Two projects of the Better Training for Safer Food initiative for the organisation and implementation of training courses on Antimicrobial Resistance from the ‘One Health’ approach, both for human health and veterinary sectors, one of them addressed to EU and neighbourhood countries, and the other one addressed to non-EU countries, trading partners of the EU.

The European Union published its first action plan against antimicrobial resistance in 2011, highlighting the threats it could cause. The new strategy was based on a 2017-2022 Plan, highlighting the need for a ‘One Health’ approach. AENOR understanding the needs to involve the public health sector, the animal sector and the environment presented a project in collaboration with the Spanish Agency for Medicines and Sanitary Products (AEMPS). The proposal accommodated a very complete program, supported by experts in the three areas. It aimed to contributing to unify the methodologies to monitor the consumption and use of antimicrobials and resistance indicators, as well as surveillance strategies among the member countries of the European Union.

The project includes the participation of the Ramón y Cajal Institute for Health Research (IRYCIS), the Centre for Veterinary Health Surveillance (VISAVET), the National Plan against Antibiotic Resistance (PRAN), the Bulgarian Food Safety Agency, the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Veterinary Public Health of the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and the Directorate of Veterinary Medicines of the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture (DEFRA) of the United Kingdom.

The training activities focused to EU Member States is currently in its second phase. It will last 60 months, during which 30 training sessions will have been held throughout the EU.

Being the threat of antimicrobial resistance a global problem, the European Union also wanted to invest in transferring the knowledge and experiences obtained in the EU to other regions of the world, having been AENOR been awarded the project, this time, in collaboration with JVL Consulting. On this occasion the objective is to assist developing countries to help develop strategies against resistance, both in animal and human health, by organizing 11 regional workshops, presenting solutions already tested in the EU, with examples, simulations, presentations, case studies and providing all the tools and resources that have been developed in the EU since the fight against resistance started.
The training sessions are having a great success. The exchange of views and information between sectors and between countries of the same region, facilitates analysing similar problems together, face the challenge together, and find solutions and resources that may help them all.

The training project in non-EU countries began in 2018 and will continue to be implemented until 2024.

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