

RELATED ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE **IN THE EU, 2021**

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OUTLINE

- Monitoring of Campylobacter in EU, 2021
 - > EU One Health Zoonoses (EUOHZ) Report 2021 and interactive online tools (story maps and dashboards)
- Monitoring of AMR in C. jejuni and C. coli isolates in EU, 2021
 - ➤ Main findings from EU Summary Report on AMR, 2021
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MONITORING OF ZOONOSES AND FOODBORNE OUTBREAKS IN EU

Mandatory monitoring of zoonoses and foodborne outbreak in accordance with Directive 2003/99/EC

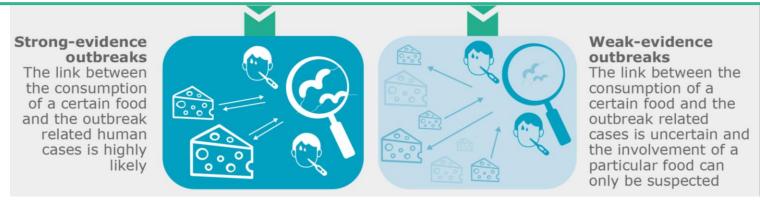


- On **annual basis**, MSs report data to EFSA in the context of the *Campylobacter* Process Hygiene Criterion (PHC), set out in **Regulation 2073/2005**
- In 2019, as part of the food control strategy, it became mandatory to report data from Campylobacter PHC on the neck skins of chilled broiler carcases, according with Regulation 2019/627
 - → According to this legislation, the Competent Authority (CA) must verify whether the food business operator (FBOp) is correctly implementing the PHC, either by ad hoc official sampling or by collecting the relevant information on the test analyses carried out by the FBOp for own-check purposes

EU FOODBORNE OUTBREAK REPORTING SYSTEM (UPDATED EU-FORS)

□ EU-FORS*: current system for monitoring FBOs in the EU, implemented since 2010 and updated in 2014

Classification of foodborne outbreaks: 'strong'-/'weak'-evidence outbreaks based on the strength of evidence implicating a suspected food vehicle as the cause of the outbreak



Strength of evidence: qualitative measure of the level of uncertainty which affects the likelihood that a food item is the vehicle of the outbreak. It is based on a carefully assessment of all available categories of evidence

Although the data reporting rules follow the same standard EFSA harmonized specifications*, foodborne outbreak surveillance activities are not fully harmonized across the EU

Differences in sensitivity and type of outbreaks under surveillance may exist. Therefore, difference in the numbers and types of reported outbreaks, as well as in the causative agents, may not necessarily reflect the level of food safety among MS.

Aggregated findings at EU level and direct comparison between reporting countries should be interpreted with caution

EU ONE HEALTH ZOONOSES REPORT (EUOHZ) & ONLINE TOOLS



The European Union One Health 2021 Zoonoses Report

European Food Safety Authority European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

This report of the European Food Safety Authority and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control presents the results of zoonoses monitoring and surveillance activities carried out in 2021

Foodborne outbreaks



Foodborne outbreaks ad DASHBOARD



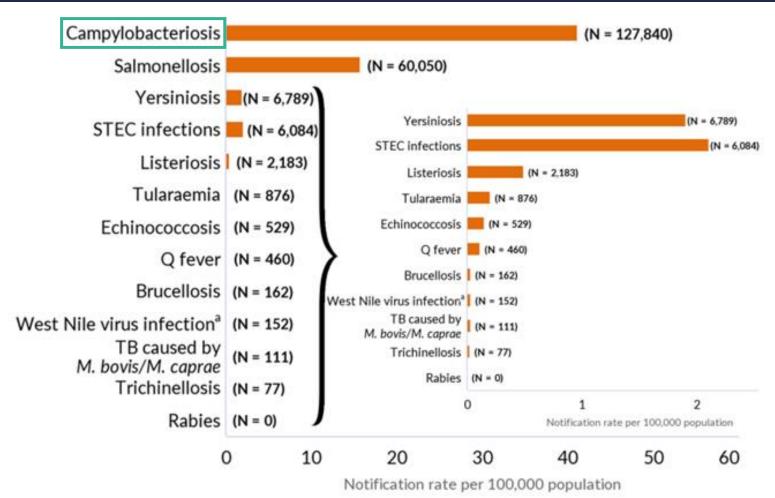
Campylobacter STORY MAP



Campylobacter



EUOHZ REPORT, 2021 HUMAN DATA





Reported numbers of cases and notification rates for confirmed human zoonoses in the EU, 2021

Data on congenital toxoplasmosis are not shown since 2021 data are not available yet. Note: The total number of confirmed cases is indicated in parentheses at the end of each bar.

(a) Regarding West Nile virus infection, the total number of locally acquired cases was used (includes probable and confirmed cases).

