



# FVE ACTIVITY REPORT NOV 2020 – JUN 2021



## FVE Activity report November 2020 – June 2021

A message from the FVE President,  
Rens van Dobbenburgh



Dear Colleagues,

Veterinarians are social beings, and therefore we had very much hoped to be able to meet in person again in the beautiful London, UK. Instead – for the third time – our FVE General Assembly will be virtual. Virtual meetings mean shorter time to meet and shorter time for presentations and discussions.

While maybe the world stood still a bit during this pandemic, this was not at all the case with FVE. Quickly we re-organised our work, doing all our meetings virtual and by teleworking, but quickly we had more meetings than ever, often back-to-back. Despite the many sorrows the pandemic brought, one good thing clearly came from it; the recognition that a ‘One Health’ approach is indispensable.

In the report underneath, you can find an overview of the most important topics FVE worked on and our realisations and achievements.

My explicit thanks go to my colleagues in the Board and staff, all our members and the experts giving their expertise and time to FVE.

Rens van Dobbenburgh

FVE President

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## The FVE Strategy 2021 – 2025

During the November 2020 GA, the FVE strategy 2021-2025 was adopted.

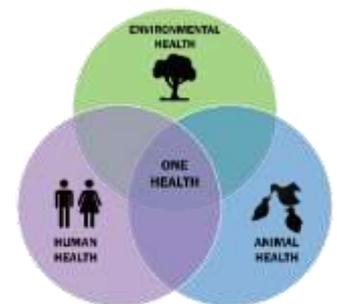
In the next months, this strategy was converted into a nice brochure published in February 2021.

The goals in the strategy were also worked out in a further action plan, with timelines, milestones and delivery targets. The action plan will be regularly updated.

### Priorities for the next 5 years

#### *Promoting One health and sustainability*

A top priority for FVE is the promotion of One Health – the interconnection between the health of animals, people and ecosystems. FVE organised the 3<sup>rd</sup> One Health Education Conference together with our human doctor colleagues and the students' organisation. FVE also provided extensive input into the EU Health Package to ensure a 'One Health' approach is taken for cross-border threats. The draft texts which will be adopted later this year now include several amendments promoting 'One Health'. See more in the dedicated chapter on 'One Health'.



#### *Building one veterinary community*

As the veterinary profession is relatively small, FVE and its member organisations must synergise their activities as much as possible. The more we can support each other, the more likely it is we will be able to be influential and make a difference. FVE ensured close contact was kept between FVE, all Sections and the organisations we closely work together with such as EAPHM, FECAVA, FEEVA, IVSA, WVA and many others. FVE also continued to closely follow up the situation regarding corporate practice in Europe, keeping our overview paper up to date and having a meeting with six of the leading corporates in June.



### *Being recognised and influential*

Veterinarians deserve to be recognised and valued for their contribution to animal health, animal welfare, public health and environmental protection is essential. FVE underlined on every occasion possible the contribution veterinarians give to society and together with our North American colleagues we are updating our position paper on this. Life-long learning is a must for every veterinarian, based on science and technology as well as on careful consideration of emerging ethical dilemmas. FVE continued to promote post-graduate continuous education, together with EAEVE, EBVS and VetCee.



### *Studying veterinary demography and promoting rewarding careers*



Enough veterinarians must choose to work in each area of veterinary medicine so the profession can meet the needs of animals, their owners and society at large. Veterinarians deserve attractive and rewarding jobs (financially, socially and mentally), so they stay in the profession. Given the growing diversity in the tasks, veterinarians are asked to do, attracting a broad variety of young people to the profession is important. Diversity will contribute to the flexibility of the profession and its ability to adapt to new situations. It will also strengthen veterinary resilience. FVE will have in September 2021 an intern starting to work specifically on diversity, inclusiveness and well-being of veterinarians. We will also run the 3<sup>rd</sup> Survey of the European Veterinary Profession next year.

### *Embracing technology*

New technologies useful for veterinarians, like digitalisation, Precision Livestock Farming (PLF), AI and telemedicine, develop rapidly – not only in clinical practice but also in areas such as veterinary education, veterinary inspection and food safety. FVE run a survey in April to see the situation on telemedicine and PLF in different countries. We also spoke at the EMA veterinary big data Forum and will help to form the EMA veterinary big data strategy.



