



Federation  
of Veterinarians  
of Europe



## **Doctors, Dentists and Veterinarians keep on fighting against the alarming rise of antibiotic resistance in Europe**

Antibiotic resistance has increased in the past years to the point that now constitutes a serious risk to public health. The lack of effectiveness of existing antibiotics combined with the lack of new antibiotic treatments, raises serious concerns and demands a joint response.

In this context, primary prescribers play a crucial role. Being in direct contact with patients on a daily basis, they are best placed to advise on patients' need for antibiotics.

With seven simple recommendations, the European health professionals raise awareness to primary care prescribers on the prudent and responsible use of antibiotics.

**FVE President, Dr. Christophe Buhot:** *“Veterinarians together with the other health professions are the gatekeepers of the public health. This is why it is so important to ensure that all of us – doctors, dentists and veterinarians - are equally committed to this goal and promote the same recommendations”*

**CPME President Dr Katrin Fjeldsted:** *“It is crucial that healthcare professionals join forces to combat antimicrobial resistance. The joint recommendations issued today are part of this collaborative exercise and we will continue to closely work together to promote prudent use of antibiotics.”*

**CED President Dr Wolfgang Doneus:** *“Antibiotics need to be responsibly prescribed, correctly used and the outcomes monitored. We are counting on our Colleagues to help in making sure that antibiotics stay effective and to discuss the risks of self-medication with our patients”.*

Please find the leaflet [here](#).

For translation in all EU languages please see [here](#).

### **Notes to editors:**

The Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) is an umbrella organisation of 44 veterinary organisations from 38 European countries, representing a total of around 240.000 veterinarians. FVE strives to promote animal health, animal welfare and public health across Europe. FVE is registered in the Transparency Register with the ID number 3959733732-78.

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) represents national medical associations across Europe. CPME is committed to contributing the medical profession's point of view to EU and European policy-making through pro-active cooperation on a wide range of health and healthcare related issues. CPME is registered in the Transparency Register with the ID number 9276943405-41.

The Council of European Dentists (CED) is a European not-for-profit association which represents over 340,000 practising dentists through 32 national dental associations and chambers from 30 European countries. Its key objectives are to promote high standards of oral healthcare and effective patient-safety centred professional practice across Europe, including through regular contacts with other European organisations and EU institutions. CED is registered in the Transparency Register with the ID number 4885579968-84.