



# EU4Health Programme

for the Union's action  
in the field of health under the MFF 2021-27

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# Regulation (EU) 2021/522 – EU4Health Programme

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# EU4Health – 4 General objectives

*EU4Health is a clear message that public health is a priority for Europe and it is the instrument to pave the way to a European Health Union*



**IMPROVE & FOSTER HEALTH** through disease prevention and health promotion, as well as international health initiatives and cooperation



**PROTECT PEOPLE FROM SERIOUS CROSS-BORDER HEALTH THREATS** through prevention, preparedness and response to cross-border health threats, complementing national stockpiling of essential crisis-relevant products and establishing a reserve of medical, healthcare and support staff;



**IMPROVE ACCESS TO MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, MEDICAL DEVICES & CRISIS-RELEVANT PRODUCTS** by encouraging sustainable production and supply chains and innovation in the Union as well as efficient use of medicinal products;



**STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEMS** through improved health data use and re-use, development of digital tools and services, digital transformation of healthcare, enhancing access to healthcare, developing and implementing Union health legislation and evidence-based decision-making and integrated work among MS health systems.



# EU4Health – 10 Specific objectives

*EU4Health will provide the means and the instruments for delivering on the EU Health policy along ten key areas of intervention*

## IMPROVE & FOSTER HEALTH



- Health promotion and disease prevention; cancer
- International health initiatives & cooperation.



## PROTECT PEOPLE



- Prevention, preparedness & response to cross-border health threats;
- Complementing national stockpiling of essential crisis-relevant products;
- Establishing a reserve of medical, healthcare & support staff.



## ACCESS TO MEDICINAL PRODUCTS & MEDICAL DEVICES



- Enhancement of availability, accessibility & affordability of medicinal products, medical devices and crisis-relevant products

## STRENGTHEN HEALTH SYSTEMS



- Strengthening health data, digital tools & services, digital transformation of healthcare;
- Enhancing access to healthcare;
- Developing and implementing EU health legislation and evidence-based decision making;
- Integrated work among MS health systems.

# EU4Health work programmes – 4 strands of action + cancer

*EU4Health supports a broad range of actions under four overarching “strands” with a cross-cutting focus on cancer*

CANCER



## CRISIS PREPAREDNESS

- Improve and foster health in the EU
- Reduce the burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases
- Support health promotion and disease prevention
- Reduce health inequalities
- Foster healthy lifestyles



## HEALTH PROMOTION & DISEASE PREVENTION

- Protect citizens from serious cross-border health threats
- Strengthen health systems response;
- Enhance coordination among Member States to cope with serious cross-border threats to health



## HEALTH SYSTEMS & HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE

- Improve availability, accessibility and affordability of medicinal products and medical devices
- Support their innovation
- Strengthen resilience and sustainability of health systems
- Reinforce healthcare workforce



## DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

- Advance digital transformation of health systems
- Strengthen primary & secondary use of health data

# EU4Health – financial envelope & work programmes

*Health is an investment and the EU4Health Programme is the main financial instrument to fund the Union health initiatives*



# EU4Health 2024 Work Programme

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## European Health Union: EU4Health Work Programme 2024

The work programme 2024<sup>1</sup> will contribute towards further development of a European Health Union.  
It will particularly address:

- ▶ Europe's Beating Cancer Plan
- ▶ Cross-border health threats
- ▶ Health-related urgencies due to Russia's war against Ukraine
- ▶ Digital health transition
- ▶ Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe
- ▶ Health promotion and disease prevention including mental health
- ▶ Health systems and healthcare workforce
- ▶ Global Health and international initiatives

**EUR 281.6million dedicated to major actions supporting SANTE key priorities**

FUNDING	2024 Budget (in million EUR)
<b>Direct management</b>	<b>677.7</b>
of which grants	355.9
of which procurement	318.4
of which for other expenditure	3.4
<b>Indirect management (contribution agreements)</b>	<b>74.7</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>752.4<sup>20</sup></b>

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# EU4Health 2024 Work Programme

