

Farmers wanted to join a European project on antibiotic resistance. Join now and become one of our Farmer Ambassadors in your country.

Would you like to improve disease prevention and at the same time use antibiotics (more) responsibly? Are you interested in learning from us and from other farmers? Take part in our European project and you will receive free coaching to improve disease prevention and the responsible use of antibiotics and you will have the opportunity to learn from other farmers both in your own country and in another European country.

As a livestock farmer, improving and safeguarding the health of your animals and preventing diseases is one of your most important challenges. And it becomes even more important to do this with a responsible use of antibiotics. Not only for your farms' productivity, but also because of the increasing social pressure to lower the use of antibiotics in livestock farming. Less and more prudent use of antibiotics on your farm is important for many reasons:

- ✓ You prevent pathogenic bacteria from becoming resistant to antibiotics. As a result, you will be able to continue to use them when needed.
- ✓ You reduce the risk of you and your family members being exposed to resistant bacteria.
- ✓ You improve the image of your sector as one that is proactive, a sector that does not shy away from challenges and that accounts for the concerns of society.

What is DISARM?

DISARM is a European project with the aim to identify, share and promote, strategies and innovations that are effective for improving animal health and for reducing the need for antibiotics in European livestock farming. The focus is on setting up farm health teams (FHT) and a network of various stakeholders (farmers, veterinarians, feed advisers, other suppliers and researchers) who share experiences and knowledge. We are looking for 40 farmers who want to take part in our project and thus become a Farmer Ambassador.

Participation means that you as a farmer, together with a coach from DISARM, set up a farm health team consisting of you, the DISARM coach and other people that are important for the management of animal health on your farm (veterinarian, farm worker, other advisors). This farm health team works together to improve the health and the responsible use of antibiotics on your farm.

What's in it for you?

- ✓ You will receive free coaching to help you to improve disease prevention and animal health management whilst considering the productivity of your animals and the profitability of your farm;
- ✓ You will receive help to achieve this goal while at the same time improving the responsible use of antibiotics;
- ✓ You will get a chance to meet and learn from other farmers in your country;
- ✓ You will get a unique chance to go on a paid trip to another European country to learn from farmers' experiences there;
- ✓ You can become a farmer-ambassador in your own country.



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What does it require from you?

One of the objectives of DISARM is to test and disseminate the Coaching Method to assist farmers to improve disease prevention and animal health and reduce irresponsible use of antibiotics. The Coaching Method means that a person from the DISARM project will regularly meet with you and your herd veterinarian, farm workers and other advisors that you might have, to design and monitor an intervention plan aimed at better disease prevention. Participants become farmer-ambassadors in their sector and the results at their farm are used as promotional material.

More specifically, participation as farmer-ambassador in DISARM involves

- ✓ Your participation starts between autumn 2019 and spring 2020 and takes between 1 and 2 years;
- ✓ You try to convince people that are important for the management of animal health on your farm (veterinarian, farm worker, feed advisor, ...) to participate as well as part of the farm health team.
- ✓ Regular (once every 3-4 months) meetings between a DISARM coach, you, your herd veterinarian and other advisors you may have, in order to design a plan for implementing changes on your farm and further monitor its impact;
- ✓ Your agreement to implement as good as possible the recommended changes on your farm, and to provide data about your farm so that we can monitor what the impact of these changes is;
- ✓ Short telephone calls or e-mail contact in between meetings;
- ✓ Two or three half-day demonstration events on your farm where you exchange experiences with other farmers that participate in the project and to demonstrate farmers that are not in the project how you are working. You will receive monetary compensation for these demonstration events on your farm
- ✓ One international travel to visit the farmers in that country who are also part of DISARM. We will help you to organize this travel and your expenses are covered by the project.
- ✓ Your agreement that we use your experience on your farm in information material such as videos, practice guides and brochures, with respect for the level of privacy and anonymity that you want.

Throughout this whole process, YOU remain in charge of everything that happens on your farm, and you have the right to end participation at any times. More detailed information about what participation involves can and will be provided by us. Don't hesitate to contact us for a meeting or telephone call, without any further obligations, and we will explain in more detail what it involves.

For more information about what participation as a Farmer Ambassador involves, or if you would like to take part, please contact us: info@disarmproject.eu

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