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Antimicrobials: a true One Health issue

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FVE's views and action points for keeping
antimicrobials effective, now and for the future

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in 38 European countries

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1. Veterinary Practitioners (UEVP)
2. Hygienists and Public Health Veterinarians (UEVH)
3. Veterinary State Officers (EASVO)
4. Veterinarians in industry, research and education (EVERI)



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Our Mission:

The European veterinary profession,
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animal health, animal welfare and public health across
Europe

Together with its members,
FVE aims to support veterinarians to deliver their **professional
responsibilities** at the best possible level, **recognized
and valued by the society.**



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- Veterinary medicine is a Health Profession, committed to the **health** and **welfare** of **animals** and **people**!
- **FVE** wishes to work together with other health professionals, animal owners, politicians and regulators in addressing "One Health" matters



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- Antimicrobials are extremely valuable tools for the prevention and control of bacterial diseases in people as well as in animals.
- In the interest of people and animals, it is vital to keep antimicrobials effective for now and for the future.



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MAIN FIELDS FOR ACTION

1. Data on the use of antibiotics
2. Veterinary prescription
3. Responsible use
4. Research and alternative methods
5. Miscellaneous



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1. COLLECTION OF DATA

- Risk Management must be based on Risk Assessment
- Reliable data on the use of antimicrobials and the occurrence and spread of resistance are indispensable
- ESVAC European Surveillance on Veterinary Antimicrobial Consumption
- **FVE**: All stakeholders, Member States, industry and veterinarians shall contribute to ESVAC



2. VETERINARY PRESCRIPTION

- Examination → diagnosis → prescription → delivery → treatment → evaluation
- Veterinary Acts
- Quality of the veterinary prescription
- Traceability and monitoring
- **FVE**: A veterinary prescription is a prescription written by a veterinarian



FVE: AMENDMENT EUROPEAN VETERINARY CODE OF CONDUCT

"In particular, and especially in respect of antimicrobial medicines, veterinarians shall be mindful of the impact which the use of veterinary medicinal products may have on the use of the same or similar medicines in humans.

Veterinarians shall at all times be conscious of issues related to the development of resistance to specific medicines or groups of medicines and should make reasonable efforts to encourage compliance by the end user."



3. RESPONSIBLE USE

FVE proposes

- Restricted use of certain antimicrobials
- Off label use or cascade restricted or prohibited
- Guidelines and referential documents (formularia)
- Clarification of some practices : prophylaxis and medicated feed



4. RESEARCH and ALTERNATIVE METHODS

- Research into the occurrence and spread of resistant strains
- The exchange of resistant strains between man and animal (both ways)
- Proper husbandry, hygiene rules and biosecurity
- The development of on-site diagnostics
- Alternative methods for prevention and control
- Substances not used in human medicine



5. MISCELLAENEUS

- No incentives on sales of larger quantities
- Same price per liter or kg regardless the presentation
- Advertising
- Sales of antimicrobials purchased via the internet must be banned
- Posting and shipping



Thank you for your attention !