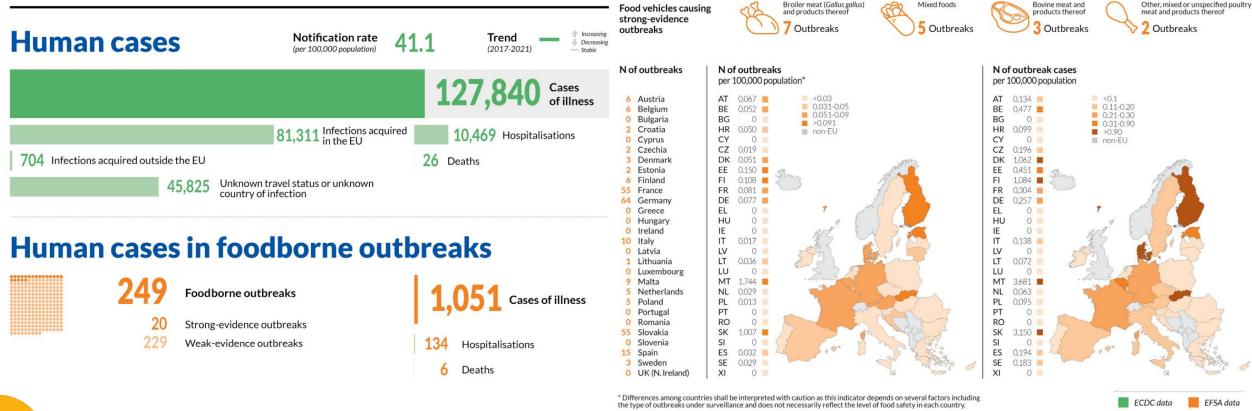


EUOHZ REPORT, SUMMARY INFOGRAPHICS





Campylobacter in the EU, 2021



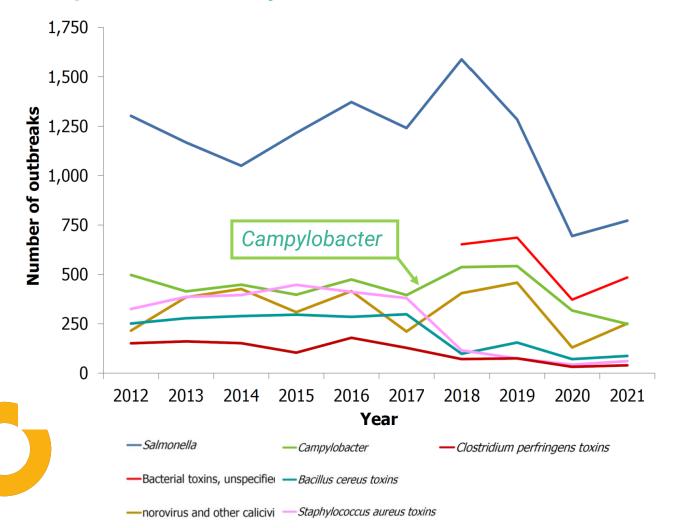
Foodborne outbreaks

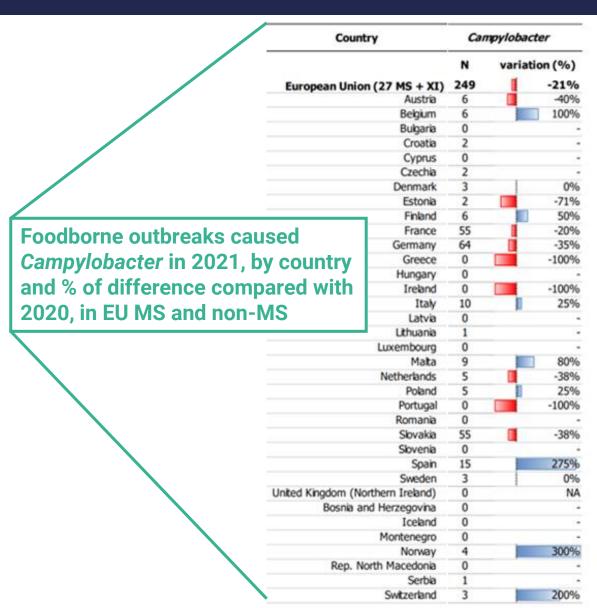
Of the 112 FBOs reported by MSs with known *Campylobacter* species: *C. jejuni* was the causative agent in 106 FBOs (94.6%) and *C. coli* in six (5.4%). For 137 outbreaks, species information was missing.



EUOHZ REPORT, MONITORING OF FOODBORNE OUTBREAKS IN EU, 2021

Number of foodborne outbreaks by causative agent, reported to the EU by MSs, 2012-2021





CAMPYLOBACTER IN FOOD, 2021 [CONTEXT: REG (EC) 2073/2005]