STRANDS AND AREAS OF ACTION	2024 budget (in EUR)
<b>1. CRISIS PREPAREDNESS (CP)</b>	<b>485 517 000</b>
HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE AUTHORITY (HERA)	470 817 000
TACKLING ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE <sup>21</sup>	1 600 000
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGULATION ON SERIOUS CROSS BORDER THREATS TO HEALTH	12 600 000
STERILE INSECT TECHNIQUE AS A TOOL TO ELLIMINATE THE YELLOW FEVER MOSQUITO (AEDES AEGYPTI ON CYPRUS)	500 000
<b>2. HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION (DP)</b>	<b>70 900 000</b>
TOBACCO CONTROL POLICY	2 500 000
NON-COMMUNICABLE AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES <sup>22</sup>	45 000 000
MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES <sup>23</sup>	10 000 000
EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY	400 000
EU4HEALTH NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS	2 000 000
SUPPORTING LONG-COVID PATIENTS: INSIGHTS AND ACTION	2 000 000
<b>4. HEALTH SYSTEMS AND HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE (HS)</b>	<b>41 404 000</b>
REFORMING AND STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS <sup>25</sup>	2 000 000
PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT REGULATION	650 000
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL LEGISLATION AND STRATEGY <sup>26</sup>	8 516 000
STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGISLATION ON BLOOD, TISSUES AND CELLS AND ORGANS <sup>27</sup>	15 278 000
CROSS BORDER HEALTHCARE	200 000
IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS ON MEDICAL DEVICES AND IN VITRO DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL DEVICES	13 950 000
HEALTH POLICY TRAINING	810 000

<b>3. CANCER (CR)</b>	<b>117 600 000</b>
STRENGTHENING DIGITAL CAPABILITIES	20 000 000
PERSONALISED CANCER MEDICINE <sup>24</sup>	30 900 000
PAEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE	14 500 000
INTEGRATION OF CANCER IMAGES INTO THE FEDERATED PAN-EUROPEAN INFRASTRUCTURE TO FOSTER SCREENING PROGRAMMES	8 000 000
EUROPEAN GUIDELINES AND QUALITY ASSURANCE SCHEME FOR GASTRIC CANCER SCREENING AND CARE	6 500 000
HEALTH LITERACY FOR CANCER PREVENTION AND CARE.	5 000 000
CANCER REGISTRY DATA FEEDING INTO THE EUROPEAN CANCER INFORMATION SYSTEM	13 000 000
RADIATION SAFETY AND QUALITY OF COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY IMAGING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS	3 000 000
PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT AND REHABILITATION FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES IN PAEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY CLINICS IN MEMBER STATES AND COUNTRIES ASSOCIATED TO THE EU4HEALTH PROGRAMME	7 400 000
EU NETWORK OF YOUTH CANCER SURVIVORS	5 000 000
PROVISION OF CARE FOR ADOLESCENT AND YOUNG ADULT CANCER PATIENTS	1 000 000
SUPPORT FOR THE SUBGROUP ON CANCER UNDER THE EXPERT GROUP ON PUBLIC HEALTH	500 000
BOOSTING CANCER PREVENTION THROUGH MAINTENANCE OF THE EU CANCER APP.	1 800 000
SUPPORT SETTING UP NEW NETWORKS OF EXPERTISE ON CANCER AND CANCER CONDITIONS	1 000 000

<b>5. DIGITAL (DI)</b>	<b>25 750 000</b>
COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION ACTIVITIES FOR THE PROPOSED EUROPEAN HEALTH DATA SPACE	1 600 000
PRIMARY USES OF HEALTH DATA IN THE PROPOSED EUROPEAN HEALTH DATA SPACE	11 500 000
SECONDARY USES OF HEALTH DATA IN THE PROPOSED EUROPEAN HEALTH DATA SPACE	2 650 000
COMPLIANCE CHECKS FOR EHDS INFRASTRUCTURES	1 500 000
PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING DIGITAL SOLUTIONS AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL	4 000 000
PROMOTING THE UPTAKE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN HEALTH	4 500 000
<b>6. OTHER ACTIONS</b>	<b>11 278 856</b>
CONFERENCE – PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN UNION	200 000
ORGANISATION OF CONFERENCE AND EVENTS	450 000
SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES	710 000
HEALTH POLICY PLATFORM	500 000
COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES	3 370 500
STUDIES	708 356
TRANSLATION SERVICES	120 000
IT RECURRENT ACTIVITIES	4 150 000
JOINT AUDIT ASSESSMENT <sup>28</sup>	170 000
EUROPEAN HEALTH AND DIGITAL EXECUTIVE AGENCY (HaDEA) EXPERT EVALUATORS	400 000
HERA IMPACT ASSESSMENTS	500 000



