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The One Health concept recognizes that human health is tightly connected to the health of animals and the environment, i.e. that animal feed, human food, animal and human health, and environmental contamination are closely linked. The importance of this approach in Europe is exemplified by the formation the One Health EJP consortium, a landmark partnership of 44 European partners, distributed in 22 participating European member states. Above mentioned demonstrates the concern of the EU on One Health issues, and, at the same time, shows that the EU is a leader in addressing these aspects. However, in Ukraine approaches to the concept of One Health are new. At present, they are not taught in veterinary faculties, but given the specifics of veterinary medicine, should be a mandatory part of the curriculum.

Promoting One Health and sustainability is the top of five priorities of recently accepted Federation of Veterinarians of Europe Strategy 2021–2025. The current One Health concept requires systemic approach in considering the interconnection between the health of people, animals and ecosystems. The new Strategy aims strengthen collaboration and promote interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral activities, including One Health education for veterinary students.

The identified need, generally, is to stimulate and develop the learning about the EU approach to the One Health, namely the development and promotion of comprehensive EU action plan to enhance the prevention, detection and control of zoonoses and antimicrobial resistance, and new perspectives to approach the EU in veterinary education.

Specific needs: stimulating an integrated learning within the area of EU approach to One Health; introducing individual items related to the specific European requirements and legislation in the veterinary school curriculum. The prerequisite from which we start is that the specializations in Ukrainian veterinary faculties, including veterinary hygiene, at the moment do not foster specific disciplines regarding the One Health concept and the EU approach and requirements to it.

The key points of the project refer to:

- the partnership between the specialists from different Ukrainian and European scientific community in the fields of foodborne zoonoses, antimicrobial resistance and

emerging threats, academia, and the secondary schools for sharing European scientific knowledge and practical experience on prevention and control of biological hazards for human health;

- the development and delivery of training with a specific focus on One Health, providing a sustainable framework for educational integration;

- the transfer of expertise in the field of European approach to the One Health concept from academia to the secondary schools;

- the promotion of food safety research in Ukraine by training, education and communication based on the EU principals, as well as exchange and communication with national and international stakeholders;

- the formation of trainers from the secondary schools by promoting new perspectives of European approach to One Health;

- the fostering harmonization and standardization of the reference documents and legislation by bringing together scientific and technical expertise in the field of foodborne zoonoses, antimicrobial resistance and emerging threats;

In this context, we intend to form and transfer expertise in general principles of European approach to One Health concept, the EU requirements and legislation. Our goal is to develop a mechanism to stimulate and promote learning the EU principals under One Health concept in secondary and tertiary education by transferring research, methodological and teaching expertise.

The specific objectives of the project are:

- to provide our students and young professionals with the knowledge relevant to their academic and professional fields and to improve their understanding of European priorities for the healthy future;

- to integrate and diversify One Health related topics based on European principals across the entire proposed curriculum for the veterinary medicine specializations.