

Joint Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance: State of play of the 5-year action plan

« Challenges for Risk Managers »

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I. What are the limiting factors why the fight against the rising treat of AMR is difficult ? What are the key actions to focus on ?

Mostly: economic & agricultural model

- ➔ Competition, competitiveness
- → AM = « all-risk insurance »
- → Breeding practices to be revised

II. Which tools are needed in order to ensure prudent use of AB ? What is the appropriate level to have guidelines on the appropriate use of antimicrobials ?

Educational training, awareness, GP guidelines
→ Volontary approach
CIA : need of compulsary measures ?

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III. Given that AMR is a global threat, is it useful to impose restrictions on the use of antimicrobials in the EU without the existence of similar measures in other regions ?

UE to be leader on this matter

Multilateral negociation (OIE, WHO)

- → UE to bring proposals
- → AMR integrated in sanitary policy

IV. Can risk assessment only provide the basis for the decision wether a marketing authorisation of antimicrobials can be granted, restricted or withdrawn ? Or specific circumstances or factors exist that riks managers have to adopt appropriate measures in cases with scientific uncertainty ?

Current UE legislation on VMPs: too procedural

→ MS / Commission to be able to take safeguard measures if needed

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V. What are the risks that society would accept to have faster access to life-saving antimicrobials ?

To accelerate access to live-saving AM without risks for the society

- ➔ Innovation to be pursued
- ➔ Need to re-explore obsolete AM without resistance
- Innovation on alternatives

VI. Other questions

The preventive use of AM: should it be authorized? And if so, under which conditions?

The price of AM could be an incentive factor? In respect with that, which measures have to be taken to reduce the AM use ?

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Thank you for your attention