## The FVE Board



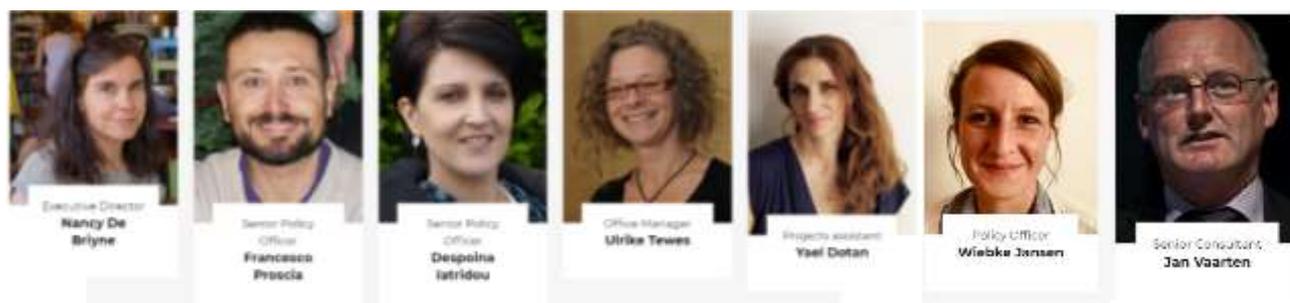
The FVE Board meetings held **13 virtual meetings** since November, of which 10 were Board only (17/11/2020, 1/12/2020, 12/01/2021, 25/01/2021, 8/02/2021, 16/03/2021, 29/03/2021, 16/04/2021, 10/05/2021, 31/05/2021) and **3 together with the Section Presidents** (15/12/2020, 1/03/2021, and 27/04/2021).

**13 MEETINGS**

The FVE Strategy 2021-2025 has been further worked out in an action plan with concrete actions, timelines, and deliverables. This action plan (available on the restricted FVE website) will be updated regularly.

Promoting One Health and sustainability		Timeline of SMART ACTIONS (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Timely)				
		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
BC1	We will further strengthen our collaboration with other One Health actors and promote interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral activities, including One Health-education for veterinary and medical students together.	A1: Continual collaboration with FEAM, CPMA and other stakeholders and being involved in One Health consortiums and initiatives, such as the AMR One Health Network, etc. A2: Organise as further conferences on One Health Education A3: Continue to work on its tasks in European projects, FVE will stimulate the exchange of information on One Health, that is to promote it and stimulate actions for improvement, especially in relation to reducing the need for using antimicrobials in an health.				
BC2	We will take a One Health approach in all our initiatives and when feeding back on EU legislation, in particular in the further development and implementation of the EU Farm to Fork strategy. We will especially promote the value of good food from quality sources, reducing food waste and paying fair prices throughout the chain.	A1: Food safety sustainability wgr. develop position papers on F2F issues A2: AMR, VMP legislation revision A3: Education & intersectoral collaboration A4: Sustainability and environmental matters				
	We will develop an Animal Welfare Strategy to promote animal welfare contributing to sustainable animal production and responsible ownership for all animals. This includes for livestock improved animal husbandry systems and breeding programmes directed	A1: draft and adopt FVE AMR strategy A2: update FVE position on animal transport A3: continue to work on environmental and food safety, trade and nutrition				

## The FVE Secretariat



Due to the Belgian measures obliging telework as much as possible, the FVE Secretariat continued its work mostly from home in the last period. Via weekly office meetings and daily catchups, the work went on as normal, although we all missed our joint lunches and Django in the office. The many physical meetings we normally have in Brussels with policymakers and stakeholders and all over Europe were all replaced by virtual meetings. Back-to-back Zoom, Webex, MS Teams or GoToMeeting calls became the norm.

End 2020, Jan Vaarten retired as Executive Director. We surprised him with a virtual farewell reception. Thanks to the many of you who joined us that day and send beautiful farewell messages and photos. Nancy De Briyne took over his position. Jan Vaarten remains working for FVE 1 day a week to follow the FVE projects [HealthyLivestock](#) and [AVANT](#).

In April 2021, the FVE team was glad to welcome Wiebke Jansen as the new policy officer. Wiebke studied veterinary medicine in Hannover (Germany) and is a diplomate of the Veterinary Public Health College under EBVS.

In March 2021, Despoina Iatridou completed her doctoral thesis and got her PhD in veterinary science from Ghent University. A PhD on top of a full-time job: hats off!

