



**CPME Written statement to the WHO Regional Committee for Europe
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The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) represents national medical associations across Europe. We are committed to contributing the medical profession's point of view to EU institutions and European policy-making through pro-active cooperation on a wide range of health and healthcare related issues.

CPME welcomes the opportunity to submit a written statement to the sixty-eight session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe.

Implementation of the European Strategic Action Plan on Antibiotic Resistance

CPME welcomes progress made in the implementation of the European Strategic Action Plan on Antibiotic Resistance. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is one of the major threats to human health. It requires a multisectoral coordination to contain this growing challenge.

CPME welcomes the ongoing initiatives aiming at strengthening national multisectoral coordination for the containment of AMR as expressed in strategic objective 1, including the series of workshops to boost the development and implementation of AMR action plans at national level. Each country must develop, implement and evaluate a national action plan covering the following aspects: awareness-raising and education on the responsible use of antibiotics, surveillance of antibiotic consumption and antimicrobial resistance as well as prevention and infection control activities. The preparation and implementation of those action plans should closely involve the medical profession and other health professions at national level.

At EU level, CPME is continuously cooperating with other health professions in activities aiming at raising awareness on the responsible use of antibiotics. As is acknowledged in the Strategic Action Plan, there is a strong case for better coordination of policies in the human and animal health. To this end, CPME, together with European organisations representing dentists and veterinarians, advocates for an interdisciplinary training based on a One Health culture. Therefore, the three professional organisations, together with their students' organisations, will organise a One Health conference on 5 December 2018 in Paris. The conference will focus on how to implement the One Health approach in undergraduate education.