

Achievements and lessons learned

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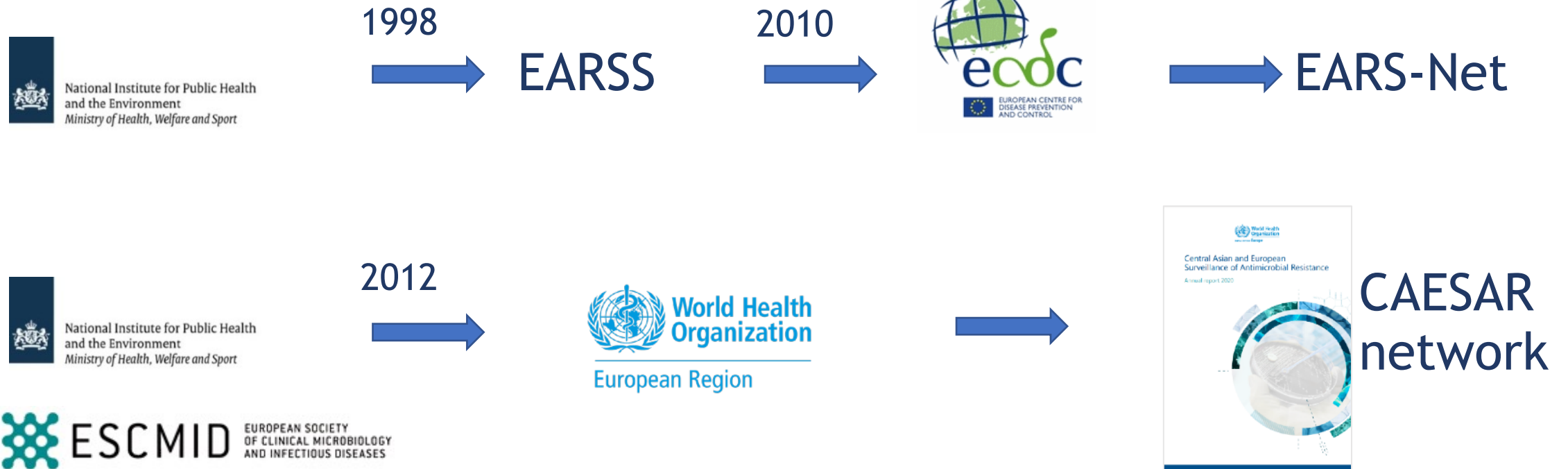
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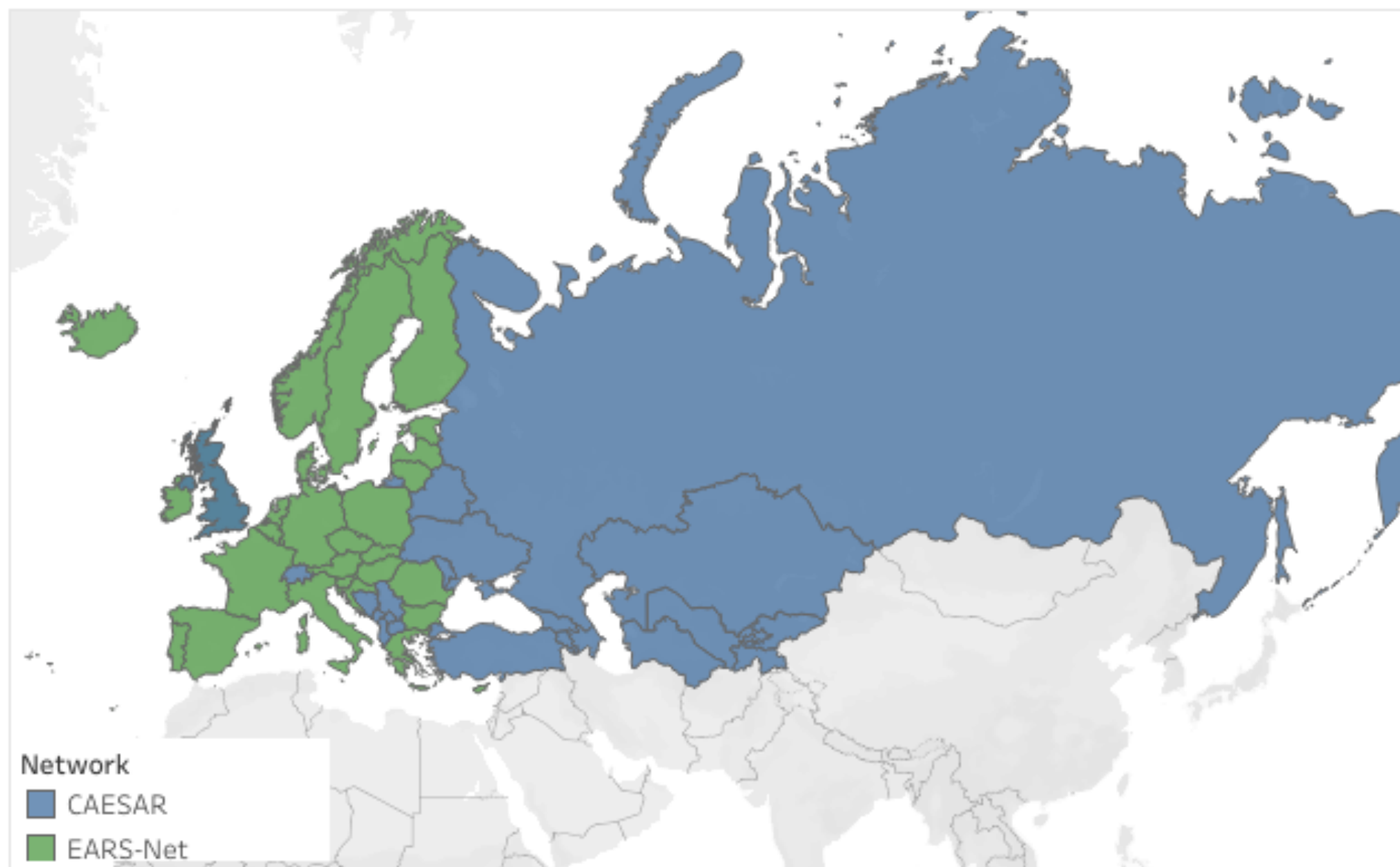
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3 new challenges/projects for the
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Central Asian and European Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance (CAESAR)