Competent Authority (CA)			Food business operator (FBOp)							
Country	N samples Tested	N (%) samples positive	N (%) samples above 1,000 CFU/g	CI ₉₅ samples above 1,000 CFU/g	N samples Tested	N (%) samples positive	N (%) samples above 1,000 CFU/g	CI ₉₅ samples above 1,000 CFU/g	p value	Interpretation ^(c)
Austria	_	_	_	_	957	NA	61 (6.4)	[4.9; 8.1]	-	_
Belgium	633	NA	89 (14.1)	[11.4; 17.0]	2,421	NA	172 (7.1)	[6.1; 8.2]	< 0.001	CA > FBOp
Bulgaria	1,048	218 (20.8)	16 (1.5)	[0.88; 2.5]	-	_	_	_	-	_
Croatia	832	417 (50.1)	253 (30.4)	[27.3; 33.7]	-	_	_	_	_	_
Cyprus	220	180 (81.8)	113 (51.4)	[44.6; 58.1]	-	_	_	_	-	_
Czechia	_	_	_	_	4,110	2,573 (62.6)	1,620 (39.4)	[37.9; 40.9]	-	_
Denmark	_	_	_	_	1,150	164 (14.3)	86 (7.5)	[6,0; 9.2]	-	_
Estonia	12	1 (8.3)	1 (8.3)	[0.21; 38.5]	260	0	0	[0; 1.4] ^(a)	0.04	CA > FBOp
Finland	_	_	_	_	585	1 (0.17) ^(f)	1 (0.17)	[0; 0.95]	_	_
France	_	_	_	_	16,357	NA	4,389 (26.8)	[26.2; 27.5]	-	_
Germany	28	NA	9 (32.1)	[15.9; 52.4]	6,604	NA	510 (7.7)	[7.1; 8.4]	< 0.001	CA > FBOp
Greece	75	52 (69.3)	33 (44.0)	[32.5; 55.9]	612	31 (5.1)	31 (5.1)	[3.5; 7.1]	< 0.001	CA > FBOp
Hungary	344	41 (11.9)	14 (4.1)	[2.2; 6.7]	-	_	_	_	-	_
Ireland	164	96 (58.5)	10 (6.1)	[3; 10.9]	1,031	379 (36.8)	75 (7.3)	[5.8; 9.0]	NS	
Italy	1,233	639 (51.8)	310 (25.1)	[22.7; 27.7]	5,591	NA	466 (8.3)	[7.6; 9.1]	< 0.001	CA > FBOp
Latvia	100	4 (4.0)	0 (0)	[0; 3.6] ^(a)	434	90 (20.7)	24 (5.5)	[3.6; 8.1]	0.01	CA < FBOp
Netherlands	333	79 (23.7)	10 (3.0)	[1.4; 5.5]	3,336	201 (6.0)	201 (6.0)	[5.2; 6.9]	0.0239	CA < FBOp
Poland	885	287 (32.4)	174 (19.7)	[17.1; 22.4]	1,365	112 (8.2)	109 (8.0)	[6.6; 9.6]	< 0.001	CA > FBOp
Portugal	_	_	_	_	3,528	1,006 (28.5)	521 (14.8)	[13.6; 16.0]	_	_
Romania	1,399	521 (37.2)	84 (6.0)	[4.8; 7.4]	1,450	491 (33.9)	6 (0.41)	[0.15; 0.90]	< 0.001	CA > FBOp
Slovakia	_	_	_	_	1,075	20 (1.9)	0	[0; 0.34] ^(a)	_	_
Slovenia	_	_	_	_	804	595 (74.0)	333 (41.4)	[38; 44.9]	_	_
Spain	757	584 (77.1)	370 (48.9)	[45.3; 52.5]	635	139 (21.9)	139 (21.9)	[18.7; 25.3]	< 0.001	CA > FBOp
Sweden	_	_	_	_	1,046	15 (1.4)	15 (1.4)	[0.8; 2.4]	_	_
EU Total (27 + XI)	8,063	3,119 (42.1) ^(d)	1,486 (18.4)	[17.6; 19.3]	53,351	5,817 (27.2) ^(e)	8,759 (16.4)	[16.1; 16.7]	< 0.001	CA > FBOp
EU Total (27 + XI) providing CA and FBOp data	5,619	2,263 (45.6) ^(d)	1,090 (19.4)	[18.4; 20.5]	23,739	1,443 (15.8) ^(e)	1,733 (7.3)	[7.0; 7.6]	< 0.001	CA > FBOp

Comparison of proportions (%) of *Campylobacter*-positive samples & samples exceeding *Campylobacter* PHC limit according with Reg. 2073/2005, by sampler and reporting MS, EU, 2021

N MSs	Data reported
24	Data on PHC
15	Official control results
20	Monitoring results from FBOp
11	Data from both official and FBOp

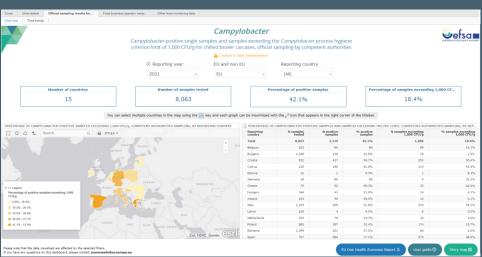
- (a): One-sided, 97.5% confidence interval
- (b): p-value: NS, not significant.
- (c): Related to the percentage of positive samples above 1,000 CFU/q.
- (d): Belgium and Germany did not report Campylobacter-positive samples below 1,000 CFU/g from test results of the Competent Authority.
- (e): Austria, Belgium, France, Germany and Italy did not report Campylobacter-positive samples below 1,000 CFU/g from test results of food business operators. (f): Reporting error. Finland indicated, during the last phase of the production of this report, that the number
- phase of the production of this report, that the number of Campylobacter-positive samples below 1,000 CFU/g from the FBOp was unknown.

