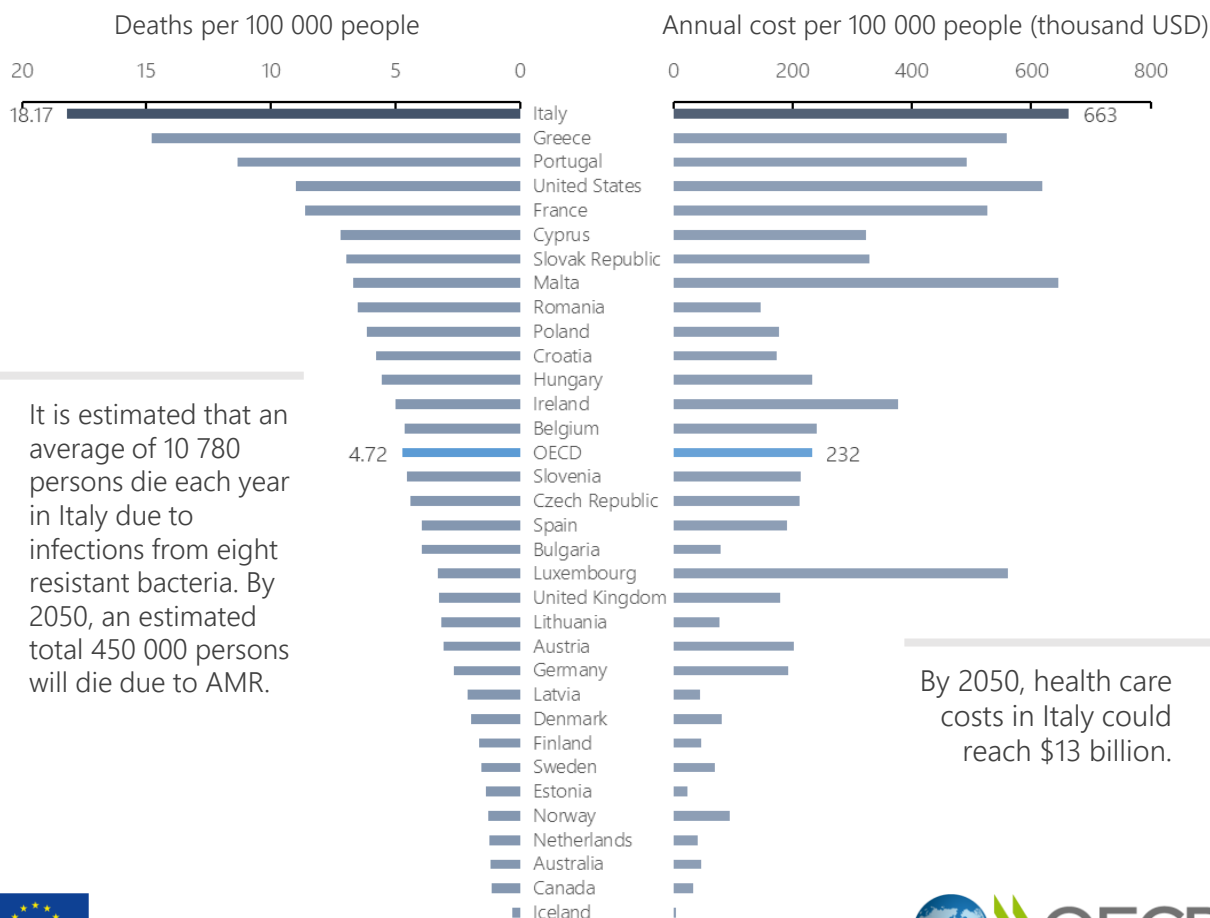
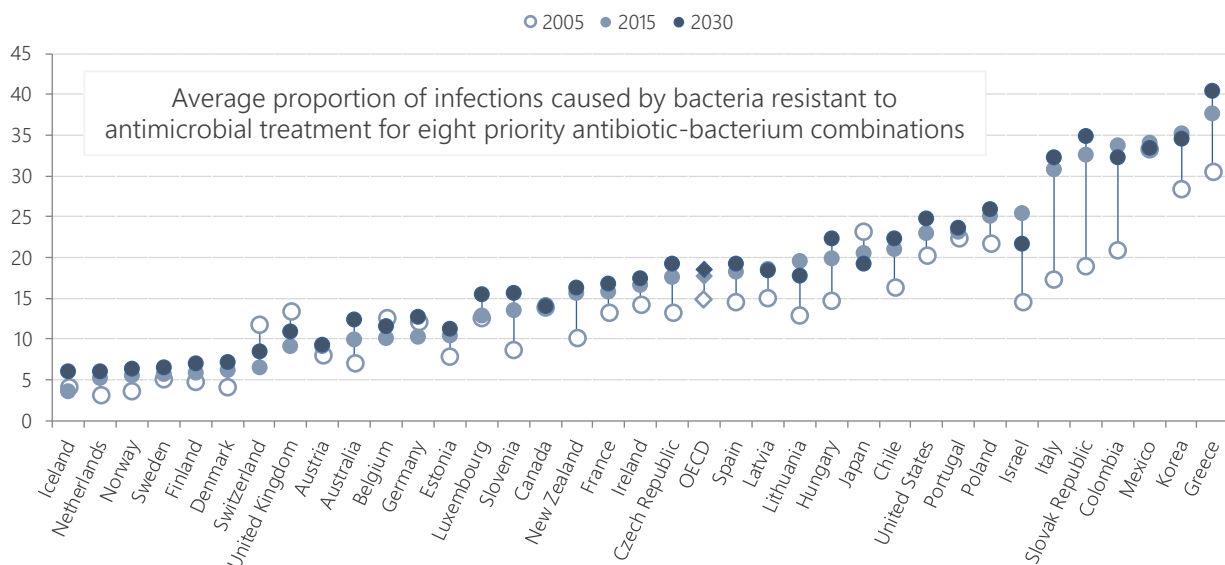


