

EPHA's Commitment to Combatting Antimicrobial Resistance: A Reflection on World AMR Awareness Week

As we conclude this year's World AMR Awareness Week, it is essential to reflect on the collective efforts to address this silent but formidable threat. Estimations are that AMR accounted for 1.2 million deaths in 2019. Lack of effective action could lead up to ten million deaths per year by 2050.

EPHA's advocacy extends beyond this week, highlighting the need for cross-sectoral policies to regulate antibiotic use in both healthcare and agriculture. **The One Health approach** acknowledges the interdependence of human health, animal health, and the environment. Through effective collaboration, we can forge a resilient and sustainable future by preserving the effectiveness of antibiotics and antimicrobials.

AMR poses a threat to treating common infections and undermines medical progress. By fostering collaboration among healthcare professionals, veterinarians, farmers, environmental scientists, policymakers, and the community, we can develop a comprehensive strategy to combat AMR.

As we bid farewell to this dedicated week, let's carry forward this momentum. The fight against AMR is ongoing, and EPHA remains steadfast in its mission to create a future where antibiotics are used responsibly.

Let's safeguard the health of people, animals, and the planet!



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Addressing the AMR Challenge

A photograph showing several blue and white antibiotic pills scattered on a surface, with a dark glass bottle lying on its side in the background.

**Strengthening Public Health
Across the European Union**

**Priority 5.3: Addressing the
anti-microbial resistance challenge**

As the European Elections approach, we demand that the new parliament builds on the Council recommendation on AMR this summer, by putting action on AMR at the

core of the EU agenda – not only for health, but across sectors in a **One Health** approach.

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World AMR Awareness Week 2023

Together with [Health Care Without Harm Europe \(HCWH\)](#), we shared messages throughout the week on our social media channels.

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- [@HCWHeurope](#) & [@EPHA_EU](#)



To tackle antimicrobial resistance, let's amplify awareness, promote responsible use, and promote the **#OneHealth** approach!

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[#MEPvsAMR](#)

MEP Interest Group on AMR

EPHA Campaigns on AMR

The **AMR Stakeholder Network** brings together more than 60 leading organisations and individuals committed to tackling Antimicrobial Resistance at national, regional and European level, covering all dimensions of the 'One Health' approach.

The network, led by EPHA, aims to ensure that AMR remains high on the EU agenda during the new Commission's mandate, advocating for well-coordinated and resourced actions at EU level and in the Member States, aligned with the global work led by the World Health Organization, UN agencies and other actors.



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The European Parliament can play a key role in boosting actions to tackle AMR at EU level. **The MEP Interest Group on AMR** offers a unique opportunity to address AMR, which not only directly affects the lives of all Europeans but also threatens global economic development.

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Global cooperation to address AMR with a One Health approach is needed to tackle increasing levels of AMR in bacteria, fungi, viruses and parasites, which present a major threat to human, animal, plant and environmental health. **DESIGN OH AMR** aims to promote a one health response to link the multisectoral AMR research and innovation landscape.



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Events



Insights from the MEP Interest Group on AMR Annual Event at the European Parliament

The MEP Interest Group on AMR annual event took place at the European Parliament on 24 October 2023, titled Ensuring a One Health approach to tackle AMR at the EU level. This was an event to showcase the commitment of MEPs to the fight against the health threat posed by Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). The MEP Interest Group on AMR are ensuring that the EU 'plan to tackle AMR remains high on the EU policy agenda and that the European Parliament plays a key role in boosting AMR action, stressing the need for urgent action through a multi-sectoral One Health approach, which addresses human, animal, and environmental health and ensuring that the EU and its Member States deliver on their commitments and implement effective actions at EU, national, and regional levels.

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Innovative farming techniques to advance environmental, human and animal health

One Health in action: addressing antimicrobial resistance

This session explored and showcased suggestions on how the farming, environment, animal, and human health sectors could work together to promote stewardship and prudent use of antimicrobials.

We aim to identify solutions to enhance and foster partnerships across those sectors. The session gives space to the sector representatives to bring in their perspective, discuss practical challenges but foremost showcase innovative organic farming solutions that allow for the drastic reduction of the use of antimicrobials in farming.

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