AMR surveillance in the WHO European Region



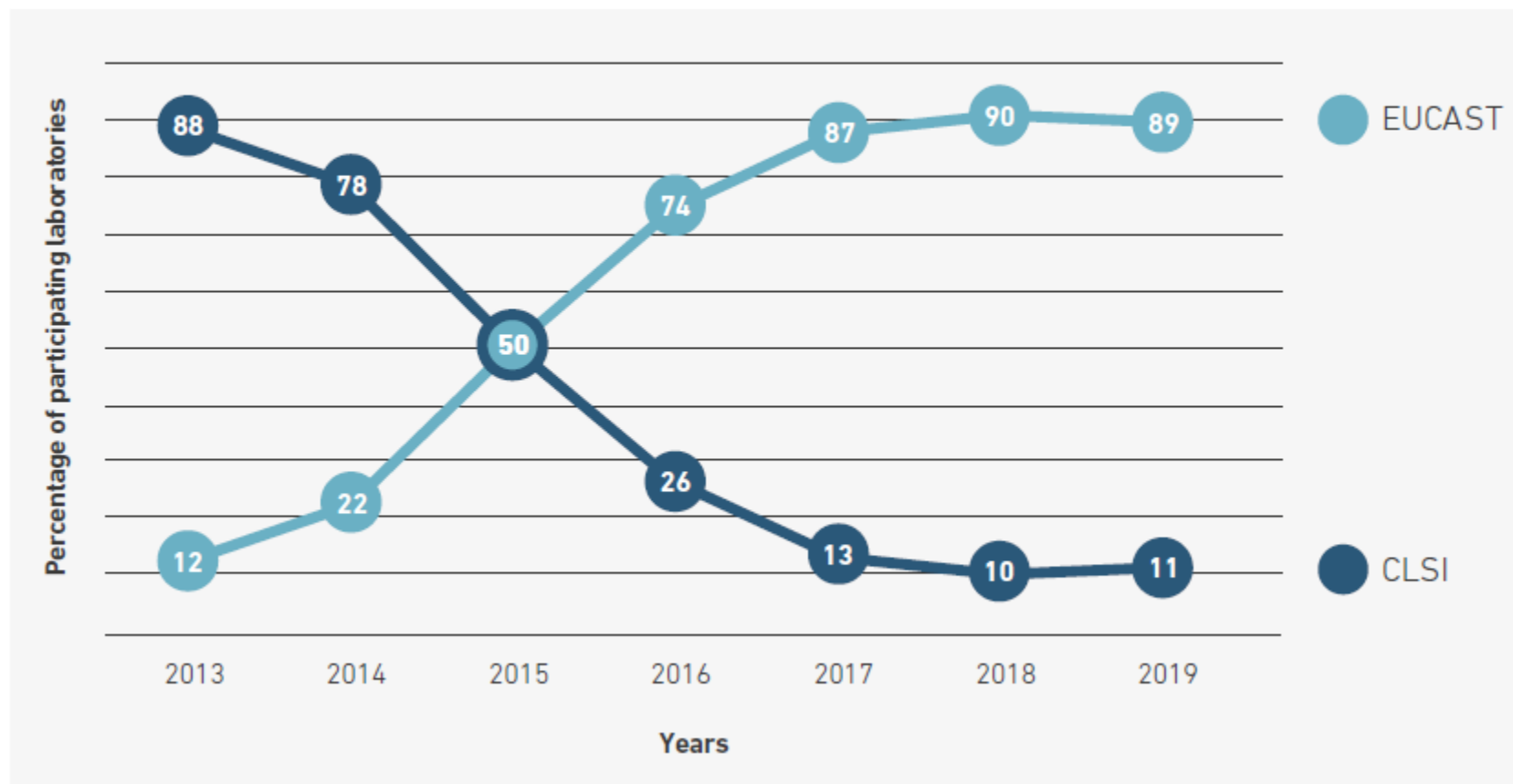




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