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- This challenge prize is offering a cash reward of
  €1 million
- To the person/team meeting the following challenge:

Develop a **rapid test** that will allow healthcare providers to distinguish, at the point-of-care, between patients with **upper respiratory tract infections** that require antibiotics and those that can be treated safely without them.

These infections include pharyngitis, sinusitis, otitis and bronchitis.



## Objectives of the Prize

- Reduce the unnecessary use of antibiotics in case of viral upper respiratory tract infections;
- Reduce costs and side effects linked to the use of antibiotics;
- Delay emergence of antibiotic-resistant organisms.



## How can the challenge be met?

• As a minimum, the test needs to be **cheap**, **rapid**, **easy-to-use** for healthcare providers and **non- or minimally invasive** for patients.

## **Timeline**

- Deadline for submissions: 17/08/2016
  Award decision at the end of 2016.
- Website: <u>www.ec.europa.eu/horizonprize/antibiotics</u>