# 2024 work programme – adopted 5 December 2022 !

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POLICY PRIORITIES	KEY INITIATIVES	INDICATIVE BUDGET 2024 (MILLION EUR)
<b>Europe's Beating Cancer Plan</b>	Strengthening digital capabilities; Personalised cancer medicines; Cancer registry data for the European cancer information system; Integration of cancer images into federated pan-European infrastructure	<b>117,6</b>
<b>EU's resilience to cross-border threats to health</b>	Implementation of the regulation on serious cross-border threats to health – support to functioning of EU Reference Laboratories (EURLs); Tackling antimicrobial resistance; Sterile insect technique as a tool to eliminate the yellow fever mosquito ( <i>Aedes aegypti</i> ) in Cyprus	<b>14,7</b>
<b>European Health Data Space</b>	Support for primary and secondary use of health data; Promoting and developing digital solutions at international level; Promoting the uptake of Artificial Intelligence in health	<b>25,7</b>
<b>Health promotion and disease prevention</b>	Non-communicable and communicable diseases; Addressing mental health challenges for vulnerable groups including displaced people from Ukraine; Tobacco control policy; Supporting long-COVID patients	<b>70,9</b>
<b>Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe, implementation of health legislations, and health systems and healthcare</b>	Pharmaceutical legislation and Strategy, Regulatory flexibilities to mitigate certain medicines shortages; Blood, tissues and cells and organs; Cross-border healthcare; Medical devices, and in-vitro diagnostic medical devices; Health technology assessment	<b>41,4</b>
<b>Global Health and international initiatives</b>	Digital solutions at international level; Repository of Global health Union actions	<b>4,3</b>
<b>Other</b>	Recurrent, horizontal, IT and communication activities	<b>7</b>

## DP-g-24-33.1 Open Call for proposals for operating grants in 2024 to nongovernmental organisations: financial contribution to the functioning of health nongovernmental bodies implementing one or more specific objectives of Regulation (EU) 2021/522

### POLICY CONTEXT / Addressing health challenges

NGOs' expertise and contribution are expected to be of added value in relation to

- COVID-19 pandemic;
- NCDs, in particular on cancer, health determinants; harmful exposure to second-hand smoke and aerosol, ageing society, vulnerable groups and rare diseases.
- Poor nutrition, physical inactivity, obesity, tobacco use and the harmful use of alcohol, chronic diseases, cardiovascular diseases
- The demographic changes, ageing society, sustainability of health systems and disorders, such as dementia, and age-related diseases and disabilities.
- Access to sustainable, efficient, equitable, and affordable high-quality medicinal products;
- Patients views and access to diagnosis/rare disease;
- Mental illness and those living with communicable or non-communicable diseases and chronic diseases.
- Collateral impact of health crises; vulnerable groups and mental health.

### OBJECTIVES, SCOPE AND ACTIVITIES

- To ensure the participation of health NGOs in activities that are necessary to implement one or more specific objectives of the EU4Health Programme.
- To provide support to the functioning of certain NGOs during 2024 for **activities including:**
  - awareness raising on various health aspects
  - communication and dissemination
  - capacity building and training
  - expert collaboration and networking.

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### EXPECTED RESULTS AND IMPACT

- deliver on increased health literacy and health promotion, capacity building and networking, and contribute to the optimisation of healthcare activities and practices, by providing feedback from patients and facilitating communication with patients.
- demonstrate in their proposals the Union added value of their activities
- commit to deliver concrete results such as: online materials, webpages, manuals and tools on case studies promoting health in schools, factsheets and relevant literature, materials for teachers on health literacy, and assistance and promotion of twinning with other schools in the Union capacity-building and training activities to reduce the impact of risk factors for non-communicable diseases; new approaches to promote healthy and sustainable diets; expert guidance and peer-to-peer connections; and collaborate in shared areas of activity.
- contribute to the implementation of non-legislative policy initiatives and/or the implementation of relevant Union health legislation (some activities)
- facilitate the exchange of knowledge, capacity building related to their expertise and should cooperate with other civil society organisations and international organisations (e.g. WHO and other organisations).

### Eligibility and award criteria

(for all details see call text)

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### Eligibility

- **Only last two years** - the proofs necessary to assess eligibility (annual financial reports; annual activity reports minutes of the last general assemblies, not-for-profit; independence of industry, commercial and business; public health area) See the full list in the call.

### Exceptional utility

- **At least 30 % of the budget** of the operating grants is **allocated to activities in (one or more) Member States** whose **Gross Net Income** per inhabitant is **less than 90% of the EU average**

# Thank you

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