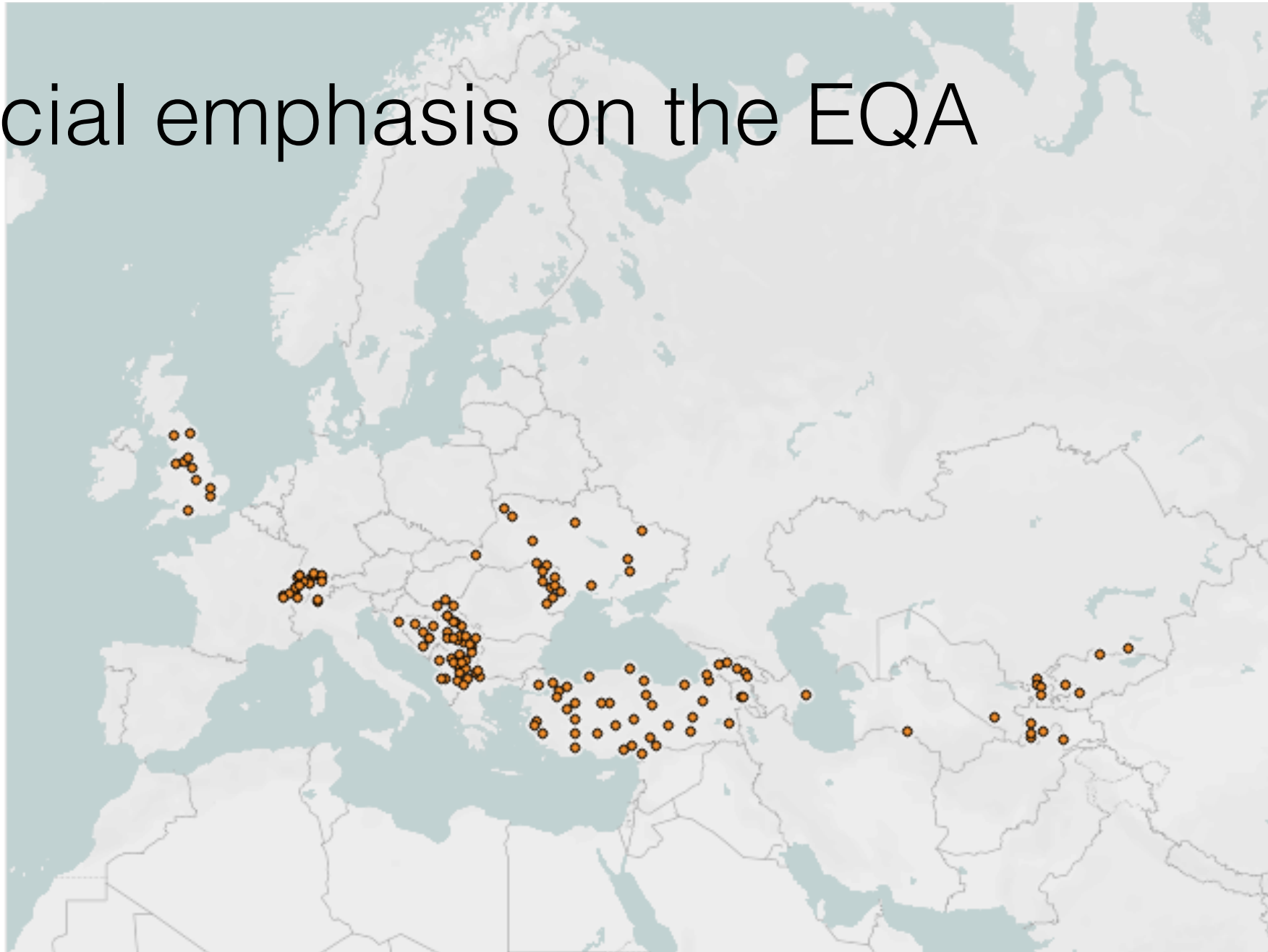
Adoption of EUCAST methodology

Fig. 8.3 Trends in AST guidelines used by CAESAR EQA participating laboratories, 2013–2019



