



EMA Monitoring sales of veterinary antimicrobial agents in Europe

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FVE's Mission

The European veterinary profession, embodied by FVE, strives to promote **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.



- ⑩ Antimicrobials are important instruments - within a much broader range - for the assurance of the health and welfare of people and animals
- ⑩ In certain conditions they are even crucial
- ⑩ A sustainable availability of safe and effective antimicrobials is paramount
- ⑩ Existing antimicrobials should be maintained and research and development of new ones should be stimulated



However....

- ⑩ Exposure of bacteria to antimicrobials inevitably leads to selection pressure, the occurrence of resistant ones, and a loss of the antimicrobial's effectivity
- ⑩ Several measures are taken to avoid or mitigate this risk (EPRUMA)
- ⑩ Obviously: not enough, we find ourselves in an uncomfortable, defensive position and further initiatives are needed
- ⑩ For the time being we have to act on the base of incomplete information
- ⑩ Further understanding of the issue is needed



- ⑩ FVE welcomes the ESVAC project to obtain data on the sales of veterinary antimicrobials
- ⑩ FVE is happy to cooperate and to help with obtaining information from the field
- ⑩ To be really meaningful the data on volumes must be combined with data on the appearance or absence of animal related antimicrobial resistance in animals and in people !



Complex issue, important to keep a view on the whole picture

There is no single solution

Communication is essential



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Thank you for your attention!