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# Fostering better veterinary medicines globally through international engagement and connections

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EMA Veterinary Awareness Day

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## EMA in the global environment

Engagement and exchange with international regulatory authorities is part of EMA's daily work.

International collaboration is key to:

- **Avoid duplication** of work
- **Release scarce resources** for more critical areas
- **Facilitate alignment** of regulatory approaches between international authorities
- **Speed up access** to new and/or affordable medicines
- **Support regulators** outside the EU who may **lack resources** and/or specific competences





# European medicines agencies network strategy to 2025

Six priority focus areas in line with the European Commission roadmap for a [pharmaceutical strategy for Europe](#):

- **Availability and accessibility of medicines**
- Data analytics, digital tools and digital transformation
- Innovation
- **Antimicrobial resistance & other emerging health threats**
- **Supply-chain challenges**
- Sustainability of the network and operational excellence



# Mechanisms for international collaboration



## Bilateral relations



Brazil Canada New Zealand Switzerland United States EDQM

*Other DG SANTE/EMA confidentiality arrangements are not with partners responsible for veterinary medicines, e.g. authorities in Australia, Japan and WHO*



International Liaison Officers

Confidentiality Arrangements



Mutual Recognition Agreements

Veterinary Medicines Clusters



EMA-FDA Parallel Scientific Advice



## Multilateral relations

World Organisation for Animal Health  
Founded as OIE

Codex Alimentarius  
International Food Standards

FAO  
FIAT PANIS

PIC/S

TATFAR

eofmd  
european commission for the control of foot-and-mouth disease

FAST  
Food and mouth And Similar Transboundary animal diseases

IPA project

ICMRA  
International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities

*Scientific opinions for international organisations for animal health (Art.138)*



## Reliance and trade

The CVMP opinion isn't the end of the story...

- CVMP assessment and inspection reports can be **shared** with other regulators
- Vet pharma used EMA **Certificates of Medicinal Products (eCPP)** to promote registration in **99 different countries** between 2018-2023, with 402 sets issued so far in 2023 alone
- **Promoting reliance:** rely wholly/partly on output of another trusted regulator, retain responsibility for your decision, free up resources for other regulatory activities



# One Health



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## The sudden demise of Indian vultures kill thousands of people

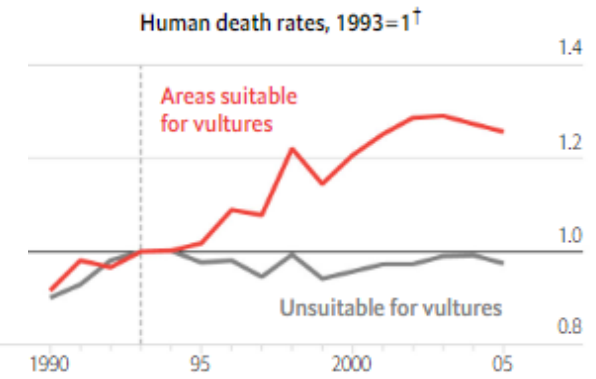
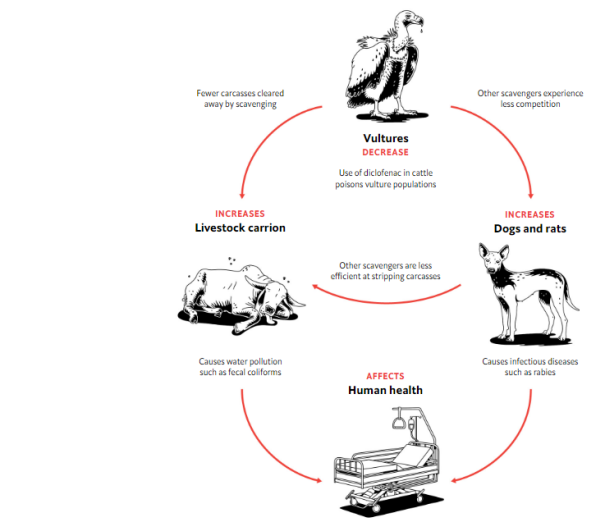
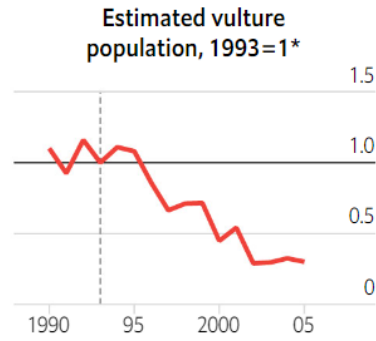
Without "nature's sanitation service" pathogens spread into the water supply

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THE SAME cast of characters features in most wildlife conservation campaigns: majestic tigers, adorable pandas or other creatures that tug human heartstrings.

Images of the blood-splattered bills of endangered vultures tend to evoke less sympathy, but a new study provides a reason to be concerned for their survival. The near-extinction of Indian vultures in the mid-1990s proved fatal for humans too, causing the mortality rate to rise by 4% in districts once populated by the birds.





**Health in the EU** is **strongly linked** with **health outside the EU**. Working to improve that cannot be done without interacting with international partners.

EMA's unique way of working is **highly valued** on the international scene. What we do is leveraged outside of the EU through **reliance mechanisms, transparency, and information sharing**, and this has a **significant impact on global public and animal health**.

Engagement and cooperation is in the Agency's 'DNA', almost all parts of the EMA have a link with one or more **international stakeholders**.



# Thank you

## Further information

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