

## The future of animal health - and the issue of reserve antibiotics in livestock farming

DUH online conference, 26th of April 2022, 12:30-16:30 h CET

Antibiotic resistance is on the rise worldwide: 1.2 million people die each year from infections with multi-resistant pathogens. Warnings are growing louder about the "lingering pandemic" that is increasingly emptying the world's medicine cabinet. Some of the resistant pathogens in humans originate from animal husbandry and food. In Germany, after a short decade of antibiotic reduction, more antibiotics were used in animals again in 2020 than in 2019.

In 2022, important decisions are coming up for the fight against antibiotic resistance: In Germany, the government's coalition agreement promises an animal health strategy and a reduction in antibiotic use in animals. In Brussels, the list of antibiotics is debated that should no longer be used in animals or should be banned for the treatment of entire groups of animals. Reducing group treatment in the form of metaphylaxis is also on the agenda. How exactly these proposals are to be regulated and achieved is something we would like to debate together with you.

What current developments do we see with regard to antibiotic resistance in animals and on animal products? Why are reserve antibiotics so crucial for humans and animals? What are the new German government's plans and how can civil society help shape political decisions in Brussels and Berlin on animal health and combating antibiotic resistance?

DUH (Environmental Action Germany) invites you to discuss these and your questions at the conference.

Please register on our [event website](#), where you can also find updated information. Participation is free of charge. The conference is held with the kind support of the Oak Foundation.

### Programme

#### **12:30 h Welcome**

Sascha Müller-Kraenner, Executive Director of DUH

*Introduction: One-Health as a guiding principle for animal health*

Reinhild Benning, DUH Team Leader Agriculture

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#### **13:00 h Towards better animal health**

Dr. Dr. Markus Schick, Head of Department of Food Safety and Animal Health, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)

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#### **13:30 h Antibiotics of highest priority for humans - State of resistance and resistance control**

Dr. Bernd Alois Tenhagen, Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)

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#### **14:00 h Break**

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#### **14:30 h The importance of reserve antibiotics for humans in Europe**

Prof. Dr. Winfried Kern, Drug Commission of the German Medical Association

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#### **15:00 h 2022 - A Year to save reserve antibiotics?**

Martin Häusling, MEP Lead member of the Environment Committee

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#### **15:30 h Plenary discussion**

**New ways to minimise antibiotics in animal husbandry**

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#### **16:30 h Summary and outlook**