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EU Community Animal Health Strategy



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The EU Commission developed
A new Animal Health Strategy for the EU
(2007 – 2013)

Where
“Prevention is better than cure”

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/diseases/strategy/index_en.htm



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1. Prioritisation of EU intervention
1. Legislative framework
1. Prevention, surveillance and preparedness
1. Science, Innovation, Research



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FVE's opinion

- recognizes **the role the Commission has played sofar** in respect of the Animal Health and Welfare and Public Health
- welcomes the initiative to shift from a series of policy actions to identifying **long term goals** and defining a strategy.
- is pleased to see that the Strategy recognises the strong relations between **Animal Health, Public Health and Animal Welfare**.



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- Fully support « **prevention is better than cure** »
 - adequately staffed and funded **Veterinary Services** and border controls
 - on farm **bio-security** must be improved
 - **long term farm health management programmes** including regular consultations with a vet practitioner who knows the farm
 - efficient early **reporting** systems
 - need for adequate **identification and registration** of animals, food producing animals as well as companion animals



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- emphasis the **role veterinarians play** in the prevention and control of zoonosis and food borne infections
- sees the need for a strong **co-operation** between veterinarians and medical doctors
- welcome the development of one general, horizontal « **Animal Health Law** »
 - Establishing general principles
 - Defining the role and responsibilities (incl clear mandate of the veterinary profession)
 - promoting efficient organisational arrangements
 - without duplicating or contradictory provisions

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- Use of **vaccines** as a valuable tool in a disease prevention and control strategies must be re-evaluated
- Development of reliable vaccines and diagnostics is necessary

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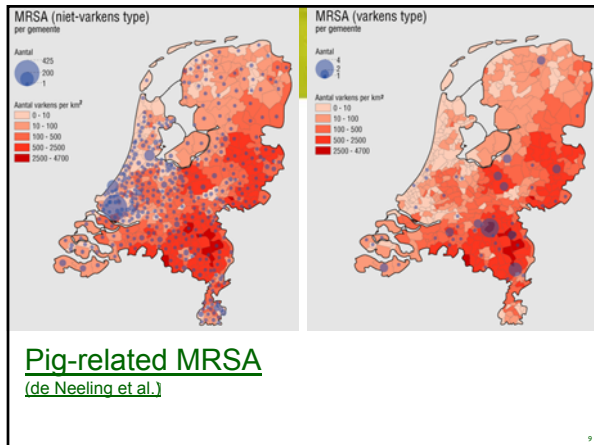
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MRSA
conference

Tuesday 8 April

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MRSA: confirmed speakers

- Dr Vida Cadonic-Spelic, CVO, Slovenia
- Prof Dr Jaap Wagenaar, Utrecht
- Dr Kris De Smet, DG SANCO
- Dr Stef Bronzwaer, EFSA
- Avril Doyle – MEP Key speaker
- EMEA & ECDC
- European Farmers, European Doctors,..

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EU Veterinary Week

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Strengthen the “Animal Health Services”

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Promote the CAHS

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Promote Biosecurity

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