

EPRUMA

European Platform for the responsible use
of medicines in animals

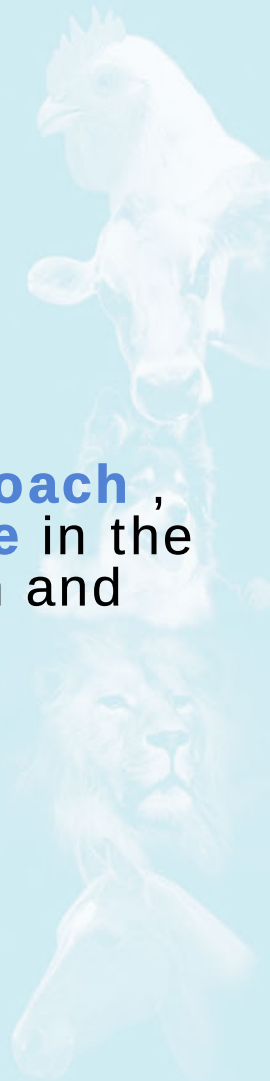
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About EPRUMA - 1

European Platform for the Responsible Use of Medicines in Animals

- **Mission**: Promote responsible use of medicines in animals in the EU
- **Aim**: Facilitate and promote a **coordinated approach**, involving all stakeholders, to ensure **best practice** in the responsible use of medicines in disease prevention and control → promote **animal health and welfare**
- Established in 2005



About EPRUMA - 2

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How it works:

- **Identifying issues** of scientific and public concern in the areas of public health, animal health, animal welfare and the environment related to the use of animal medicines.
- **Providing** an informed **consensus** view on these issues.
- **Establishing broad principles** describing “best practice” concerning the use of medicines in disease prevention and control.



About EPRUMA - 3

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How it works:

- **Communicating through** and involving **all parties** concerned in the implementation of best practices
- **Consulting and communicating** to promote responsible use, to contribute to relevant legislation, to explain responsible use as a part of good farming practice
- **Identifying and supporting implementation** of practical strategies to sustain responsible use.



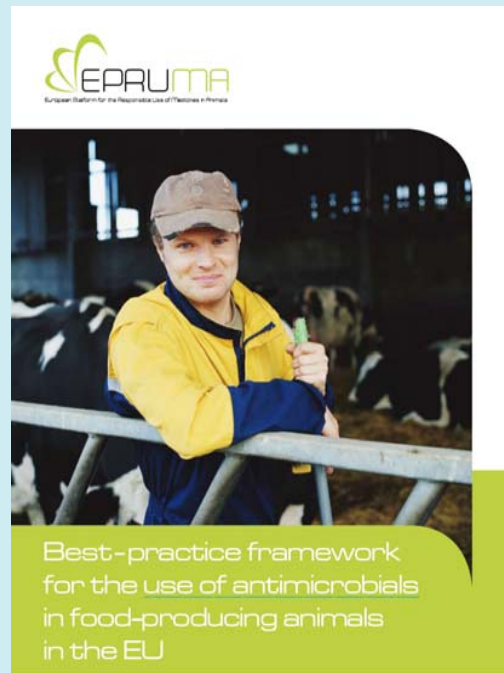
EPRUMA members

- **COPA-COGECA:** farmers and cooperatives
- **EISA:** European Initiative for Sustainable Development in Agriculture
- **FEFAC:** Feed manufacturers
- **FESASS:** Animal-health farmer organisations
- **FVE:** Veterinarians
- **IFAH-Europe:** Animal health industry



