

The Federation of veterinarians of Europe is the representative body for the veterinary profession in Europe. We are a not-for-profit umbrella organisation with veterinary member associations in 39 European countries.

We are the veterinarian's official European stakeholder organisation covering all veterinary sectors, including practice, food safety, public health, education, research, industry and state veterinary services.

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## ONE HEALTH & SUSTAINABILITY

People and animals share the same environment, and people depend on animals for livelihood and companionship. We are the only profession routinely working at the interface of animal, human and environmental health. Sustainable veterinary medicine aims to provide for the needs of people and animals with a minimal impact on the environment.

*Veterinarians call upon EU policy makers to engage in One Health and support us in our vital role of protecting animal health and welfare, public health and the environment.*

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## PUBLIC HEALTH & FOOD SAFETY

The health and welfare of people and animals is closely linked: 60% of existing infectious diseases in humans have an animal origin. Animals can also be a source of pathogens in food. We play a crucial role in the detection, prevention and control of diseases of animal origin, thereby protecting public health.

*Veterinarians call upon EU policy makers to provide us with adequate legislation, enforcement and infrastructure to help us protect public health and food safety.*

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## ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

Antimicrobials are medicines used to treat infections. They are essential for the protection of human and animal health and welfare, and have saved the lives of millions of people and animals. However, excessive or inappropriate use can lead to the emergence of resistant microorganisms, rendering antimicrobials ineffective.

*Veterinarians call upon EU policy makers to empower us in preserving the efficacy of antimicrobials through improved disease prevention and advocating the responsible use of medicines.*

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### EDUCATION & RESEARCH

To ensure high quality services, our profession is regulated. Our knowledge is evidence-based and the veterinary profession is open to qualified people only. Life-long learning and high standards are expected from all veterinarians. Scientific research and education are essential to increase and transmit our knowledge.

*Veterinarians call upon EU policy makers to promote high quality veterinary education and research to allow our profession maintain high standards and provide the best possible service and care.*

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### ACCESS TO MEDICINES & SERVICES

Our veterinary profession and medicines are essential for the health and welfare of animals throughout the EU. However, not all countries have equal access to veterinary medicines and especially rural areas – where most food-producing animals are – lack in veterinary manpower, much to the detriment of the health and welfare of animals and people.

*Veterinarians call upon EU policy makers to facilitate access to veterinary medicines registered in other EU countries and support measures that keep us working in rural areas.*