Campylobacter DASHBOARD



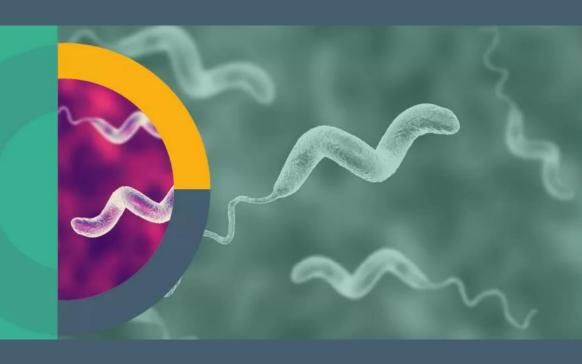


Campylobacter dashboard | EFSA (europa.eu)





Campylobacter STORY MAP







Campylobacter story map (arcgis.com)



EU MONITORING OF AMR IN CAMPYLOBACTER, 2021



EFSA advises for the AMR monitoring legislation

EFSA technical specifications on harmonised monitoring and reporting of AMR - 2012

EFSA technical specifications on representative randomised sampling - 2013

EFSA technical specifications on harmonised monitoring of AMR - 2019

EFSA technical specifications on representative randomised sampling - 2020

Technical support provided by EFSA

Directive 2003/99/EC
Art. 7(3) and 9(1) + Annexes II (B) IV

Lays down legislative basis since 2004

Commission Implementing Decision 2013/652/EU

Lays down detailed technical requirements 2014 - 2020

Commission Implementing Decision 2020/1729/EU

Lays down detailed technical requirements 2021 - 2027

Monitoring of AMR in animals and food performed by the EU MSs

- Monitoring of AMR in Campylobacter spp. from foodproducing animals focused on C. jejuni and C. coli
- Until 2020, based on this Decision 2013/652/EU, the biennial monitoring of AMR in *C. jejuni* isolates from caecal samples gathered at slaughter from broilers and fattening turkeys was mandatory, while for *C. coli* was voluntary
- From 2021, according with Decision 2020/1729/EU,
 C. coli has been included in the monitoring programs

Technical support provided by the EURL-AR











DECISION 2020/1729/EU - EU MONITORING OF AMR IN CAMPYLOBACTER

- Harmonised rules for the period 2021-2027 for the monitoring and reporting of AMR to be carried out by Member States
- C. jejuni and C. coli
- Samples of caecal content taken at slaughter from: broilers, fattening turkeys*, calves < 1 year*, fattening pigs
- Biannual sampling:

Odd years (2021, 2023, 2025, 2027) fattening pigs and calves <1year (2022, 2024, 2026) broilers and fattening turkeys

- Harmonised sampling design:
 - proportionate stratified sampling / slaughterhouses processing at least 60 % of the specific domestic animal population/ even distribution over the monitoring period
 - samples from **healthy animals** sampled from randomly selected epidemiological units (poultry: flocks; pigs/bovines: slaughter batch)
 - Sample size: MSs shall take annually at least 300 samples from each animal population. By way of derogation, where annual national production <100 000 tonnes of broiler meat/turkey meat /pig meat or <50 000 tonnes of bovine meat, → minimum of 150 samples instead of 300 samples for each specific animal population considered

EU MONITORING OF AMR IN CAMPYLOBACTER, 2021

- Harmonised isolation and identification methods
- Harmonised AST: microdilution
- Harmonised panel of antimicrobials
- Harmonised interpretative criteria of resistance: ECOFFs

Harmonisation contributes to the representativeness and reliability of AMR data

The findings of EU AMR monitoring activities are summarised in the annual joint EFSA-ECDC EU Summary Report on AMR

Panel of antimicrobial substances to be included in AMR monitoring, EUCAST interpretative thresholds for resistance and concentration ranges to be tested in *C. jejuni* and *C. coli*

Antimicrobial	Class of	Species	Interpretative thresh	Range of		
	antimicrobial		ECOFF	Clinical breakpoint	concentrations (mg/L) (No of wells in brackets)	
Chlorampheni-	Phenicol	C. jejuni	> 16	NA	2-64 (6)	
col		C. coli	> 16	NA		
Ciprofloxacin	Fluoroquino-	C. jejuni	> 0,5	> 0,5	0,12-32 (9)	
	lone	C. coli	> 0,5	> 0,5		
Ertapenem	Carbapenem	C. jejuni	NA	NA	0,125-4 (6)	
		C. coli	NA	NA		
Erythromycin	Macrolide	C. jejuni	> 4	> 4	1-512 (10)	
		C. coli	> 8	> 8		
Gentamicin	Aminoglycoside	C. jejuni	> 2	NA	0,25-16 (7)	
		C. coli	> 2	NA		
Tetracycline	Tetracycline	C. jejuni	> 1	> 2	0,5-64 (8)	
		C. coli	> 2	> 2		

