



STATEMENT OF THE FEDERATION OF VETERINARIANS OF EUROPE (FVE) FOR THE EUROPEAN ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS DAY 2018

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FVE, the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe, are happy to take part in the 2018 European Antibiotic Awareness Day.

A year has passed in which the European veterinary profession took considerable steps forward towards responsible use of antibiotics.

FVE since years, actively promotes responsible use of medicines. We promote the implementation of best practices to improve the health and welfare of animals and, therefore, to minimise diseases and decrease the need to use antibiotics. Animals that are well cared for and appropriately housed, will experience a better welfare, be less prone to infections and will need fewer antibiotics.

FVE believes in the need for a holistic -‘One Health’ global approach in order to fight AMR. This is why FVE advocates for the importance of all health professionals learning to work together. In addition, FVE corporates with veterinarians across the world, as Europe is only part of the world and antibiotic resistance does not respect borders.

Some key highlights:

- *FVE continues to promote responsible use of antibiotics such as the [production of 5 recent posters in the field of companion animal responsible use](#)*
- *FVE became partners in a 5-year DG research project called ‘[HealthyLivestock](#)’ involving many European Union countries and China to promote disease prevention*
- *FVE advocates for better availability of veterinary medicines for all species and indications in all EU Member States, including availability of diagnostic tools, vaccines and other alternatives to antibiotics for use in animals;*
- *FVE cherishes its close cooperation with several stakeholders in both animal health sector, such as through EPRUMA, but also with our counterparts in human sector CPME, the European Doctors association and CED, the European dentists’ organisations.*
- *FVE is proud to be one of the stakeholders that have signed the Call to Action of the EU Health Policy Platform, which has been currently endorsed by more than 40 organisations. It is important that civil society stakeholders and their networks are formally involved in relevant EU discussions since they are crucial to the implementation and success of the AMR Action Plan.*

Last but not least, FVE is very proud to see that our efforts in the animal health field is yielding great success. This is demonstrated in the last ESVAC report, where the overall decrease in use of antibiotics for animals in the EU reached 20% between 2009 and 2016 highlighting the success of our efforts in practice.

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