Public perception of the risks associated with antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

EFSA asked consumers in 12 EU countries about their perception of the risks posed to human health from AMR in food producing-animals.

Are Europeans aware that...

- Antibiotics** are used to treat infections in farm animals.
- Antibiotics are used more to treat animals than humans.
- Antibiotics don’t kill viruses.
- AMR is widespread on European poultry farms.
- AMR is widespread on European pig farms.
- AMR can be transferred from animals to farmers.
- AMR can be transferred from animals to veterinarians.
- AMR can be transferred from farm animals to consumers.
- AMR can be transferred to humans by handling raw meat.
- AMR can be transferred to humans through contact with farmed animals.

Do you acquire any information about resistance to antibiotics?

- Yes: 43%
- No: 57%

Do you have enough knowledge about the use of antibiotics in farmed animals?

- Yes: 25%
- No: 71%
- Don’t know: 14%

Do you think enough is being done to control or prevent overuse of antibiotics in farmed animals?

- Yes: 13%
- No: 73%
- Don’t know: 14%