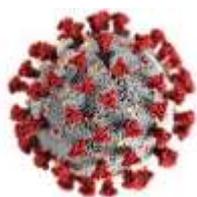
Person (in order of pictures above)	Title	Responsible for:
<b>Nancy De Briyne</b>	Executive Director	General Management
<b>Francesco Proscia</b>	Senior Policy Officer	Food Safety and Sustainability, Statutory bodies and professional matters, Communication, UEVH
<b>Despoina Iatridou</b>	Senior Policy Officer	Education, Medicines, One Health, EVERI, VetCEE
<b>Ulrike Tewes</b>	Office Manager	Keeps our office running smoothly, mailings, bookings, etc
<b>Yael Dotan</b>	Project assistant	EU projects (HealthyLivestock, AVANT, DISARM, etc.), FEEVA
<b>Wiebke Jansen</b>	Policy officer	Animal Welfare and Medicines
<b>Jan Vaarten</b>	Senior consultant	EU projects (HealthyLivestock, AVANT, DISARM, etc.)

## COVID related activities

COVID stayed high on our agenda. In total, we published **44 COVID news emails**, giving the latest updates on research and policies concerning COVID and the veterinary profession and animals. FVE worked with EMVETNET in a global consortium to map animal welfare issues related to COVID and made



publications on this in the [OIE Bulletin](#) and the Veterinary Record. Together with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), FVE worked on recommendations to mitigate risks of COVID-19 transmission along the food supply chain (publication expected this Summer).



FVE is part of a big international consortium that studies **the global role of the veterinary sector in COVID-19 pandemic responses**. The project is led by the Veterinary Public Health-Institute of Vetsuisse Faculty – University of Bern, Switzerland.

The global partners have now completed the analysis of the collected data and started writing the report. Nancy De Briyne and Despoina Iatridou coordinate actions for this project on behalf of FVE.



FVE also attended many **webinars and meetings** relating to the pandemic and the impact it has on our profession. We also released a **press release** on the need to take a One Health approach and about veterinarians and COVID vaccination.

## Animal Health Law

In April 2021, the Animal Health Law came into force. FVE continuously promoted a 'prevention is better than cure' approach and the need for all Member States to **put in place regular veterinary visits**. A special meeting with the Commission was done in February to discuss this. FVE also attended a Better Training for Safer Food 2 day webinar about the Animal Health Law.



## FVE Working Groups

All FVE Working groups remained highly active in the last period. All meetings were virtual. FVE is enormously grateful to all the working group experts who dedicate their time and expertise to FVE. They are the motor of the work we do in FVE.

### Animal Welfare Working Group

#### *Members*

- Sean Wensley – UK (Chair)
- Dominique Autier-Dérian - FR
- Stefano Messori – IT
- Theron Leonard - BE
- Stefan Gunnarsson - SE
- Thomas Richter - DE
- Vibe Pedersen Lund - DK
- Ann Criel – BE – FECAVA
- Giovanni Guadagnini – IT – EAPHM
- Annalisa Scollo – IT – EAPHM guest
- Mette Uldahl – DK – FEEVA
- Heather Bacon - UK – Observer
- Kenelm Lewis – UK – UEVP Observer
- Torill Moseng – NO – FVE Board



FVE Secretariat: Nancy De Briyne and Wiebke Jansen

The FVE/UEVP Animal Welfare Working Group was continually active in the last period. The complete FVE/UEVP Animal Welfare Working Group met **3 times** since early November, namely on 10/11/2020, 10/02/2021 and 4/05/2021. Sub-groups were formed on some topics such as animal welfare labelling, transport, on the welfare of wild domesticated animals, farrowing systems and on laying hens housing systems, and they also held several meetings. Animal welfare issues are currently extremely high on the European Commission and Parliament agenda with the Farm to Fork Strategy and the review of all EU legislation initiative. The Working Group also did a huge work on drafting an FVE Animal Welfare Strategy, which aims to set out FVE's strategy and Actions for the next years. This **strategy is now open for consultation until the end of June 2021**. Please give your feedback!