NA: not available

EU SUMMARY REPORT ON AMR 2020/2021 (EFSA-ECDC, 2023)



Plain language summary 12



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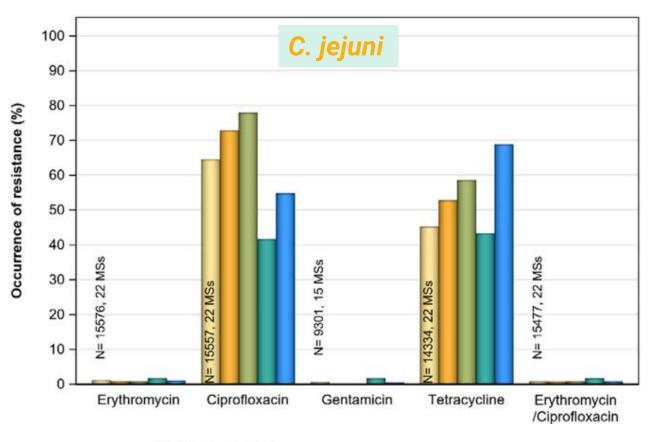
are collected annually by the EU Member States (MSs) and reporting countries, jointly analysed by EFSA and ECDC and presented in a yearly EU Summary Report. This report provides an overview of the main findings of the 2020–2021 harmonised AMR monitoring in Salmonella spp., Campylobacter

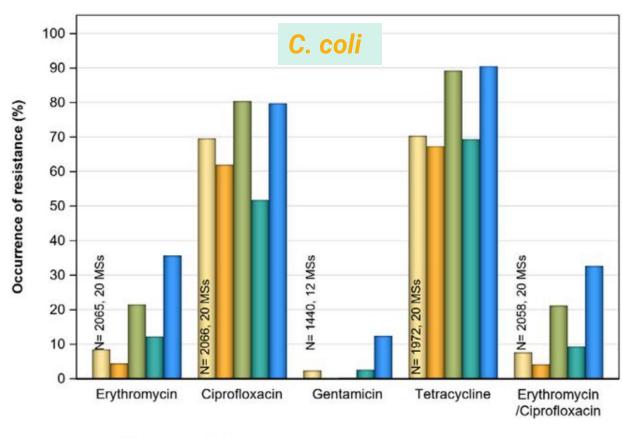
Annex B, part B: available in Zenodo: https://zenodo.org/record/7544221





COMPARISON OCCURRENCE OF RESISTANCE BETWEEN HUMANS AND ANIMALS (EUSR-AMR 2020/2021)





Humans 2021

Broilers 2020 (N=3382, 27 MSs)

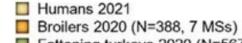
Fattening turkeys 2020 (N=1066, 9 MSs)

Fattening pigs 2021 (N=60, 12 MSs)

Calves 2021 (N=1198, 10 MSs)







Fattening turkeys 2020 (N=567, 3 MSs)

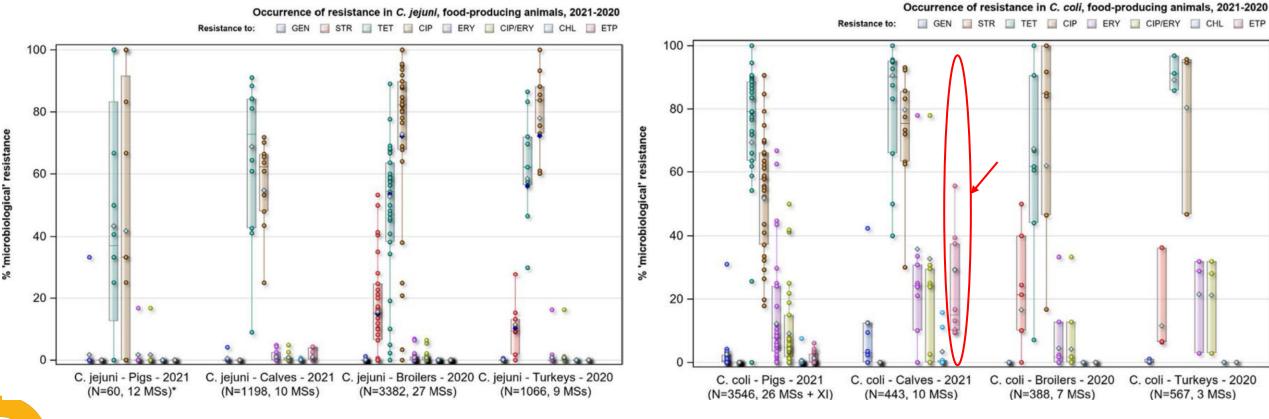
Fattening pigs 2021 (N=3546, 26 MSs + XI)

Calves 2021 (N=443, 10 MSs)



