Antibiotics and food safety – the views of EU citizens

**Awareness**
Two out of three have heard about the misuse of antibiotics in farmed animals.

**Risk perception**
Almost half see this as a high food-related risk.

**Decisiveness**
Misuse of antibiotics is the hottest topic in food safety...

...in 10 out of 28 EU Member States...

**Concern by gender and age (% citizens)**
There are no major differences between women and men...

46% women
42% men

15-24 yrs
39%

55+ yrs
45%

...or across age groups

10 out of 28 EU Member States...

**Communication tip**
The misuse of antibiotics in farmed animals is on the radar of EU citizens across countries and sociodemographic groups. There is high awareness and it’s perceived as quite risky for food safety, especially among those responsive to risk communication. This provides a good basis for the effectiveness of campaigns on related issues, such as the spread of antimicrobial resistance.

Data come from the 2019 Eurobarometer on Food Safety in the EU commissioned by EFSA. The figures describe awareness and perceptions of EU citizens related to “antibiotic, hormone or steroid residues in meat”, listed among 15 food safety-related topics.

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