Topics the group worked on:

- Draft position paper on enriched cages: consultation early 2021, for vote June GA
- Draft guidelines horse euthanasia: consultation early 2021, for vote June GA
- Draft position paper on pig farrowing systems: went for a consultation, the revised version is being prepared to go for possible adoption at November GA
- Draft FVE position revision transport Regulation: draft will go for consultation soon

- Draft FVE position Animal Welfare Labelling, on training and welfare of wild animals: drafts will go for consultation soon

## FVE Food Safety & Sustainability Working Group

### Members

- Simon Doherty – UK (Chair)
- Maurizio Ferri – IT
- Alvaro Mateos – ES
- Conny Rossi-Broy – DE
- Marek Kubica – PL
- Ole Alvseike – NO
- John Matthews – IE



Secretariat: Francesco Proscia

The Food Safety & Sustainability Working Group was set up with a 2 years mandate (2020-2022). Four virtual meetings were held, namely in December 2020, February 2021, April 2021 and the most recent one on 28 May 2021.

Topics the group worked on:

- EU Official Controls Regulation (OCR) tertiary legislation (namely imports/exports certification, audit and inspections performed by private practitioners);
- Risk-based meat safety controls within the framework of the new OCR, sustainable livestock production & food systems with focus on the Farm to Fork strategy targets;
- Feedbacks to the EU commission public consultations (Farm to Fork, Norovirus proposal, PAPS feed ban removal);
- Inputs to the Animal Welfare Working Group concerning mobile slaughterhouses and AW voluntary labelling schemes;
- Press release on the World Veterinary Day: [Infectious diseases & the role of veterinarians in wider society](#);
- [Livestock Infectious diseases factsheet](#);
- Veterinarians commit to sustainable food systems (for vote at FVE GA June 2021)



Further work is being carried out on WHO food safety strategy (commenting & reviewing), EU Commission feed additives public consultation (drafting FVE answer), EU organic sector promotion strategy, evaluating and presenting Horizon 2021/2025 food safety & sustainability projects.

## FVE/UEVP Medicines Working Group

### *Members*

- Rens van Dobbenburgh – NL – FVE President (Chair)
- Arturo Anadon – ES
- Raffaella Barbero – IT
- John Blackwell- UK
- Eric Lejeau – FR
- Per Starcke Henriksen – DK
- Robert Hertzsch – DE – FEEVA
- Andreas Palzer – DE – UEVP
- Athina Trachili – GR
- Jobke Van Hout – NL
- Annalisa Scollo – IT
- Stephan Neumann – DE – FECAVA
- Sabine Schueller – DE – EVERI



Secretariat: Nancy De Briyne and Despoina Iatridou

The FVE/UEVP Medicines Working Group was highly active in the last period, mainly concerning the new veterinary medicines legislation which will come into force in January 2022. The complete FVE/UEVP Medicines Working Group met 2 times since early November, namely on 30 November 2020 and 4 March 2021. FVE is also member of the Management Board of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the coordination group between EMA and the European Commission on the new veterinary medicines legislation.

Topics the group worked on:

- Closely following and replying to the many consultations on the new rules on veterinary medicines such as on:
  - The criteria and list of antimicrobials reserved for humans
  - Oral medication rules
  - New pharmacovigilance system
  - Fight AMR by promoting responsible use in a 'One health' approach
- Development of Reflection Papers for briefing and information of members
- Development of Position Paper on Cannabis (for vote June FVE GA) and a [publication](#) covering the situation of cannabis-derived products in veterinary medicine in Europe and North-America
- The group answered numerous European Commission and European Medicines Agency consultations

## FVE Statutory Bodies Working Group

### *Members*

- Marc Veilly – FR
- Roberta Benini – IT
- Siegfried Moder – DE
- Manuel Sant’Ana – PT
- Lino Vella – MT
- Stuart Reid – UK



Secretariat: Francesco Proscia

The dossiers covered by the statutory bodies working group deal mainly with the regulatory framework for veterinary professionals and the provision of services. The Working Group, renewed in 2019, has a three years (2019-2021) mandate.

Topics the group worked on:

- [Telemedicine briefing/recommendations paper](#) (adopted in the FVE November GA);
- The temporary provision of services;
- Rules to access to the profession;
- The UK-EU recognition of diplomas;
- The new VetCee strategy;

A follow-up survey on the use of telemedicine was carried out along with the drafting of a position paper on the obligations on temporary provision of services veterinary practitioners need to follow. Current actions focus on the procedure country-by-country to practice the profession and to move to another EU country, the UK-EU requirements for diplomas and digital automation in the profession.

## Educational issues

Veterinary education both undergraduate and postgraduate is an important topic for FVE. The activities for all matters related to education are coordinated by FVE in close collaboration with the European Association of Establishments of Veterinary Education (EAEVE), the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS) and the International Veterinary Students Association (IVSA).