OCCURRENCE OF RESISTANCE (EUSR-AMR 2020/2021)

Occurrence of resistance to selected antimicrobials in poultry, pigs and calves





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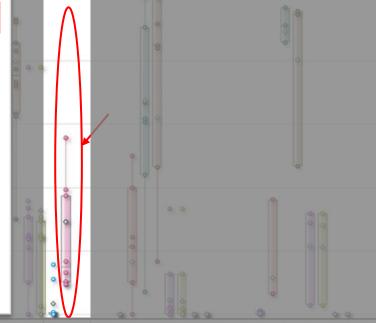
Occurrence of resistance in *C. jejuni*, food-producing animals, 2021-2020

Occurrence of resistance in *C. coli*, food-producing animals, 2021-2020

Resistance to: GEN STR TET CIP ERY CIP/ERY CHL ETP

MIC distribution in ertapenem resistant and susceptible *C. coli* isolates from calves (ECOFF = 0.5 mg/L) reported in 2021 by 10 MSs.

MIC	Number of isolates	%	ETP resistance
≤ 0.125	133	30.0	Susceptible
0.25	78	17.6	Susceptible
0.5	103	23.2	Susceptible
1	103	23.2	Resistant
2	23	5.2	Resistant
4	3	0.7	Resistant
Total	443		



C. jejuni - Pigs - 2021 (N=60, 12 MSs)* C. jejuni - Calves - 202 (N=1198, 10 MSs) jejuni - Broilers - 2 (N=3382, 27 MSs C. jejuni - Turkeys - 202 (N=1066, 9 MSs)

C. coli - Pigs - 2021 (N=3546, 26 MSs + XI) C. coli - Calves - 202 (N=443, 10 MSs)

(N=388, 7 MSs)

C. coli - Turkeys - 2020 (N=567, 3 MSs)



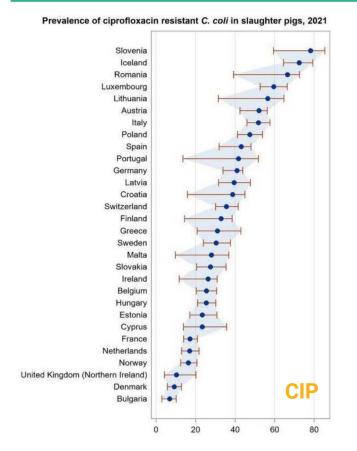
PREVALENCE OF RESISTANCE IN C. COLIFROM PIGS (EUSR-AMR 2020/2021)

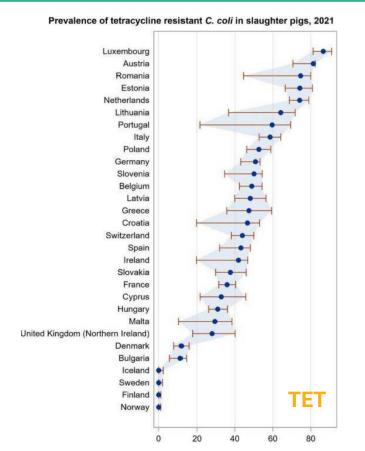


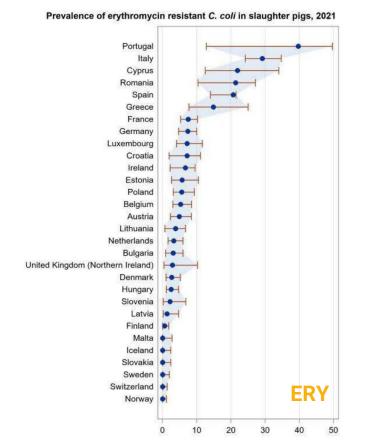
Prevalence of resistances to CIP, ERY, TET and related 95% confidence intervals in C. coli from fattening pigs, 2021

The prevalence of resistance to selected antimicrobials in *C. coli* from fattening pigs has been estimated at country level as the proportion of C. coli showing microbiological resistance to each selected antimicrobial as a percentage of all caecal samples cultured for C. coli

Prev. of resistance = prev. of C. coli in caecal samples from fattening pigs * the occurrence of resistance in the C. coli isolates tested for susceptibility



