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to the Commission**

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Subject: Coordinated action to address antimicrobial resistance

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) has been dubbed 'the silent pandemic': it causes 35 000 deaths in the EU every year, and this number is expected to rise. Combatting AMR requires a One Health approach that is based on at least three pillars: using antibiotics prudently in both humans and animals, implementing good infection prevention and control measures, in particular in healthcare settings, and promoting research and development in novel antibiotics and other countermeasures.

Given this:

1. How will the Commission encourage Member States to implement measures to ensure prudent use of antimicrobials in humans and animals (both agriculture and aquaculture) and to implement Council-endorsed targets regarding consumption?
2. What infection prevention and control measures will the Commission recommend to the Member States, including for food-producing animals?
3. What measures for research and development and market access will the Commission recommend with regard to (i) novel antibiotics, (ii) alternative treatments, including bacteriophages, and (iii) products for detecting and preventing infections with antimicrobial resistant pathogens, as well as other medical countermeasures to combat AMR?
4. What form does the Commission think a collaborative One Health approach addressing antimicrobial resistance could take at EU level and worldwide, and what platforms would it use?

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