FVE Secretariat: Despoina Iatridou

### Mapping and assessment of developments for sectoral professions under Directive 2005/36/EC – profession of the veterinary surgeon

In December 2020, the European Commission asked the SPARK consortium to conduct the study on the education and training of veterinarians. This gave the long-awaited opportunity for FVE to bring in our points for revision of the current legislation, namely to make veterinary training linked to Day-One Competencies and for the legislation to recognise the EAEVE/FVE System for Evaluation of Veterinary Training (ESEVT). A special [briefing note](#) and reply to the SPARK was coordinated between FVE, EAEVE and EBVS and circulated as inspiration for all FVE members, schools and other associate organisations. FVE continues to follow closely this project and be in close contact with SPARK.

### European Coordinating Committee on Veterinary Training - ECCVT

The European Coordinating Committee on Veterinary Training (ECCVT) is composed of members of EAEVE, EBVS, the International Veterinary Students Association (IVSA) and FVE (represented by Rens van Dobbenburgh (FVE President/Chair), Stanislaw Winiarczyk (Vice-President, Poland) and Christophe Buhot (France).



ECCVT met virtually on 10 March 2021 (special meeting dedicated to finalisation of the ECCVT reply to SPARK survey) and on 23 March 2021, when they discussed mainly

- promoting the use of digital technologies. A three-member task force has been created by representatives of FVE, EAEVE and EBVS to work on this. The FVE representative is Volker Moser.
- continuous professional development of veterinarians. A draft of the new VetCEE framework was presented and discussed.

## European System of Evaluation of Veterinary Education (ESEVT)

FVE together with EAEVE runs the European System of Evaluation of Veterinary Training (ESEVT). FVE contributes to the Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) of the system, provides experts for the visitation teams and has four members in [ECOVE](#), who reviews the evaluation reports of the schools visited and decides on the status of the schools. The FVE members in ECOVE are Liz Mossop (UK), Despoina Iatridou (FVE), Isa Hallman (Finland) and Gabriella Markus (Alternate Member from Hungary). ECOVE met on 2 December 2020 (regular meeting) and on 5 May 2021 (extraordinary meeting). The status of the different veterinary teaching establishment can be seen on the [EAEVE website](#).

## Veterinary Continuous Education in Europe - VetCEE

FVE is one of the founding members of VetCEE and closely follow its activities trying to ensure that the VetCEE framework will be fit for all veterinarians. FVE appointment to the VetCEE Board is Christophe Buhot (France). Additionally, Despoina Iatridou is the General Secretary of this independent organisation.



VetCEE is now at a point that is well recognised by programme providers. The [postgraduate training programme on management, strategy and leadership for veterinary professionals](#) offered by the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Utrecht University in co-ownership with Oculus Insights BV has been approved by the VetCEE Board in May 2021. Additionally, VetCEE has received four new applications and currently runs their evaluation.

Over the last months, VetCEE has been working on a proposal for the evaluation of all kinds of veterinary CPD in line with its Members' recommendations. Further to this, the organisation is under overall restructuring to improve the use of available human and financial resources in a way that can support the needs of the new system.

The VetCEE board met 10 times (12/11/2020, 1/12/2020, 7/01/2021, 4/02/2021, 3/03/2021, 6/04/2021, 3/05/2021, 18/05/2021, 21/05/2021 and 25/05/2021).

Finally, the ERASMUS+ project, HERMES ([Harmonisation & Recognition of LAS education and training in Member States](#)), in which VetCEE was an important partner over the last 3 years, was finalised in December 2020.

## Collaborations

### One Health activities

Promoting One Health is a core priority of the FVE strategy 2021 - 2025. FVE has been creating liaison with many stakeholders outside of the veterinary network highlighting the valuable contribution the veterinary profession can make and getting recognition of the veterinarians' role for human, animal and environmental health and overall for society. FVE has been involved in several One Health activities and discussions in the last few months.

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### Collaboration with other professions to promote One Health in practice

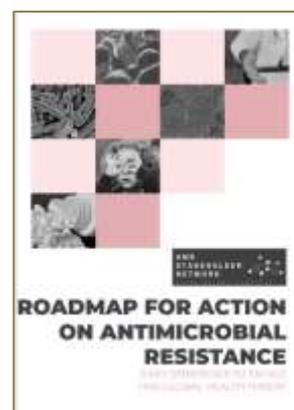
FVE continues the collaboration with our counterparts from other professions to promote One Health. During the last months, FVE together with the organisations representing the doctors (CPME), the dentists (CED), the pharmacists (PGEU) and our students have caught up with the project on **One Health education**, which was postponed due to the pandemic. The event was



organised on 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, bringing together policymakers, academia, professionals and students and was mainly focused on post-graduate training.