CLSI: 15 laboratories
EUCAST: 262 laboratories

Special emphasis on the EQA

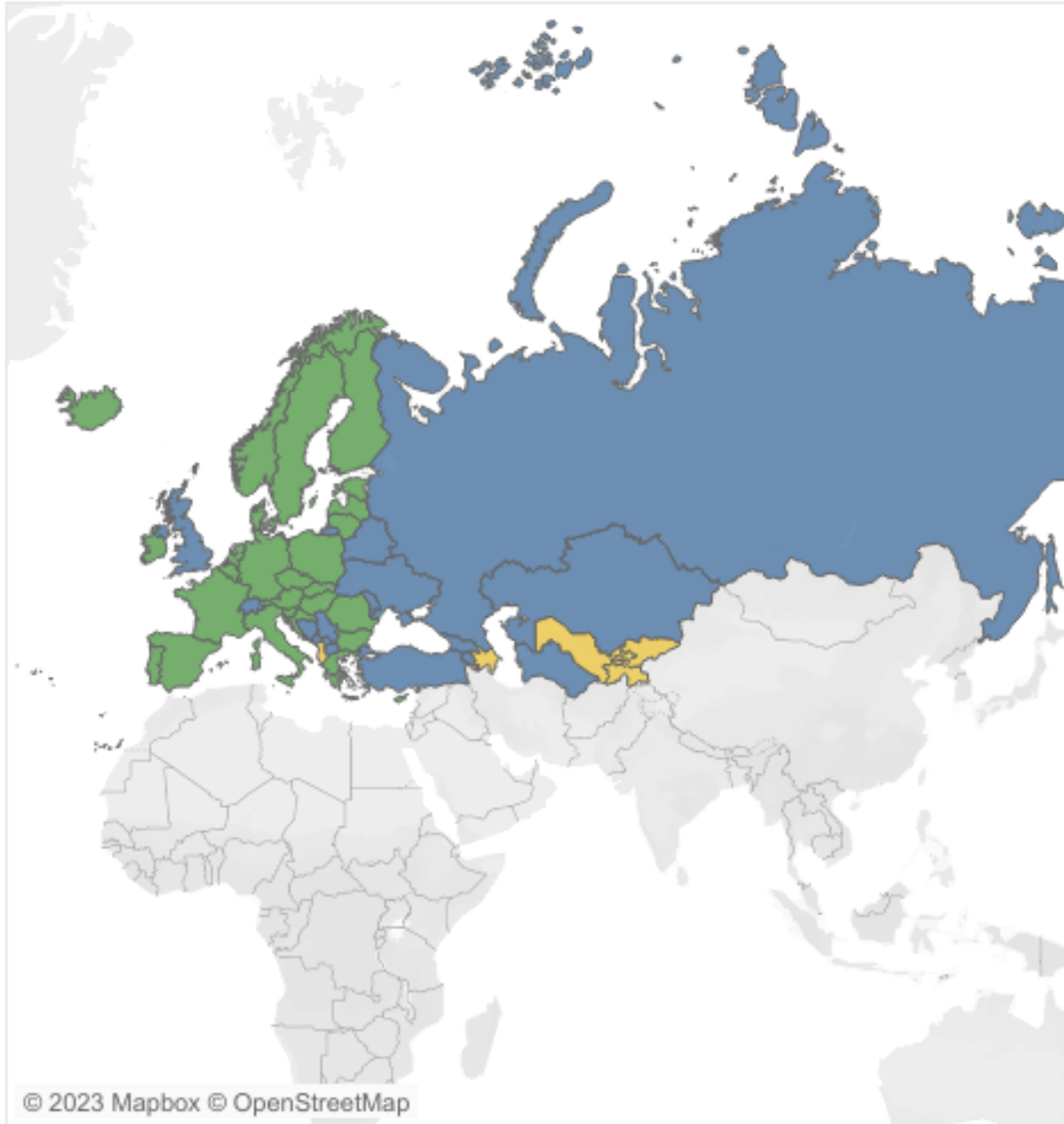


An international network of microbiologists



3 things we would like to improve

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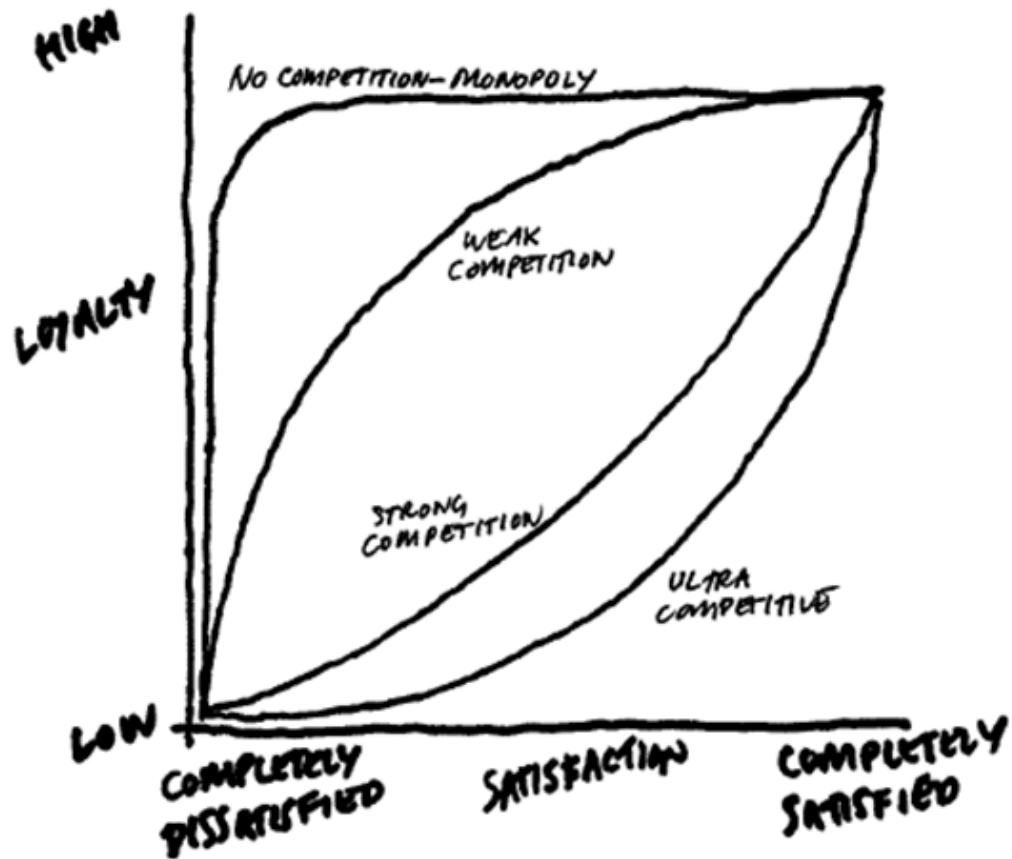


Focus on data
quality



Routine exercise

Move away from linear thinking



