
Where “Prevention is better than cure”

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/diseases/strategy/index_en.htm

4 pillars Action Plan

1. Prioritisation of EU intervention
2. Legislative framework
3. Prevention, surveillance and preparedness
4. Science, Innovation, Research

FVE’s opinion

• recognizes the role the Commission has played so far in respect of the Animal Health and Welfare and Public Health
• welcomes the initiative to shift from a series of policy actions to identifying long term goals and defining a strategy.
• is pleased to see that the Strategy recognises the strong relations between Animal Health, Public Health and Animal Welfare.

• Fully support « prevention is better than cure »
  • adequately staffed and funded Veterinary Services and border controls
  • on farm bio-security must be improved
  • long term farm health management programmes including regular consultations with a vet practitioner who knows the farm
  • efficient early reporting systems
  • need for adequate identification and registration of animals, food producing animals as well as companion animals

• emphasis the role veterinarians play in the prevention and control of zoonosis and food borne infections
• sees the need for a strong co-operation between veterinarians and medical doctors
• welcome the development of one general, horizontal « Animal Health Law »
  • establishing general principles
  • defining the role and responsibilities
  • promoting efficient organisational arrangements
  • without duplicating or contradictory provisions
• Use of vaccines as a valuable tool in a disease prevention and control strategies must be re-evaluated
• Development of reliable vaccines and diagnostics is necessary

MRSA conference
Tuesday 8 April

Pig-related MRSA
(de Neeling et al.)

MRSA: confirmed speakers
- Dr Vida Cadonic-Spelic, CVO, Slovenia
- Prof Dr Jaap Wagenaar, Utrecht
- Dr Kris De Smet, DG SANCO
- Dr Stef Bronzwaer, EFSA
- Avril Doyle – MEP Key speaker
- EMEA & ECDC
- European Farmers, European Doctors...

EU Veterinary Week

Strengthen the “Animal Health Services”
Promote the CAHS
Promote Biosecurity
Transport Regulation: Revision space allowance & loading densities