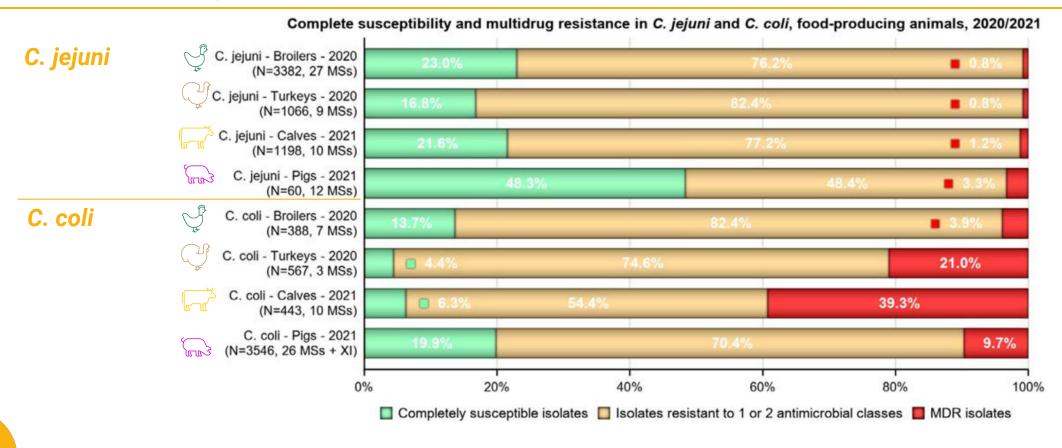


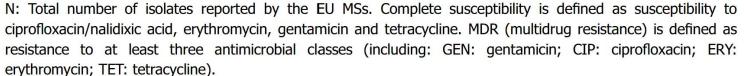




COMPLETE SUSCEPTIBILITY & MULTIDRUG RESISTANCE (EUSR-AMR 2020/2021)

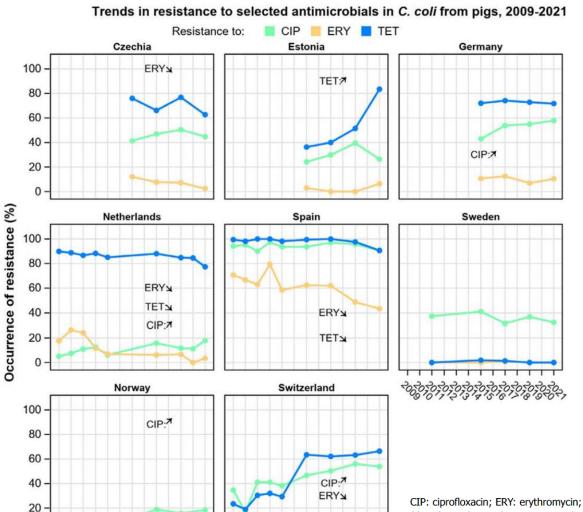
Number of isolates completely susceptible, resistant to one or two antimicrobial classes and MDR in *C. jejuni* and/or *C. coli* from broilers, fattening turkeys, fattening pigs and calves (<1 age) in reporting EU MSs, 2020/2021





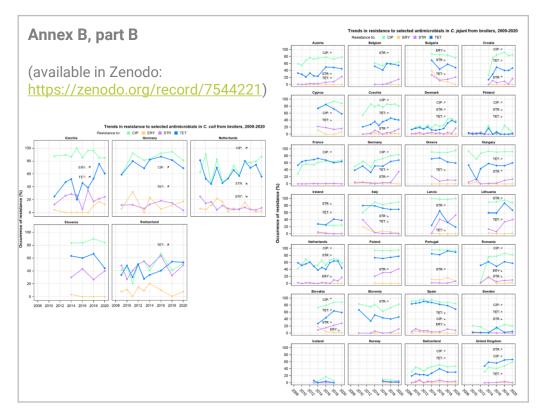


TRENDS IN RESISTANCE (EUSR-AMR 2020/2021)



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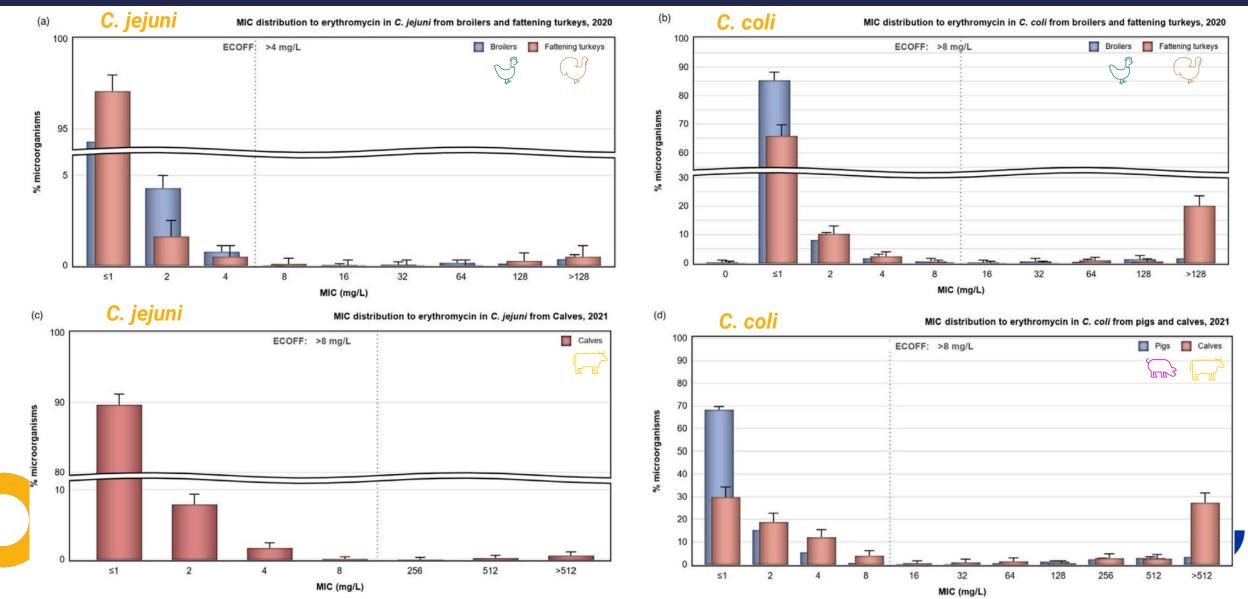
Trends in CIP, ERY and TET resistance in *C. coli* from fattening pigs, 2015–2021/2009–2021