Source: <http://markets2mountains.com/basics-of-mastery/>

Source: Linear Thinking in a Nonlinear World, HBR, 2017

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Beyond common pathogens

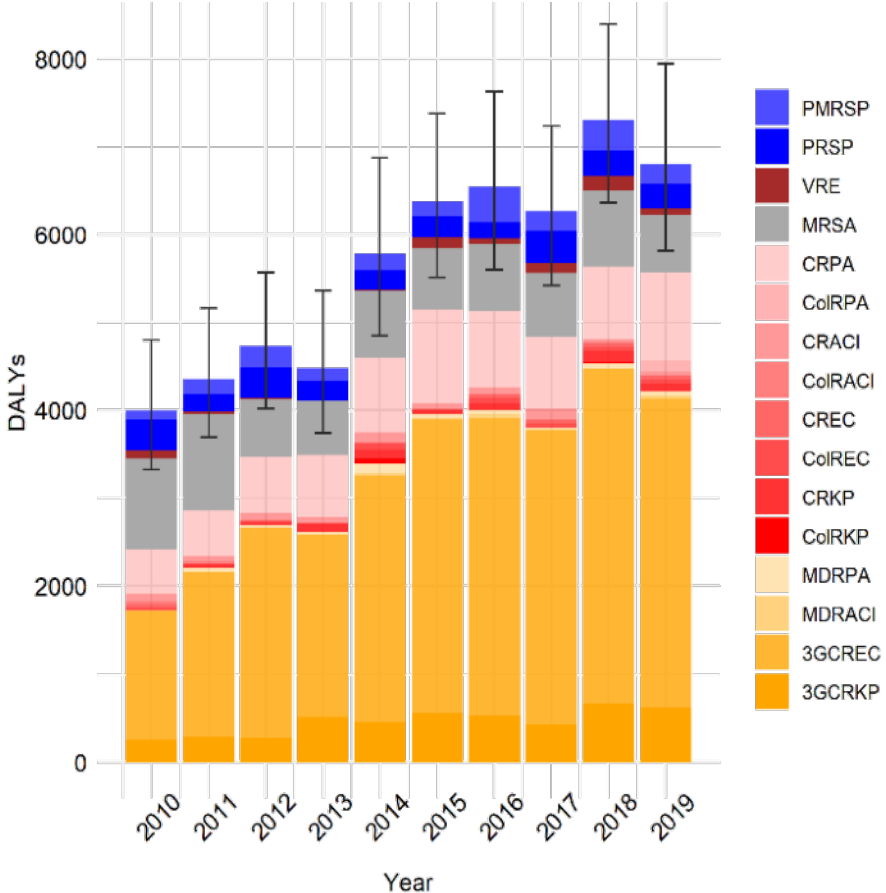
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Highly multidrug-resistant Gram-negative bacterial infections in war victims in Ukraine, 2022

