FVE and responsible use of antimicrobials

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46 national associations
38 European countries

4 FVE Sections

- UEVP (Practitioners)
- UEVH (Hygienists – Public Health Officers)
- EASVO (Veterinary State Officers)
- EVERI (Education, Research, Industry)
FVE’s mission

The European veterinary profession, embodied by FVE, strives to enhance animal health, animal welfare, public health and protect the environment by promoting the veterinary profession.

Together with its members, FVE aims to support veterinarians in delivering their professional responsibilities to the best possible standard, and that this expertise is recognized and valued by society.
Content report:
6 chapters

- Demography
- Demand for veterinary services
- Veterinary practices
- Working as a vet
- Future of veterinary profession
- Country pages

13,000+ vets replied to the survey (statistical confidence ±0.85 % at 95% confidence level)

26 Member Organisations
Key findings demography

- Estimated veterinarians in EU 182,900
- In Europe (FVE): 242,700
- 44% aged under 40
- 53% female
- 78% work full-time
- Private practice 60% of veterinarians
- 19% work in public service
- 48% work with/on issues related to companion animals
- Reported unemployment is 3% (reality will be higher)
Welcome to the FVE website

The Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) is an umbrella organisation of veterinary organisations from 38 European countries. We also represent 4 vibrant sections, each of which representing key groups within our profession: Practitioners (UEVP), Hygienists (UEVH), Veterinary State Officers (EASVO) and veterinarians in Education, Research and Industry (EVERI).

FVE - AVMA partnership
This relationship allows vets to unite as a larger voice, advocating across continents for the importance of veterinary medicine to society
Thu, 21 Apr 2016
Read more

Update on ECCVT Activities
The European Coordinating Committee on Veterinary Training met on 22 March.
Mar 23, 2016
Read more

Brussels bomb attacks
The FVE Board of directors and staff are shocked by the horrible attacks that took place in Brussels this week.
Thu, 24 Mar 2016
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Veterinarians play a crucial role in fighting antimicrobial resistance
On 10 March 2016 the European Parliament voted in the plenary on the proposal to amend the EU law on veterinary medicines. The vote is an important step in the EU co-decision process.
Mon, 14 Mar 2016
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FVE Survey on the veterinary profession in Europe
FVE and its members have a strong interest in the ongoing developments in the European labour...
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FVE SURVEY ON PIG CASTRATION
AMR is a Global One-Health problem
High in priority list of politicians

➢ At global level
  ✓ Berlin Declaration on Antimicrobial Resistance is calling for “an integrated approach of WHO, FAO and OIE to ensure consistency in responses to this global challenge”

➢ At European level
  ✓ Antimicrobial resistance Action Plan
  ✓ ESVAC (European Surveillance of Veterinary Antibiotic Consumption)

➢ At national level
  ✓ National programmes of Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Germany, etc.
Veterinarians have an important role in assuring the proper use of antimicrobials, to keep them effective, so they can continue to protect animal and human health, now and in the future.
FVE Activities

- FVE opinion and position papers
- FVE surveys
- FVE guidance leaflets
- Liaison with stakeholders
- Advocacy and Lobbying
- Support research
Antimicrobial resistance = resistance against antibiotics or anthelmintics, coccidiostats, ...

✓ FVE position on Antimicrobial Resistance
✓ Veterinary prescription
✓ Internet sales of veterinary medicines: how to regulate it properly
✓ FVE leaflets on responsible use of antimicrobials, e.g. in companion animals, horses, livestock, etc (23 languages)
✓ Anthelmintic resistance
✓ Opinion on coccidiostats in preparation

All medicines shall be prescribed by a veterinarian following an examination and diagnosis or an established health plan.

Internet sales of antibiotics must be banned.

FVE Surveys:

- HMA and FVE survey
  - Factors influencing antibiotic prescribing habits and use of sensitivity testing amongst veterinarians in Europe
    [veterinaryrecord.bmj.com/content/early/2013/09/25/vr.101454.full](veterinaryrecord.bmj.com/content/early/2013/09/25/vr.101454.full)
  - Antibiotics used most commonly to treat animals in Europe
    [veterinaryrecord.bmj.com/content/175/13/325.full](veterinaryrecord.bmj.com/content/175/13/325.full)

- FVE survey on pharmacovigilance (with the support of EMA)
  - Aim: to get insight in reasons for (not) reporting adverse reactions and lack of efficacy
  - Received ~3400 replies
  - Answers are being analysed now

- FVE reply to EMA and EFSA about use of antimicrobials in food producing animals
FVE liaison with stakeholders:

- COPA/COGECA: European Farmers and Agri-Cooperatives
- EGGVP: European Group for Generic Veterinary Products
- EISA: European Initiative for Sustainable Development in Agriculture
- EMVD: European Manufacturers of Veterinary Diagnostics
- FECAVA: Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Associations
- FESAC: European Feed Manufacturers Federation
- FESASS: Federation of Animal Health and Sanitary Security
- FVE: Federation of Veterinarians of Europe
- IFAH-EUROPE: International Federation for Animal Health-Europe
- PGEU: Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union

Associate partners:

- AMCRA: Centre for Expertise on Antibiotic Consumption and Resistance in Animals (Belgium)
- RUMA: Responsible Use of Medicines in Agriculture Alliance (United Kingdom)
- SDA: The Netherlands Veterinary Medicines Authority
- VETRESPONSABLE: Platform for the Responsible Use of Medicines in Animals (Spain)
Joint statements

- FVE – CPME Memorandum of understanding (updated 2015)
- FVE-AVMA-CVMA Joint statement on Judicious use of Antimicrobials

Guidance leaflets

www.fve.org/veterinary/medicines.php#18
www.epruma.eu/publications/all-publications.html
FVE liaison with stakeholders:

Conferences and events

2015 Events
✓ European Antibiotic Awareness Day
✓ FESASS-FVE-LUX Presidency:
  Farmers and veterinarians together tackle antimicrobial resistance

2016 Events

EPRUMA workshop: responsible use of animal medicines
Brussels, 13 October 2016

Save the date!

Information on www.fve.org/news/presentations.php
Review of EU legislation
and Evaluation of the Commission’s Action Plan on AMR

Regular contacts with all European Institutions

- Strengthening the position of the veterinarian and the prescription
- Regular health visits and preventive health planning
- CIA’s under special conditions (e.g. sensitivity testing)
- Monitoring of antibiotic use
- One Health: Multi-sectorial & global approach
FVE supports further research:

and dissemination of information
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Veterinary Schools and responsible use of medicines

Research
- Antimicrobial resistance mechanisms (incl. anthelmintic resistance)
- Alternatives and best practices
- Diagnostics
- New products

Training
- Biosecurity
- Prevention
- Regular visits
- Veterinary prescription after examination and diagnosis
- Monitoring
- Pharmacovigilance
Thank you for your attention