CIP: ciprofloxacin; ERY: erythromycin; TET: tetracycline. Arrows indicate significant increasing (up) or decreasing (down) trend over the entire period. *The trend analysis was performed for different periods depending on the data availability. Czechia, Estonia, Germany and Sweden: the trend analysis was performed for the reporting period 2015–2021. The Netherlands, Spain, Norway and Switzerland: The trend analysis was performed for the reporting period 2009–2021.

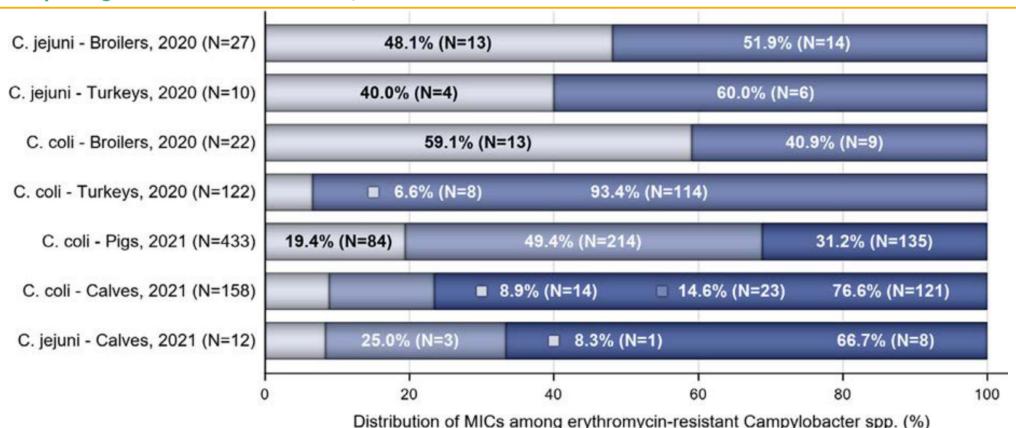


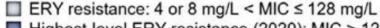
MIC DISTRIBUTION RELATED TO ERY RESISTANCE, IN EU & NON-EU (EUSR-AMR 2020/2021)



HIGH-LEVEL RESISTANCE TO ERYTHROMYCIN (EUSR-AMR 2020/2021)

Number of isolates (and %) exhibiting different levels of ERY resistance in broilers, fattening turkeys, fattening pigs and calves in reporting EU MSs and non-EUMSs, 2020-2021





Highest-level ERY resistance (2020): MIC > 128 mg/L

High-level ERY resistance (2021): 128 mg/L < MIC ≤ 512 mg/L</p>

Highest-level ERY resistance (2021): MIC > 512 mg/L

N: Total number of C. jejuni or C. coli isolates exhibiting erythromycin resistance. ERY: erythromycin. ERY resistance in C. jejuni isolates: 4 mg/L < MIC \le 128 mg/L. ERY resistance in C. coli isolates: 8 mg/L < MIC \le 128 mg/L. For 2021 data, it is possible to discriminate between ERY-resistant C. coli and C. jejuni isolates with MIC ranging from 128 mg/L to (equal) 512 mg/L and those with MIC above 512 mg/L.



WHAT'S NEXT?

- > EU One Health Zoonoses Report including 2022 monitoring data
- Updated online tools: story maps and dashboards on Campylobacter and on foodborne outbreaks including 2022 monitoring data

Publication **December 2023**

- > EU Summary Report on AMR including 2021-2022 monitoring data (Dec. 2020/1729)
- NEW story map and dashboard on AMR in Campylobacter

Publication February 2024

From 'static' reports to interactive online tools for data visualisation and communication





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Thank you very much for your attention!



LINKS TO ONLINE TOOLS

Foodborne Outbreaks story map (arcgis.com) Foodborne outbreaks report | EFSA (europa.eu) Campylobacter story map (arcgis.com) Campylobacter dashboard | EFSA (europa.eu) Monitoring antimicrobial resistance (arcgis.com)



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SCIENTIFIC REPORT

The European Union One Health 2021 Zoonoses Report

European Food Safety Authority European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

This report of the European Food Safety Authority and the European Centre for Disease Prevention



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The European Union Summary Report on Antimicrobial Resistance in zoonotic and indicator bacteria from humans, animals and food in 2020/2021

> European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

Abstract

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) data on zoonotic and indicator bacteria from humans, animals and food







