



Call for proposals to support Member States and other relevant actors to implement relevant results of innovative public health research in relation to vaccination against COVID-19

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# EC work on vaccination policy

- Council Recommendation on strengthened cooperation against vaccine-preventable diseases - 2018
  - Coalition for Vaccination
  - European Vaccination Information Portal (ECDC)
  - Special Eurobarometer – Europeans' attitudes towards vaccination
  - ECDC/EMA vaccine monitoring platform (COVID-19 post-marketing surveillance studies)
  - Joint procurement of pandemic influenza vaccines
- European Joint Action on Vaccination (<https://eu-jav.com/>)
- EU Vaccine Strategy - safe COVID-19 vaccines for Europeans
- Europe's Beating Cancer Plan – fighting vaccine-preventable cancers
- **EU4Health - fourth and largest of the EU health programmes**

# Call for proposals – policy context (1)

## Recent health crises:

- **COVID-19 pandemic - historic large-scale vaccination of entire populations**
  - Design of vaccination plans
  - Set-up of appropriate infrastructure and easily accessible, sufficiently resourced vaccination services
  - Communication and outreach activities to ensure high uptake of the vaccines, including activities to address vaccine hesitancy and disinformation on related risks
- **Monkeypox - surge in initiatives in the field of vaccination**

# Call for proposals – policy context (2)

**Transfer of knowledge: there is a need to gain efficiency and develop strategies in large-scale vaccination for other health crisis or national vaccination programmes**

- Interested in key public health findings in the field of vaccination ( Note: this is not an R&D call !)
- Apply findings from innovative public health research/ studies/ initiatives to enhance the efficiency of vaccination programmes, and consequently vaccine coverage
  - **Crisis preparedness - future health crisis involving mass vaccination**
  - **routine vaccination programmes**
  - **catch-up vaccination, e.g. interruptions / delays during the pandemic**

# Objective and scope of the call (1)

- **The action aims to support Member States and relevant stakeholders to implement key public health findings on vaccination**
  - Findings derived from recent health crises (COVID-19, monkeypox) or other vaccinations events
- **Countries must continue to improve vaccination coverage, or sustain high levels of vaccination, to avoid potential life-threatening outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases**

# Objective and scope of the call (2)

The proposal may concern any aspects of the implementation of vaccination programmes, including but not limited to:

- improvements to the strategy and planning of vaccination events
- better logistics or staffing planning and organisation
- the actual administration of the vaccines (e.g. new delivery models such as mobile units)



# Activities to be funded under this topic

- a) **mapping public health evidence** and research results on large-scale vaccination
- b) **identifying challenges and assessing the feasibility to implement solutions** in Member States, based on the mapping and taking country-specific factors into account
- c) **developing implementation plans and pilot activities** to respond to the current pandemic context or future health crises, or to optimise current routine vaccination practices, including catch-up vaccination
- d) **implementing the pilot activities in volunteering Member States** including the activities identified as potentially most effective
  - Examples: training programmes for health professionals, awareness-raising campaigns to tackle vaccine hesitancy, infrastructure initiatives, dedicated events for the exchange of good practices, etc...
- e) identifying successful pilot activities and, based on these, **develop a robust sustainability plan for continued implementation** and toolkits and recommendations for upscaling in other Member States

# Expected results and impact

- ❑ **Deliver an inventory of relevant innovative public health research on COVID-19 large-scale vaccination**
- ❑ **Implement plans in relevant Member States** taking into account feasibility and country-specific factors
- ❑ This will result, based on pilot projects implemented in several Member States and, after assessment, in the **development of sustainability plans and toolkits and recommendations**
- ❑ These activities are expected to **enhance large-scale vaccination programmes**, making the best possible use of public health findings to increase the uptake of vaccines (either in the context of health crisis - e.g. COVID-19, MKPX - or routine and catch-up vaccination programmes)



# Timetable, budget and procedure type

Call	Opening date	Deadline	Budget	Procedure type	Implemented by
EU4H-2022-PJ-16	15 Dec 2022	<b>16 March 2023</b> 17:00 (Brussels time)	EUR 18 400 000	Open call for proposals (action grants)	HaDEA

- We expect to sign **up to 10** grant agreements
- Specific eligibility criteria for applicants: Academia and education establishments, research institutes, hospitals, expert networks, private entities, Member States' authorities, and civil society organisations (associations, foundations, NGOs and similar entities)
- Extensive experience in public health and the planning and/or implementation of vaccination programmes

# Thank you

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