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Editorial

EPHA on AMR: Facilitating a One Health approach

This month's newsletter shines a light on antimicrobial resistance (AMR), the global public health crisis recently reported as responsible for [1.27 million global deaths](#) per year. Sadly, AMR is a major concern for health professionals, who are already struggling to treat antimicrobial resistant infections, as well as its threat to the outcomes of routine medical interventions, from surgery to chemotherapy. What has become clear in policy development, and emphasised in our guest articles, is the importance of a [One Health approach](#) in tackling this silent pandemic.

One Health is the recognition of the interconnectedness between people, animals and plants and their shared environment. As AMR can develop and spread between each of these areas of health, it requires a transdisciplinary and multisectoral collaborative approach, at all levels of society, to take every element into account and ensure the best possible outcome.

EPHA's work on AMR over the years has greatly benefitted from its membership, with ideas and input from local, national, and regional levels, shaping policy recommendations. Similarly, the [AMR Stakeholder Network](#) utilises its diverse multisectoral expertise to inform its activities. The guest articles below, authored by Network members, present clinical, research and animal health perspectives around recent AMR developments.

AMR is seeing increased interest at the EU institutional level as well, with the European Commission planning to expand their own [AMR One Health Network](#) to partially include civil society. Other recent activity saw the Members of Parliament (MEP) [Interest Group on AMR](#), to which EPHA co-hosts the secretariat, hold their Annual Meeting on [Investigating the Environmental Dimensions of AMR](#), joined by a range of AMR experts from political, health, research and civil organisations in two lively [recorded](#) panel discussions.

Recognising then the great value of a One Health approach, EPHA is excited to share its newly published 'setting the scene' paper entitled [An Overview of AMR: The health burden, science, surveillance, policy developments and areas of future action](#). This paper presents a concise account of current knowledge on AMR in the areas of public health, science, and surveillance, as well as recent international and European policy

developments, considering human, animal and arable agriculture, and the environment. The intention is to enable those working in any relevant sector to gain a common understanding on AMR, and assist dialogue between actors to tackle the issue. We therefore hope that everyone working on this topic finds it a useful tool in their own activities.



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This Month's Top Stories



By EPHA

An Overview of AMR: Facilitating a One Health approach to this global health threat

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The MEP Interest Group on antimicrobial resistance convened to discuss how to curb antimicrobial pollution in the context of the Pharmaceutical Strategy and the Zero-Pollution Action Plan.

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This debate will gather Members of European Parliament to reflect on next steps for EU action to protect children from harmful food marketing.

June 28 | 10:00 - 11:30 CEST | Hybrid

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Previous Discussions

Event organised within the 2022 Romani Week addressing capacity building in the Roma society, the importance of mental health in Roma inclusion, and exploring CESPYPD's mental health model.

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News From Members

Summer School on Climate Change and Sustainability & International Youth Climate Summit

This summer, join the hottest debates and contribute to the coolest solutions to climate change (pun intended)!

Ljubljana, Slovenia, 4–8 July 2022



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AGE calls for a European Care Strategy to ensure accessible and quality care for all: a chance to trigger rights-based change in long-term care systems

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New analysis estimates over 21 million UK adults will be obese by 2040, thus exacerbating inequalities

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Radical action needed to boost nursing workforce: RCN responds to new NMC data showing a 13% increase in people leaving the profession.

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ADILA: New project aims to inform national action plans to combat antimicrobial resistance

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Webinar: Dimensions of the Impact of Health Literacy

**7 June 2022
17:00 - 18:15 CEST**

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Other News

Toxic air: the cost of inaction on non-exhaust emissions

This event will bring together experts from a range of organisations and backgrounds, including Transport & Environment, EPHA, BEUC, Eurocities, and Tallano Technologies to discuss the cost of inaction or low ambition on regulating non-exhaust emissions.

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Association for emancipation, solidarity and equality of women – ESE

Webinar: Impact of the crisis on access to health services for women, with emphasis on marginalized groups of women

June 8 | 14:00-16:00 CET | Online

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WHO Europe

This report examines the growing challenge and impact of obesity in Europe, building on past publications and aligning with initiatives to tackle cancer. It also focuses on tackling obesogenic environments, considering more recent challenges, including problematic digital marketing to children and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on obesity prevalence.

[READ THE REPORT](#)



Réseau Action Climat

The Climate Action Network and the French Nutrition Society are organizing a series of webinars open to everyone, on the theme of healthy and sustainable diets. The webinars will take place on:

- **June 9, 10:00 - 12:00** | What are the environmental impacts of food systems?
- **June 16, 10:00 - 12:00** | What are the health consequences of adapting food systems to planetary capacity?
- **June 30, 10:00 - 12:00** | What concrete sustainable dietary practices and how to promote them?

The webinars will be held in French.

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