Best-practice framework

Use of antimicrobials in food-producing animals in the EU



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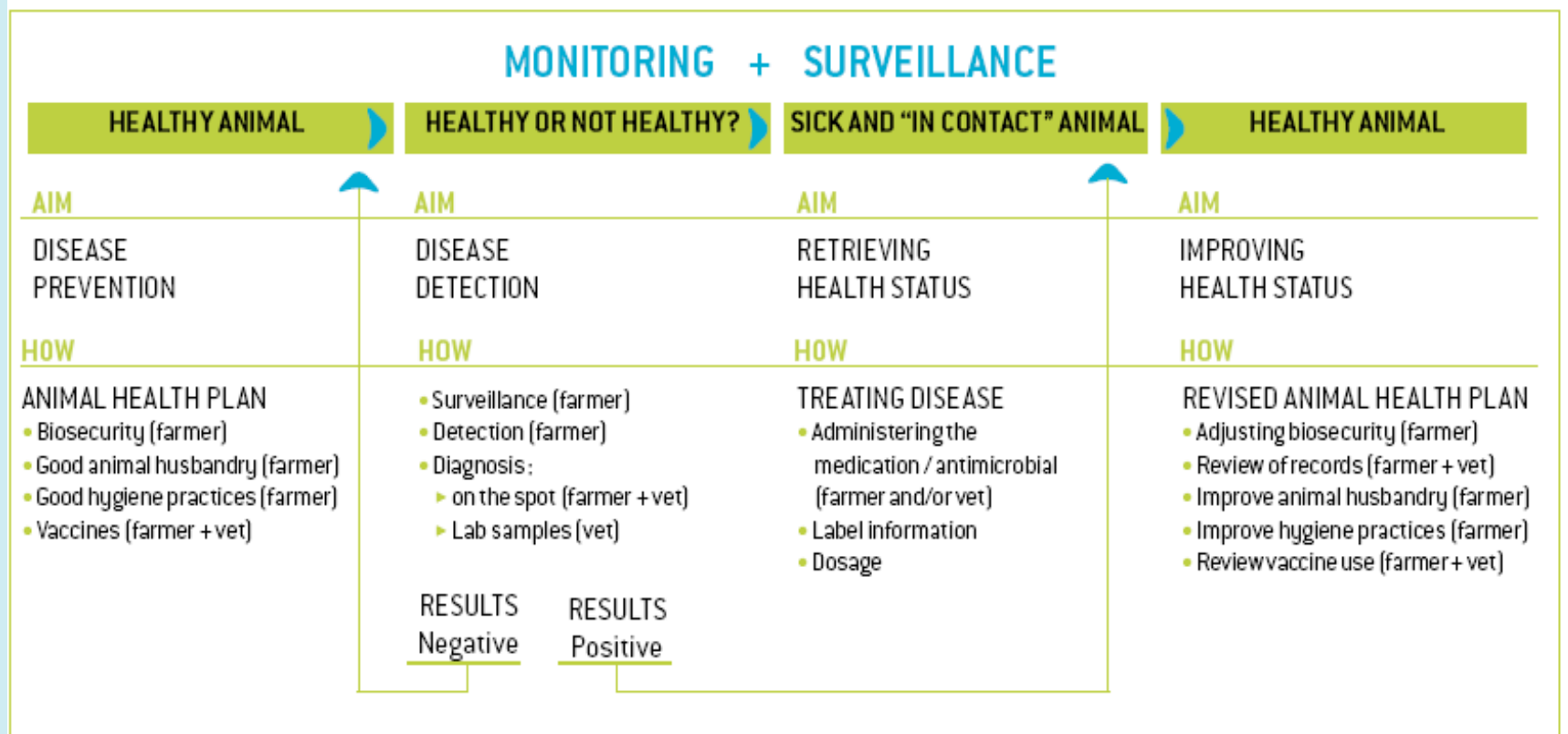
- **Purpose:**
 - Contribute to continued antimicrobial (AM) effectiveness through **best-practice**
 - **Adaptable** to specific requirements in Member States
 - Complements integrated farming



**Coordinated approach across EU
+ tailored at national level**

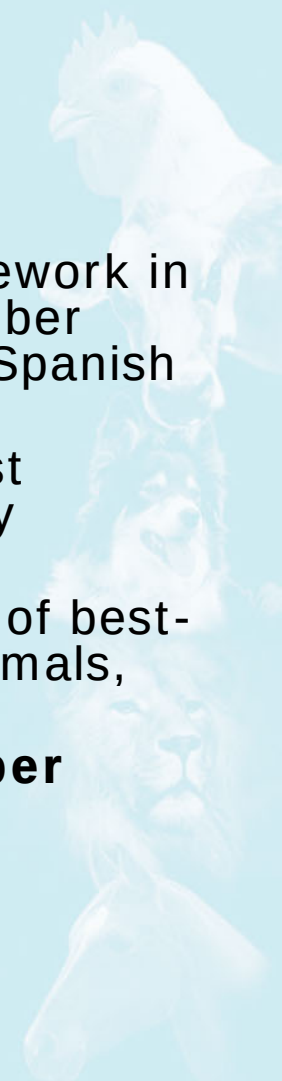


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- **The project includes:**
 - **Providing and/or completing translations** of the framework in various European languages with input from EPRUMA member organisations. Target languages: French, German, Polish, Spanish and Italian.
 - **Raising awareness** of EPRUMA and its document amongst veterinarians in EU member states (MS), particularly in key markets and countries where no similar document exists.
 - **Involving the parties concerned** in the implementation of best-practices regarding the responsible use of medicines in animals, particularly in key EU MSs.
 - **Where existing equivalent initiatives exist in a Member State, these will be promoted**



Best-practice framework

Who does what?

Languages	Booklet translation	Booklet Printing	Distribution of copies to vets	Communication with vet students	Continuous professional development
English	Available				
French	Available				
German	Available				
Polish	Available				
Spanish	Not available -				
Italian	Not available				
Other?					

Best-practice framework: Conclusions

- **Antimicrobials are key** → protect animal health and welfare
- **Responsible Use** → Need support of all the stakeholders
- **Must move from aspiration to reality**
 - Translate
 - Distribute
 - Reinforce (CPD)
 - Change practice to responsible use
- **All parties should work together** → Ensure safe use + minimise resistance

Guiding principle:

“As little as possible, as much as necessary”



Best-practice framework

Downloadable from

<http://www.ifahsec.org/Europe/Epruma.pdf>

Thank you