### AMR Stakeholder Network & MEP Interest Group on AMR

FVE has been part of a large stakeholder network promoting best practices to fight AMR from a One Health approach. The [AMR Stakeholder Network](#) was established initially as part of the EU Health Policy Forum under the auspice of the European Commission in 2018. The network continues to expand and works on raising awareness about the items mutually agreed in the Joint Statement on AMR and the following [roadmap on antimicrobial resistance](#).



The group works in close liaison with a network of MEPs and has established a formal relationship via the [MEP Interest Group on AMR](#). In November 2020, MEPs and stakeholders have launched a [series of online discussions](#) ahead of European Antibiotic Awareness Day 2020. A new event on “[Ensuring responsible antimicrobial use in EU food production](#)” is in preparation and will take place on 29 June 2021.

FVE has been in close collaboration with the coordinators of the AMR Stakeholder network and the MEP Interest Working Group, forming the agenda, contributing to all discussions and advocating for the implementation of a true One Health approach.

Additionally, this year the Network launched a [“Call for good practices to tackle antimicrobial resistance”](#). Despoina Iatridou is part of the AMR Case report Selection Committee, which is evaluating the applications. The Committee Members will aim to finalise the grading by mid-June. The AMR SN plans to present the outcome of this project in Antimicrobial Awareness Week (18 – 24 November).

## Federation of European Academies of Medicine (FEAM)



FVE is part of the [FEAM Advisory Forum](#), which is a multi-stakeholder platform of representatives from the biomedical sector. FVE is currently the only organisation with an animal health background. FVE has a crucial contribution to all

discussions, especially concerning the implementation of a **true One Health approach**. FVE had a substantial contribution at the roundtable discussion [“A stronger crisis preparedness: The European Health Emergency Response Authority \(HERA\)”](#) held on 15 March 2021.

## European Health Union Package

The recent health crisis has showcased a need for better coordination of activities related to health in the European Union. Consequently, the Commission has released a package of proposals for the regulation of serious cross-border health threats, including the extension mandate for the EMA and the ECDC. Additionally, they work on a proposal for the establishment of a new agency called HERA, the European Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority, to cover the need for a coordinated EU level action to respond to health emergencies. It aims to improve EU preparedness and response to serious cross-border health threats, by enabling rapid availability, access and distribution of needed countermeasures. FVE has been following discussions on this EU health package targeting human health and soon realised that there is a need to contribute by highlighting the need for actions that will enable and facilitate a true implementation of One Health. FVE has provided input in all consultations released so far (see below) and actively participates in all related discussions, aiming to **make these EU health proposals truly One Health**.

## Other collaborative activities

FVE continues to keep close collaboration with key stakeholders from the animal health sector as well, in particular through EPRUMA and IVSA.

### *European Platform for Responsible Use of Medicines in Animals – EPRUMA*

[EPRUMA](#) is a multi-stakeholder platform working at the European level since 2005, to develop and promote best-practice frameworks for the responsible use of veterinary medicines to ensure better prevention and control of animal diseases. EPRUMA met twice on 16 January and on 9 June. On 11 February 2021, EPRUMA participated in the [final event](#) of the [EU Joint Action Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-Associated Infections](#) and presented all contributions the platform had made to this big EU project over the last three and a half years. FVE represented all EPRUMA partners in this important event. Further to this, EPRUMA has been working on a responsible-use communication about the disposal of veterinary medicines, which is as ready to be released. Additionally, EPRUMA will meet later this June with the **EU Health Commissioner Stella Kyriakidis** to discuss the Farm to Fork ambitions. FVE will support the coordination and participate in this meeting.



### *International Veterinary Students Association - IVSA*

FVE keeps on strengthening the close collaboration with the veterinary students and future colleagues. FVE has a regular connection with IVSA via ECCVT, but also involves our students in many relevant initiatives, such as the ongoing discussions on One Health education and mental health initiatives. It also seeks to motivate students to reflect on their future, by establishing the FVE-MSD scholarship programme (see below).

## Projects

### HealthyLivestock Project

Tackling antimicrobial resistance through improved livestock Health & Welfare.

