



Editorial

AMR in focus: addressing antimicrobial resistance in von der Leyen's second term

Von der Leyen's second term as President of the Commission has been confirmed with a vote in the European Parliament. Despite the initial years of her first mandate being overwhelmingly about health as the COVID19 pandemic swept the globe, there is now very little focus on health going into von der Leyen's second term. This is understandable as there is a collective desire to move on after the pandemic, as well as new crises stemming from the war in Ukraine and the resulting energy and cost of living crisis. Von der Leyen would not have wanted to remind the Parliament of the vaccine procurement process in any event, given the European Court of Justice found the Commission had breached transparency regulations relating to the contracts the day before the vote to approve her.

However, health has featured in the political guidelines she presented as part of her programme to the Parliament. This is more than what had occurred prior to her first confirmation by the Parliament five years ago. The section on health contains the assertion that "we must continue our work on anti-microbial resistance."

While this progress is welcome, the scale of the challenge posed by AMR is such that much more will be needed to ensure that a coherent One Health approach to AMR is pursued across the Commission. This is particularly the case given that the rest of von der Leyen's guidelines extensively cover security (including health security – especially in relation to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats) and also a new approach to agriculture policy that is, in general, more friendly to the sector. As the articles in this newsletter attest, action to improve animal health, particularly with improved husbandry practices, will be key to delivering the animal health component of a One Health approach to AMR.

As the Commission overall undergoes its confirmation in-front of the European Parliament, AMR and One Health will take a high profile in the international agenda with the United Nations General Assembly session dedicated to the topic.

Whilst the EU has been one of the leaders of the fight against AMR, this high-level session will provide the expert community the opportunity to demonstrate the need for action beyond that already undertaken in the EU – especially in relation to food, agriculture, and environmental health.



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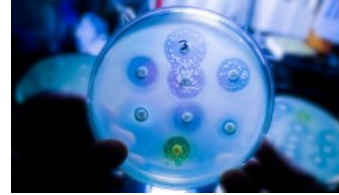
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This Month's Top Stories

Tackling the antimicrobial research and development and access crisis: an overview

By David Mckinney, the Alliance for reducing Microbial Resistance ARMoR

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What can agri-food systems do to drastically reduce their dependence on antibiotic use?

By Erik Ruiz, Health Care without Harm

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EPHA Updates

Join our new AMR network: One Health in Action!

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) caused 1.2 million deaths in 2019 and could result in up to ten million deaths annually by 2050 without effective action. Addressing AMR requires collaborative efforts across the interlinked sectors of animal, human, and environmental health, known as the “One Health” approach.

This project builds on two years of work by EPHA and HCWH to raise awareness in the healthcare sector about the human health risks from the misuse and overuse of antibiotics in food animals.

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Ursula von der Leyen approved for a second term, with priorities a kaleidoscope of political colours

EPHA congratulates Ursula von der Leyen for her second mandate as President of the European Commission. Her diverse priorities include tackling non-communicable diseases, medical supply shortages, and promoting cybersecurity in healthcare, but gaps in addressing food, agriculture, and climate health impacts remain.

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From commitment to reality: recommendations for advancing the child guarantee

EPHA, with the EU Alliance for Investing in Children, urges immediate action on the European Child Guarantee to combat child poverty affecting 20 million children.

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Appeal to President von der Leyen to appoint a Vice-President for Health, Wellbeing and Social Rights

The EU4Health Civil Society Alliance has published a letter to Ursula von der Leyen calling for the appointment of a Vice-President for Health, Wellbeing and Social Rights.

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AMR
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Save the date for the AMR Stakeholder meeting on 10 September 2024, 9:30 until 11:30 AM

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

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Did you miss out event? Watch the recording!

Our two- day DisQo Stakeholder Network conference addressed the profound impacts of racism and discrimination on health, particularly for People of African Descent. This event features **leading experts and stakeholders, offering case studies, panel discussions, and interactive sessions to develop actionable strategies for promoting health equity.**

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Event summary - The State of Women's Health: Where do we Stand in the EU?

This high-level event on Women's Health, organised by MEP Samira Rafaela, co-organised by EPHA and hosted by UN Women Brussels, brought together policymakers and experts to launch the "**Let's Talk About Our Bodies**" manifesto, outlining four key priorities for urgent action at European and national levels to counteract the women's health gap.

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Capacity Building Webinar

12 June 2024

10:30 - 12:00 CEST

ONLINE



Clean Cooking
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Boost your public health advocacy techniques! Watch our webinar recording to learn effective strategies for advocating clean cooking. Discover how to communicate the health impacts of gas cooking and tackle indoor air quality issues with policymakers and media.

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The European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT)

ESOT at Informal Meeting of the National Competent Authorities for Organ Donation and Transplantation in Budapest, Hungary.

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European Respiratory Society (ERS)

Registration for the ERS Congress 2024 is open. Join us for 5 days from 7-11 September 2024 in Vienna, Austria & online for the latest updates in respiratory medicine and science, delivered by experts in their field.

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Royal College of Nursing (RCN)

The UK election may be over, but the hard work has just begun for the new government. Nursing has been ignored for too long but now we're hopeful for change. See what we'll be asking the government to prioritise in its first 100 days.

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Mental Health Europe

The Mental Health Europe's Youth Leadership Programme has officially launched!

This programme aims to mobilise a movement of young leaders who will be drivers of cultural and social change to transform the narrative around mental health, breaking stigma and advocating for concrete support for young people's mental health in educational and care settings and beyond.

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Other News



Alliance for reducing microbial resistance

Estimating the return on investment of pull incentive policies for new antimicrobials - insights for the EU and beyond

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The Lancet

The deep pockets of health-harming industries

The Lancet published an editorial on WHO Europe's Report on the Commercial Determinants of Non-Communicable Diseases determinants report. The final chapter was directed by EPHA's Healthy Environments Policy team which focused on empowering citizens and civil society organisations (CSOs) to tackle CDoH.

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