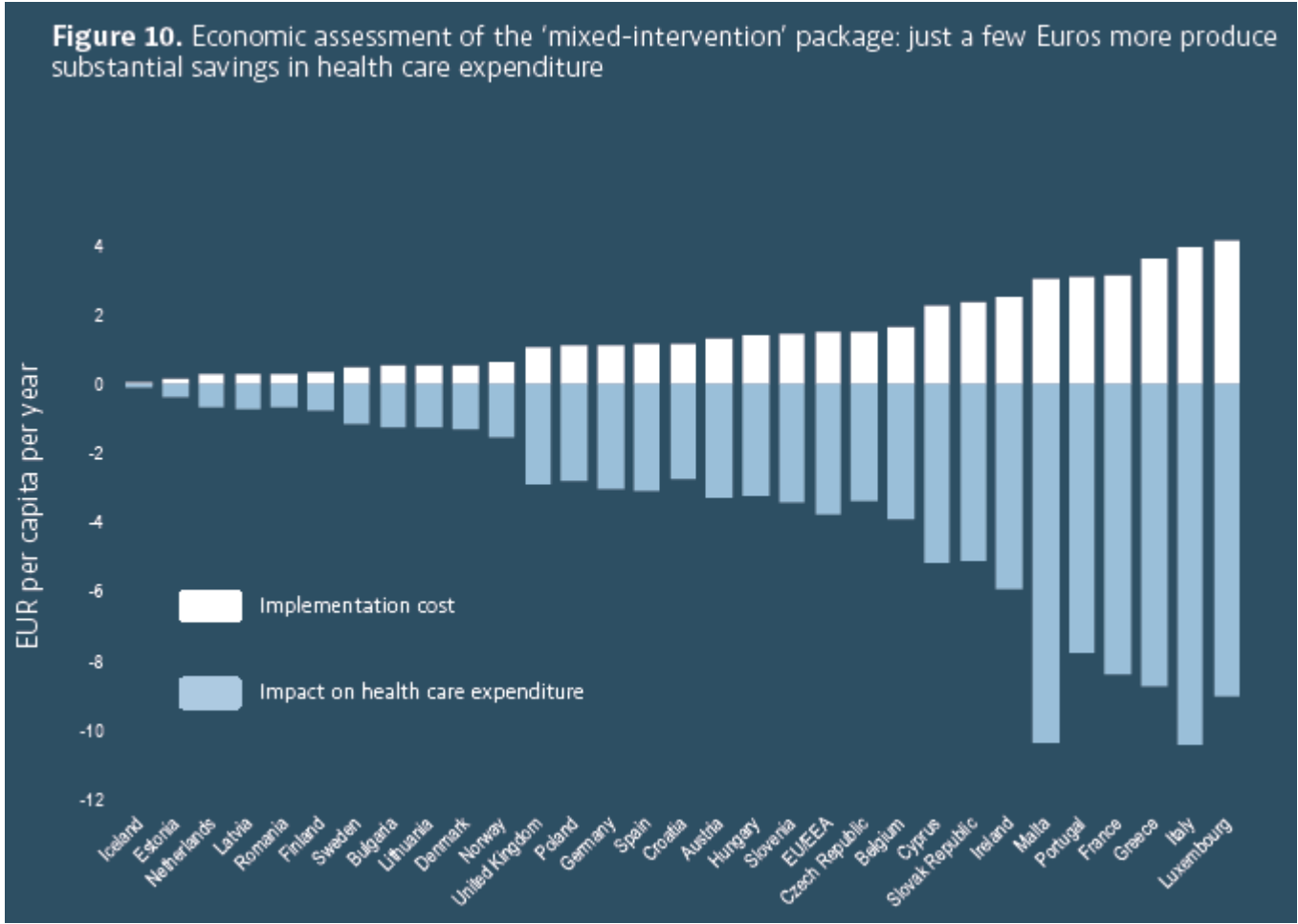
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Burden of AMR