- **Background:** Antimicrobials use in livestock contribute to the emergence of antimicrobial resistance. large amounts of active ingredients are used in livestock, which can be in part attributed to the intensive production system with high stocking density that put animal health and animal welfare under pressure.
- **The HealthyLivestock Project aim** is to study the contributions of enhanced animal health and welfare on reducing the need to use antimicrobials in pigs and poultry.
- **Starting and ending date:** 2018 - 2022
- **Budget:** 7 M€ (EU Contribution 4M€)
- **FVE** is a partner in the [HealthyLivestock](#) projects consortium leading work package 6: communication, dissemination and exploitation of the project. FVE is also a member of the overall EU-China coordination group.



### AVANT Project

Alternatives to Veterinary ANTImicrobials

- **Background:** There is an urgent need to find new solutions for the treatment of post-weaning diarrhoea in pigs since antimicrobial treatment options for pigs are increasingly limited.
- **The AVANT Research program aim** is to develop and test innovative alternatives to antimicrobials for reducing antimicrobial use in livestock.
- **Starting and ending date:** 2020 - 2025
- **Budget:** 6.5 M€ (EU Contribution 5M€)
- **FVE** is a partner in the [AVANT](#) projects consortium and will contribute to the activities of work package 8 such as Dissemination, Exploitation and Communication.



## [ENOVAT Project](#)

COST Action CA18217 – European Network for Optimization of Veterinary Antimicrobial Treatment

- **Background:** International strategies on antimicrobial resistance stewardship are only slowly being implemented into “real life”.
- **The ENOVAT Action aim** is to optimize veterinary antimicrobial use with special emphasis on the development of antimicrobial treatment guidelines and refinement of microbiological diagnostic procedures.
- **Starting and ending date:** 2019-2023
- **Budget:** COST Action CA18217
- **FVE** is a part of **ENOVAT** Stakeholders advisory board and involved in the dissemination of the project tasks such as surveys and guidelines (Jobke Van Hout as FVE representative in work package 4, guideline development).



FVE is part of the Advisory board of other projects such as [ROADMAP Project](#), [ClearFarm Project](#), [ZAPI](#), [PPILOW Project](#), [DECIDE project](#), [Techcare project](#) and actively involved in projects as [RIBMINS](#), [EU-JAMRAI](#), [HERMES Project](#), [DISCONTOOLS](#), [DISARM](#).

## Publications



In February, the **FVE Strategy Brochure 2021-2025** was released. It has put the Strategy adopted in the November 2020 GA in a nice booklet.

In April, FVE joined the Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Associations (FECAVA) and the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) infographic for veterinary practices around the world on ‘**Global Principles of Veterinary Collegiality**’.



## Publications in scientific journals

Title	Authors	Date & Journal
Book Chapter: Antimicrobials in Livestock 1: Regulation, Science, Practice	Nancy De Briyne, Lucie Pokludova, Despoina Iatridou and Thomas Blaha	December 2020 Springer ISBN: 978-3-030-46721-0
Cannabis, Cannabidiol Oils and Tetrahydrocannabinol—What Do Veterinarians Need to Know?	Nancy De Briyne, Danny Holmes, Ian Sandler, Enid Stiles, Dharati Szymanski, Sarah Moody, Stephan Neumann and Arturo Anadón	<a href="#">March 2021 Animals 11(3):892</a>
The impact of the new Veterinary Medicines Regulations on medicines availability, antimicrobials use, and antimicrobial resistance	Sarah Moody, Nancy De Briyne, Rens v Dobbenburgh and Despoina Iatridou	<a href="#">May 2021 - Regulatory Rapporteur 18(5):26</a>
Academic veterinary medicine education in Europe: mapping the implementation of European Union policies in the European veterinary curricula to uncover elements for consideration within a policy reform aiming at facilitating One Health Interdisciplinary collaboration	Despoina Iatridou	<a href="#">March 2021 - Thesis defense</a>
One Health Interdisciplinary Collaboration in Veterinary Education Establishments in Europe: Mapping Implementation and Reflecting on Promotion	Despoina Iatridou, Ana Bravo, Jimmy Saunders	<a href="#">JVME 2020 0019</a>

