The National Antibiotic Susceptibility Testing Working Group (Nemzeti Antibiotikum Érzékenység-vizsgálati Munkacsoport, NAÉM)

The Working group was established in February 2023 by the Chief Medical Officer of Hungary. Currently it has 12 members covering clinical microbiology, infectious disease, surveillance and clinical pharmacology.

Ex officio members are:

- The actual chair of the Hungarian Society of Infectious Disease and Clinical Microbiology
- the actual chief medical officer in clinical microbiology
- the actual head of the Microbiology Reference Laboratory of the National Public Health Centre
- the actual head of the National Reference Laboratory on Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance

Objectives

- To translate EUCAST guidelines, breakpoint tables and relevant EUCAST documents to Hungarian.
- To facilitate national implementation of EUCAST guidelines, methods and breakpoints.
- To formulate susceptibility testing strategies at a national level.
- To provide guidance and support to clinical laboratories.
- To organize or contribute to educational events in the field of antimicrobial susceptibility testing, surveillance and therapy
- To represent Hungary (through the chair of the Working Group) in the EUCAST General Committee.