Source: Gasser M., “Associated deaths and disability-adjusted life-years caused by infections with antibiotic-resistant bacteria in Switzerland 2010-2019” presentation at CAESAR Network Meeting 2022



Source: ECDC and OECD (2019), Antimicrobial Resistance Tackling the Burden in the European Union

Disease	Cases (95% C.I.)		Deaths (95% C.I.)		DALY per 100 k (95% C.I.)		DALY (%)
Third-generation cephalosporin-resistant <i>E. Coli</i>	42,978.2	(41463.3 - 44498.2)	2,128.8	(1979.6 - 2301.0)	80.3	(75.6 - 85.2)	17.6
Third-generation cephalosporin-resistant <i>K. pneumoniae</i>	17,835.6	(17277.1 - 18401.9)	1,215.3	(1160.0 - 1271.3)	69.0	(65.0 - 73.2)	15.1
Carbapenem-resistant <i>E. coli</i>	2,338.4	(2257.0 - 2427.9)	226.4	(204.3 - 248.0)	9.7	(8.9 - 10.6)	2.1
Carbapenem-resistant <i>K. pneumoniae</i>	11,185.8	(10769 - 11617.4)	1,882.1	(1685.9 - 2077.6)	71.0	(64.6 - 77.6)	15.5
Multidrug-resistant <i>Acinetobacter</i> spp.	53,968.8	(52134.6 - 55750.6)	2,979.2	(2656.8 - 3312.1)	131.6	(119.9 - 143.4)	28.8
Multidrug-resistant <i>P. aeruginosa</i>	6,554.3	(6328.2 - 6779.8)	704.0	(602.0 - 803.5)	30.9	(27.0 - 34.8)	6.8
MRSA	1,2631	(12258.9 - 13032.0)	917.2	(880.2 - 957.6)	44.4	(42.4 - 46.5)	9.7
Penicillin-resistant and macrolide-resistant <i>S. pneumoniae</i>	804.7	(763.0 - 844.5)	62.3	(58.5 - 66.4)	3.1	(2.9 - 3.4)	0.7
Penicillin-resistant <i>S. pneumoniae</i>	662.7	(631.8 - 696.1)	51.4	(48.3 - 54.6)	2.9	(2.6 - 3.0)	0.6
Vancomycin-resistant <i>E. faecalis</i> and <i>E. faecium</i>	5,380.1	(5215.3 - 5551.4)	274.7	(264.9 - 284.1)	14.4	(13.8 - 15.0)	3.1
	154,339.6		10,441.4		457.3		100

EQA: focus on NRLs and new scoring system

- **Severity of the Error** (Major error/Very major error):
- **Level of Difficulty** (High/Low): this depends on how close the MIC is to the breakpoint (purely mathematical)
 - Include also all drug-bug combinations with ATU also “High”?
- **Level of Complexity** (High/Low): this is related to AST methodological issues
 - Colistin (which requires BMD)
 - S. aureus* and vancomycin (which requires MIC determination)
 - AST of *S. pneumoniae* in general (which requires MH-F)
 - S. pneumoniae* and penicillin, cefotaxime and ceftriaxone (which require MIC determination)
 - Basically any other test than disk diffusion?

Thank you