## Communication

### Press releases

Press release	Date
<a href="#">Responsible use of antimicrobials in animals has further increased in the EU</a>	October 2020
<a href="#">Nancy De Briyne appointed as the new FVE Executive Director</a>	December 2020
<a href="#">Prevention is better than cure: regular animal health visits make this happen</a>	January 2021
<a href="#">Veterinarians continue to look after animals and public health during the pandemic: they also need protection</a>	February 2021
<a href="#">Mapping &amp; Assessment of developments for the veterinary profession under Directive 2005/36/EC: time to amend Annex 5.4.1</a>	February 2021
<a href="#">FVE Strategy 2021-2025 brochure</a>	March 2021
<a href="#">Prevention is better than cure: today the Animal Health Law comes into force</a>	April 2021
<a href="#">FVE calls for One Health at the core of the European Health Union Package</a>	April 2021
<a href="#">Happy World Veterinary Day - infectious diseases &amp; the role of veterinarians in wider society</a>	April 2021

## Webinars

From November 2020 to date several webinars were organized as part of the communication activities. The most important ones co-organized by FVE were:

- [ATA/FECAVA/FVE Webinar](#) on air transport of brachiocephalic pets (1 April 2021);
- [EMA/FVE Webinars](#) on the new veterinary medicines' rules: focus on pharmacovigilance (30 March 2021 and 23 June 2021);
- [Promoting One Health in the professional practice](#) (3 June 2021);
- The [2<sup>nd</sup> EMA/FVE Webinar](#) on the new veterinary medicines' rules: focus on classification on antimicrobials (23 June 2021).

## Consultations

The EU Commission regularly launches public consultations to allow stakeholders to comment on roadmaps, strategy and proposals for Regulation/tertiary legislation.

FVE answered the following consultations:

Consultation
<a href="#">Questionnaire on minimum training requirements PQD</a>
<a href="#">Veterinary services roadmap</a>
<a href="#">Authorisation to feed non-ruminants with ruminant collagen/gelatine and with proteins from insects, pigs and poultry</a>
<a href="#">Draft delegated act establishing the criteria for the designation of antimicrobials to be reserved for the treatment of certain infections in humans</a>
<a href="#">Guide on best management practice for the welfare of pullets (meant for production of eggs for human consumption).</a>
<a href="#">Food safety – updated EU rules to allow for checks on antimicrobial use in imported animals and animal products – Proposal for a Reg</a>
<b>European Health Union Package</b>
- <a href="#">FVE feedback on the Commission's proposals for a regulation on serious cross-border health threats</a>
- <a href="#">FVE feedback on the mandate of European Centre for Disease prevention and Control (ECDC)</a>
- <a href="#">FVE feedback on mandate of the European medicines Agency (EMA)</a>
<a href="#">European Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) part II</a>
<a href="#">EMA Concept paper for the revision of the guideline on the summary of product characteristics for anthelmintics</a>

## MSD scholarship



Already for 6 years, FVE with the support of MSD Animal Health runs a scholarship program for veterinary students. The [2020-year scholarship program winners](#) were announced this year in January 2021. The Committee selected 36 students out of the 117 applications. Veterinary students awarded were enrolled in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year of studies and received a scholarship of \$5,000 US Dollars.

The review committee selected students from Austria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey and UK. The MSD-FVE fruitful collaboration will keep running

also for this year and the proposal is pending approval. The 2021 call is planned to be launched by summer and will increase the number of grants to **68 scholarships of 2.500 USD\$** to 68 European students enrolled in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years of study.

## FVE media channels

Social Media (as of 3/6/2021)	Likes - followers	3 most successful posts
	13,397 followers 11,681 people like FVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 26/04/2021 - Vets against brachycephalism - 61.407 people reached</li> <li>➤ 27/01/2021 – MSD-FVE press release - 12.996 people reached</li> <li>➤ 4/12/2020 – Travelling with pets between EU and the UK - 20.671 people reached</li> </ul>
	1621 followers Last 30-day activity: 43 new followers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 29/4/2021 - New policy officer @ FVE Secretariat: welcome Wiebke Jansen – 1.264 impressions</li> <li>➤ 4/7/2021 - Good collegiality and communication are key to mutual respect, courtesy and support – 1.064 impressions</li> <li>➤ 19/1/2021 - Animal health visits add value – 989 impressions</li> </ul>
	4.602 followers 480 new followers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 03/2021 - Vaccination and the veterinary profession</li> <li>➤ 04/2021 - Vets speak out against extreme breeding</li> <li>➤ 01/2021 - We need science to know the right way to move to more sustainable food systems taking a 'One Health' approach.</li> </ul>

If you have questions about any of these activities, do not hesitate to contact us.

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