

Press release

## **ROADMAP launched a series of training courses to discover transitions towards prudent antimicrobial use in animal production**

*Online trainings are addressed to farmers, technical advisors, veterinarians, technicians, scientists, social and human sciences researchers*

Brussels, 9 January 2023 - The European project ROADMAP fosters transitions towards prudent antimicrobial use (AMU) in animal production. ROADMAP sets up innovative approaches within a transdisciplinary and multi-actor perspective to engage with animal health professionals, stakeholders and policymakers. After three years analysing the socio-economic drivers of AMU, developing tailored strategies for change and proposing transition scenarios in diverse farm animal production systems in Europe and low- and middle-income countries the project launch its training activities addressed to different targets to ensure acceptability of AMU change.

### **4 Training modules to update knowledge**

Training workshops are being organised from January to April to target animal health professionals and end-users to facilitate the uptake of the integrated strategies by using the material generated within the project through case studies and living labs.



**17th of January 2023 | 13:00 – 14:30 CET**

***Stable schools as a participatory method to work towards reduced AMU at farm level*** will be presented by Mette Vaarst from AU-ICROFS and will explain the methodology of the so-called ‘Stable Schools’ which is a farmer-advice-farmer methodology, applied by actors in the Danish and Swiss Living Labs during the ROADMAP project to minimize antibiotic use, and facilitation will be discussed in our many different contexts. It is addressed to advisors and vets interested on working with stable schools.



**14<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 | 13:00 – 14:30 CET**

***Living lab methodologies and examples from working in agriculture*** will be presented by Bernadette Oehen (FIBL), Mette Vaarst (AU-ICROFS), Annick Spaans (ZLTO) and Florence Beaugrand (ONIRIS). This webinar explains how we have used the Living Lab methodology to find ways forward to move towards a more prudent use of antimicrobials in the ROADMAP project in seven countries. The session will include interactive discussions on how Living Labs can fit to different contexts and is addressed to researchers in EU projects or people working with living labs

**14<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 | 13:00-14:30 CET**

***Coaching and motivational interviewing*** will be presented by Annick Spaans (ZLTO) and Caroline Bonckaert (DGZ). This webinar explains the coaching methodology applied to Dutch and Belgian farms during the ROADMAP project to reduce antibiotic use together with the farmer, veterinarian and advisor. The first steps of this methodology will also be practiced. It is addressed to advisors and vets interested in coaching as part of their advisory service, and farmers

**4<sup>th</sup> of April 2023 | 13:00-14:30 CET**

***Promoting preventive approaches to animal health*** will be presented by Nicolas Fortané (INRAE). This webinar will highlight the results of the ROADMAP project regarding the issues faced by the veterinary profession, related to the development of preventive approaches to animal health. It will discuss the levers and breaks for such a development and propose to work on identifying the efficient key messages to encourage veterinarians to support and adopt such approaches. This training is addressed to veterinarians.

A mini webinar series will complement the training to the industrial stakeholders (breeding, feeding, pharmaceuticals, farm technologies...) and them will be announce soon.

The ROADMAP project is funded by the European Horizon 2020 programme, with a budget of more than 6 million euros and is coordinated by the INRAE. A total of 17 partners participates from Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, and UK.

Check all the training [here](#).

For more information visit the ROADMAP website: [www.roadmap-h2020.eu/](http://www.roadmap-h2020.eu/)

