



## EPRUMA declaration:

### Our 7 commitments to the responsible use of veterinary medicines

Since 2005 the European Platform for the Responsible Use of Medicines in Animals-EPRUMA has been actively promoting best practice in line with the following principles:

- Veterinary medicines, including antibiotics, need to be used responsibly in order to maintain efficacy and both prevent and minimise adverse reactions.
- Responsible use is based on a holistic approach of minimising disease which encompasses enhancing knowledge on disease prevention, animal health, animal welfare and husbandry practices
- Antibiotics should be used 'As little as possible, as much as necessary'.

EPRUMA partners hereby declare their commitment to the aforementioned principles, and pursuance of the following objectives:

1. **Promoting animal health and welfare**, and by extension human health, through the responsible use of veterinary medicines (hereinafter 'responsible use') with a One Health approach, which links animals, people and the environment.
2. **Working together to reach the highest achievable level of animal health** and an optimal balance between different elements that may have an impact on animal health, e.g. nutrition, housing, etc.
3. **Facilitating coordination and exchange of information on best practice** together with national responsible use initiatives; and encouraging cooperation between public authorities and the private sector in countries where such initiatives do not yet exist.
4. **Engaging and communicating** with the EU institutions and relevant agencies, European organisations and platforms working on animal health and welfare, agriculture and food, public health, as well as consumer organisations, to increase understanding of EPRUMA's approach to best practice in the use of veterinary medicines.
5. **Developing best-practice frameworks** on the responsible use of veterinary medicines, **and advocating for more availability** of veterinary medicines for all species in EU, as well as access to innovative medicines and diagnostic tools.
6. **Supporting transparency** on the use of veterinary medicines, such as surveillance of use and resistance monitoring.
7. **Sharing knowledge by developing awareness campaigns** on responsible use for operators and key stakeholders.

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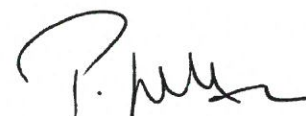
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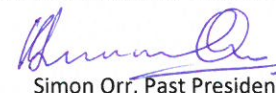
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