



European Platform for the Responsible Use of Medicines in Animals

EPRUMA is a multi-stakeholder platform linking best practice with animal health and public health. It aims to ensure best practice through responsible use of medicines in the prevention and control of animal diseases.

■ FVE seminar discusses responsible use of antimicrobials



More than 300 participants joined the FVE seminar on the theme 'Antimicrobials: a true One-Health issue' (Brussels, 18 November 2011), where representatives from the academic world in human and veterinary medicine, DG SANCO and the European Parliament presented their views to the audience.

Conclusions agreed upon stress that an appropriate use of antimicrobials is key to mitigating the risk of antimicrobial resistance, as pointed out by the FVE President, Dr Christophe Buhot.

[Read more](#) on the conclusions and the presentations.

■ EPRUMA at the International Conference on Responsible Use



EPRUMA participated in the 'International Conference on Responsible Use of Antibiotics in Animals', held in Egmond aan Zee, The Netherlands, on 14-16 November 2011. The conference gathered more than 200 delegates from a wide range of stakeholders from 23 countries.

At the event veterinarians, farmers, regulators, authorities, academics and industry exchanged views on the future path regarding the responsible use of antibiotics in veterinary medicine. [Read more](#) on the conference conclusions.

■ EPRUMA welcomes the European Commission's emphasis on Responsible Use

EPRUMA has released a statement welcoming the Communication from the Commission entitled "Action plan against the rising threats from Antimicrobial Resistance" and its emphasis on Responsible Use.

Partners point out that bio-security, good housing, good nutrition and herd health plans, coupled with appropriate vaccine use is all part of the Responsible Use approach, with diagnostics guiding the choice of antimicrobial. Additionally, they stress that, in order to move from the information-gathering phase to the communication phase, it is important that the Commission's 5-year strategy supports communication with vets and farmers so that Responsible Use is reinforced as the norm in

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vets' and farmers' daily activities.

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■ **EPRUMA video: the animal health industry and responsible use**



EPRUMA has launched a video on the animal health industry's role regarding responsible use of veterinary medicines.

IFAH-Europe's Managing Declan O'Brien, Declan O'Brien, explains the role of the animal health industry in ensuring responsible use of veterinary medicines and the commitment to the EPRUMA initiative.

He emphasises that responsible use is based on a holistic approach and that when disease occurs, diagnosis and treatment under veterinary care should follow. See the video by clicking on the image or by visiting [EPRUMA's YouTube channel](#).

■ **EPRUMA factsheet on the cascade procedure**



EPRUMA has produced a factsheet explaining the European cascade procedure and the decision tree, which is available on the website.

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■ **EPRUMA addresses the DG SANCO Animal Health Advisory Group**

EPRUMA partners presented their initiative to promote the Responsible Use of veterinary medicines to the European Commission DG SANCO's Animal Health Advisory Committee, which is part of the Advisory Group on the Food Chain and Animal and Plant Health on 17th June 2011.

Declan O'Brien, on behalf of EPRUMA partners, explained that the motivation behind launching EPRUMA is to build stakeholder agreement on what constitutes Responsible Use of veterinary medicines.

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