



Prudent use of antimicrobials in animals

**FVO questionnaire and
fact-finding missions**

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Background:

Commission's AMR (antimicrobial resistance) road map and action plan:

- **strengthening regulatory framework for veterinary medicinal products (VMPs) and medicated feed**
- **recommendations for prudent use of antimicrobials**
- **(parallel SANTE Directorate C activities concerning prudent use of antimicrobials in humans)**

Aims of FVO project:

- Examine how Member States (MS) ensure that the relevant legal requirements (availability, distribution and use of antimicrobials) are respected
- To assess the implementation of national and EU guidance (*published 11-9-15*) on prudent use – especially for critically important antimicrobials (CIAs), and
- To identify and disseminate best practices implemented by the MS

Approach:

- **Questionnaire to all MS (plus Iceland, Norway and Switzerland), distributed to:**
 - **Competent Authorities (CAs) and**
 - **stakeholders (Advisory Group and national FVE member organisations)**
- **Draft questionnaire prepared:**
 - Aiming to be straightforward, comprehensive but not too onerous....
 - Avoiding a legalistic approach
- **Comments on draft questionnaire invited from AMR WG members after meeting of 1-7-15**

Distribution of questionnaire August 2015:

- Questionnaire finalised taking into account comments received from AMR WG members
- Questionnaire send to MS CAs (competent authorities), plus IS, NO and CH
- CAs were free to consult with national stakeholders in compiling their responses
- EU stakeholders consulted via Advisory Group on the Food Chain and Animal and Plant Health (e-mail on 12 August, reminder e-mail 19 October)
- FVE national member organisations also consulted to facilitate responses from veterinary organisations

Responses to questionnaire:

- Requested to be submitted by **16 November 2015**
- By e-mail to the address **sante-fvo-inspections@ec.europa.eu**
- Using the reference "**prudent use project**"
- It would be greatly appreciated if responses were submitted in **English**

Subsequent steps:

- **Series of FVO fact-finding missions to be performed in 9 Member States during 2016 (proposed to be DK, DE, ES, SI, NL, RO, CZ, CY, FI, as discussed at CVO meeting in FVO June 2015)**
- **Selected on basis of:**
 - Published data (e.g. ESVAC, published guidelines)
 - Internal information available to Commission
 - Geographical spread etc.

Outcome of overall project:

- **Individual reports of fact-finding missions will be published on FVO website, following that MS commenting on the draft FVO report as normal**
- **Individual reports won't contain any recommendations**
- **Final overview report will also be published on FVO website– summarising key findings of questionnaire responses, desk study and fact-finding missions**

Any questions ?