

WORKSHOP

ENGAGING HEALTHCARE TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE ANTIBIOTIC USE IN EUROPEAN FOOD PRODUCTION

19 October 2022, 9:30 - 14:00 - Mundo-madou, Av. des Arts 7/8, Brussels

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Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) Europe is organising an in-person event to discuss leveraging the healthcare sector's purchasing power to promote responsible use of antimicrobials in food production.

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a serious health threat and a growing challenge for healthcare systems to which the European food production sector contributes. Overuse and misuse of antibiotics in farming is associated with a growing number of resistant bacteria that can spread to humans and therefore requires a holistic approach.

Healthcare institutions across Europe serve a large number of meals to patients, visitors, and staff every day. Through sustainable procurement, healthcare procurers can encourage food producers to transition to sustainable food systems that respect animal welfare and do not rely on antibiotic use.

We want to engage in dialogue between all stakeholders, including procurers, food producers, consumers, and scientists to promote solutions that help curb antimicrobial resistance in food production.

Session one: How can healthcare promote responsible antimicrobial use in food supply chains?

We will discuss how antimicrobials are used in food production, and how its overuse and misuse can lead to AMR. We will present sustainable procurement solutions to tackle this issue and help healthcare institutions engage with producers.

Session two: Engaging food producers in prudent antimicrobial use

In this session, we will establish a dialogue between procurement experts and producers to address the main challenges of reducing antibiotics in food production. We will discuss measures to incentivise producers to use antibiotics responsibly in their farms.



AGENDA

09:30 – 10:00	Registration and coffee
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Session 1: How can healthcare promote responsible antimicrobial use in food supply chains?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are antibiotics a precious tool in healthcare? - Sarah Walpole, Clinical Fellow Infectious diseases SpR, NHS Newcastle Hospitals • How are antibiotics used in food production? - Prof. Jeroen Dewulf, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Gent • Working with European hospitals to ensure responsible antimicrobial use in food supply chains - Erik Ruiz, Safer Pharma Project Officer, Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) Europe
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Session 2: Engaging food producers in prudent antimicrobial use Speakers TBC</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Networking lunch

