



**EU-JAV General Assembly Meeting
2nd and 3rd October 2019, Rome**

Brief Summary

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As an official partner, Active Citizenship Network participated in the EU-JAV General Assembly Meeting. The EU-JAV (European Joint Action on Vaccination) is a joint effort by European countries to tackle vaccination together. The conference, which took place on October 2nd and 3rd in the Italian National Health Institute in Rome, brought together leaders from the national public health ministries as well as representatives of industry, healthcare workers, researchers and civil society organizations. Active Citizenship Network was officially recognized as a stakeholder by EU-JAMRAI, for its efforts on vaccination. The involvement of Active Citizenship Network in the conference confirms its commitment on the issue.

During the conference, different opportunities and issues concerning vaccination were discussed. A cornerstone of successful vaccination policies is to deal with vaccination hesitancy, and to ensure that national policies are sustainable. Another important element of the conference was data; how to gather data on vaccination and how to evaluate it. Data is important for various reasons; to prevent shortages in vaccination supply, to know the state of vaccination of the population, and to compare data to know whether new policies are successful.

A main concern of the conference was measles which sadly is having a comeback. The EU-JAV members affirmed their commitment to tackle it jointly. In general, the spirit of the conference was that many of the challenges involving vaccination can be better faced together, especially

considering that epidemics don't stop at national borders. Cooperation is needed in different fields; research, sharing best practices, vaccine data, and many others.

The effort of EU-JAV, which involves Member States, the European Commission as well as the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control, is not yet over.

Active Citizenship thanks the EU-JAMRAI team for the fruitful discussion and is looking forward to the next EU-JAMRAI Assembly Meeting next year.