STEMMING THE SUPERBUG TIDE IN ITALY

Resistance proportions for eight antibiotic-bacterium pairs in Italy have increased in recent years, from 17% in 2005 to 30% in 2015, and could go up to 32% by 2030, should current trends in antibiotic consumption, population and economic growth continue into the future. Resistance proportions in Italy were substantially higher than the OECD average in 2015 (17%).



It is estimated that an average of 10 780 persons die each year in Italy due to infections from eight resistant bacteria. By 2050, an estimated total 450 000 persons will die due to AMR.

By 2050, health care costs in Italy could reach \$13 billion.



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Source: Stemming the Superbug Tide: Just a Few Dollars More, OECD (2018). Available at: [oe.cd/amr-2018](https://www.oecd.org/antimicrobial-resistance/)

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1. National AMR action plan



Italy has a multi-sectoral plan that reflects Global Action Plan objectives, with an operational plan and monitoring arrangements, in line with what most OECD countries are doing in this area.

2. Stewardship programmes



An antimicrobial stewardship programme is implemented in some health care facilities, lagging behind what most OECD countries are doing in this area.

3. Awareness campaigns



Italy has a small-scale awareness-raising campaign targeting some relevant stakeholders, lagging behind what most OECD countries are doing in this area.

4. Education and training



AMR is incorporated in some pre-service and in-service training in Italy, in line with what most OECD countries are doing in this area.

1 – least developed; 5 – most developed; diamonds indicate OECD mode; country scores in dark blue.

A broad policy package combining stewardship programmes, enhanced environmental hygiene, mass media campaigns, and rapid diagnostic testing could avert 8 800 deaths and save 527 million dollars per year in Italy

	Lives saved per year	Costs per year (million)	Return per dollar invested
Improving hand hygiene is one of the most effective strategies to prevent hospital-acquired infections	7120	-\$232	\$2.6
Stewardship programmes aim to increase awareness and to rationalise prescription practices among health care personnel	6660	-\$124	\$1.6
Enhanced environmental hygiene encompasses the decontamination, disinfection, cleaning and sterilisation of hospital environments and equipment	6700	\$46	\$0.7
Delayed antimicrobial prescribing avoids unnecessary consumption of antimicrobials in outpatient and primary care settings	1900	\$4	\$0.8
Mass media campaigns raise public awareness about the dangers associated with inappropriate antimicrobial prescription	1120	\$1.5	\$0.9
Rapid diagnostic tests determine, within hours, whether an antimicrobial treatment should be initiated and which should be used	2980	\$124	\$0.1