



# EMA/FVE info session on restrictions for the use of certain antimicrobials in animals

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Veterinarians serve as the first line of defence against emerging diseases and play a crucial role in mitigating the development of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Regulation (EU) 2019/6 introduces specific measures against the emergence of AMR and promotes a more **prudent and responsible use** of antimicrobial medicinal products in animals, including strict rules on their veterinary prescription for prophylactic and metaphylactic use.

In collaboration with the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe, the Agency is hosting an info session to address restrictions on the use of certain antimicrobials in animals, considering both the [list of antimicrobials reserved for the treatment of humans](#) and the [WHO list of medically important antimicrobials](#). During this session, participants will have the opportunity to engage with experts who contributed to the development of the available guidance.

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<b>14:50</b>	<b>Joining and technical checks</b>	
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<b>15:00</b>	<b>Welcome and opening speech</b>	
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	<i>Zoltan Kunsagi (EMA)</i>	<b>5'</b>
	<i>Piotr Kwiecinski (FVE)</i>	<b>5'</b>
<b>15:10</b>	<b>Session 1: List of antimicrobials reserved for the treatment of humans</b>	
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	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>15'</b>
	<i>Rory Breathnach (EMA)</i>	
<b>15:25</b>	<b>Session 2: WHO list of medically important antimicrobials</b>	
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	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>15'</b>
	<i>Andreas Palzer (FVE)</i>	
<b>15:40</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
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		<b>20'</b>
<b>16:00</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>	
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	<b>Wrap up</b>	<b>5'</b>
	<i>Nancy De Briyne (FVE)</i>	

## About the speakers

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### **Dr Andreas Palzer**

*Associate Professor at Ludwig-Maximilians-University*

Andreas Palzer is an accomplished veterinarian specialising in internal and reproductive medicine for pigs. Graduated as a veterinarian in Munich in 2003, Andreas is a Diplomate of the European College of Porcine Health Management and has been recognized as a specialist for porcine health since July 2008. Associate professor since 2016 and with extensive experience as a private practitioner, he also holds key positions in various veterinary organisations and contributes to global initiatives, including serving on the Advisory Group for the WHO.



### **Dr Nancy De Briyne**

*Executive Director, Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE)*

Nancy De Briyne presently serves as Executive Director at FVE, driving initiatives in key areas, including veterinary medicines, antimicrobial resistance, animal welfare, and the status of the veterinary profession. She is a diplomate for the European College of Animal Welfare and Behavioural medicine and a member of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare.

Nancy completed her studies in veterinary medicine in Ghent and after gaining experience as a veterinary practitioner in Belgium and the UK, she joined FVE where she works since 2000.



### **Dr Piotr Kwiecinski**

*President of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE)*

Piotr Kwieciński, DVM, PhD, poultry diseases specialist, owner of VET-LAB Brudzew consisting of diagnostic laboratories, veterinary practice, and veterinary warehouse. VET-LAB Brudzew has been present on veterinary market for 34 years and employs over 200 highly specialized personnel: diagnosticians as well as veterinary doctors. Since 2010 Piotr Kwieciński has been representing Polish veterinarians within international organizations UEVP/FVE. Between 2019-2022 he held the position of UEVP President and since 2023 he is Vice President of FVE.



### **Professor Rory Breathnach**

*Dean and Head of School of Veterinary Medicine, Dublin*

Professor Breathnach graduated from the UCD School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) in 1986. Following an internship in Small Animal Clinical Studies in UCD, he obtained an MSc in Drug Toxicology from the University of London. After 4 years in small animal practice, he returned to the UCD SVM as a lecturer in 1991 and subsequently obtained a PhD in Clinical Dermatology. He was appointed Clinical Director of the UCD Veterinary Hospital in 2015 and Dean & Head of School in September 2023.

In addition to his roles in UCD, Professor Breathnach is a CVMP member, having previously been a member of the Advisory Committee on Veterinary Medicines (Health Products Regulatory Authority) and Chair of the Veterinary Scientific Advice Working Party. He is also a member of the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine's Advisory Committee on Companion Animal Welfare and the Scientific Committee of the Irish Greyhound Board.



### **Dr Zoltan Kunsagi**

*Head of Veterinary Antimicrobial Monitoring and Resistance, European Medicines Agency*

Zoltan graduated as a veterinarian in Budapest and holds additional master's degrees as a specialist in toxicology and as an analytical chemist specialised in chromatography techniques. Between 1999 and 2014, he worked as a laboratory analyst, a researcher, and a consultant in Hungary (Central Agricultural Office), Belgium (European Commission, DG JRC), and Saudi Arabia (SFDA). In 2014, Zoltan joined EMA, and since then he has been working in the Veterinary Division and leads the antimicrobial resistance team. He provides support to the CVMP's Antimicrobials Working Party and is the main contributor from EMA to the Joint Interagency Antimicrobial Consumption and Resistance Analysis (JIACRA).