 2018 Co-published in Journal of Clinical Periodontology <https://doi.org/10.1111/jcpe.12808>

# ECHA Consultation – Sodium Fluoride



#EUHaveYourSay  
[echa.europa.eu/consultations](https://echa.europa.eu/consultations)



**ECHA**  
EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY

Protecting health and the environment  
through our work for chemical safety

ECHA Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) to submit final opinion by 4 April 2027

Proposal to classify sodium fluoride as an endocrine disruptor and reproductive toxicant



**CED response submitted in January 2026**



# Vaccination – Joint Statement



## Healthcare professionals need skills and tools on vaccination



10 February 2026



### **Healthcare professionals urge European countries to increase vaccination coverage and tackle misinformation**

The Coalition for Vaccination calls on European countries to upscale efforts to increase vaccination coverage and continue building on past achievements of vaccination in Europe. We are concerned that vaccination coverage in many European countries remains suboptimal due to vaccine hesitancy, vaccine shortages, misinformation and disinformation, and structural barriers to access within healthcare systems, particularly following the COVID-19 pandemic.

European healthcare professionals and students welcome the European Commission's new EU Cardiovascular Health Plan which keeps vaccination on the EU agenda and confirms that vaccination against infections, such as influenza, SARS-CoV-2, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), pneumococcal disease, and herpes zoster, is a safe and effective measure to protect the European population. Moreover, one of the goals of the Commission's Europe's Beating Cancer Plan is still to eliminate cervical cancer by vaccinating young people against human papillomavirus (HPV).

The Coalition is concerned that the success of vaccine protection may be in danger. Losing protection could have dangerous consequences for individuals and population groups. Recent changes to vaccination recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the United States of America have led to confusion, distrust, and an increase in vaccine misinformation and disinformation. European countries and the EU must not make the same mistake.

# EU-JAMRAI II – Joint Statement

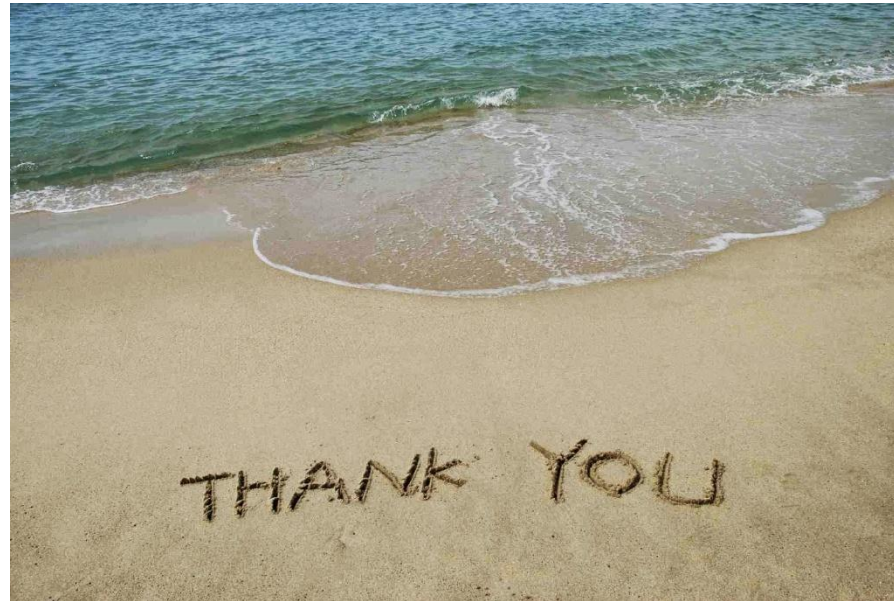
The screenshot shows the YouTube channel for EU-JAMRAI 2 Tuesday connect. The channel name is 'EU JAMRAI 2 Tuesday connect' and it has 317 views. The main video is 'EU JAMRAI 2 Tuesday connect' with a play button and a subtitle 'Αναπαγωγή όλων'. Below the main video are four video thumbnails for Tuesday Connect sessions:

- 1. Tuesday Connect #14: International surveys on Antimicrobial Stewardship Programmes (37:11)
- 2. Tuesday Connect #13: Accelerating implementation of AMR surveillance using the JAMREYE dashboard (40:47)
- 3. Tuesday Connect #12: Medical Technologies - Powering Europe's Fight Against AMR (36:57)
- 4. Tuesday Connect #11: Public Procurement of Innovation for the Rapid Detection and control for AMR

To the right of the video list is a graphic for the 'EU-JAMRAI Coordination TEAM'. The graphic includes the text 'EU-JAMRAI Joint Action Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-Associated Infections' and 'Coordination TEAM UMR Inserm T092'. It also provides contact information: 'eu-jamrai2.secretariat@inserm.fr' and 'www.eu-jamrai.eu'. Social media icons for LinkedIn, X, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube are also present.

EU-JAMRAI 2 project runs *monthly thematic webinar designed to bring together experts, policymakers and stakeholders to discuss key topics related to antimicrobial resistance (AMR) & share updates on the Joint Action work*. Webinars will resume in **August** (Tuesday, 25.8.2026–11.30 am), followed by September, October, November and December.

The schedule has been updated: <https://eu-jamrai.eu/raise-awareness/watch/#tuesday-connect>



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