



EU4Health Programme

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

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EU4Health – a vision for a healthier European Union

EU4Health is the Programme for the Union's Action in the Field of Health under the MFF 2021-27

Regulation (EU) 2021/522 – EU4Health Programme

- Regulation (EU) 2021/522 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 2021 establishing a Programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health Programme') for the period 2021-2027, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 282/2014



EU4Health – 4 General objectives

EU4Health is a clear message that public health is a priority for Europe: it is the response to COVID-19 crisis and it is the instrument to pave the way towards a European Health Union



IMPROVE & FOSTER HEALTH

Improve & foster health in the Union to reduce the burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases, by:

- supporting health promotion and disease prevention,
- reducing health inequalities,
- fostering healthy lifestyles
- promoting access to healthcare



PROTECT PEOPLE

Protect people in the Union from serious cross-border threats to health and strengthening the responsiveness of health systems and coordination among the MS in order to cope with serious cross-border threats to health



ACCESS TO MEDICINAL PRODUCTS & MEDICAL DEVICES

Improve the availability, accessibility and affordability of medicinal products and medical devices, and crisis-relevant products in the Union, and supporting innovation regarding such products



STRENGTHEN HEALTH SYSTEMS

Strengthen the national health systems by improving their resilience and resource efficiency through:

- supporting integrated and coordinated work between MS;
- promoting the implementation of best practices & promoting data sharing;
- reinforcing the healthcare workforce;
- tackling the implications of demographic challenges;
- advancing digital transformation

EU4Health – 10 Specific objectives

Health is an investment: the EU4Health programme will provide financial support 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 – annual work programmes : the process



- **INPUT, CONSULTATION, INFORMATION** – on priorities, strategic orientations and needs



- **PREPARATION** – the Commission drafts the annual work programme



- **COMMITTEE PROCEDURE** – opinion of the EU4Health Programme Committee



- **ADOPTION** – implementing acts

STAKEHOLDERS
(INPUT)

EU4HEALTH STEERING GROUP – MS
(CONSULTATION)

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT – ENVI COMM.
(INFORMATION)

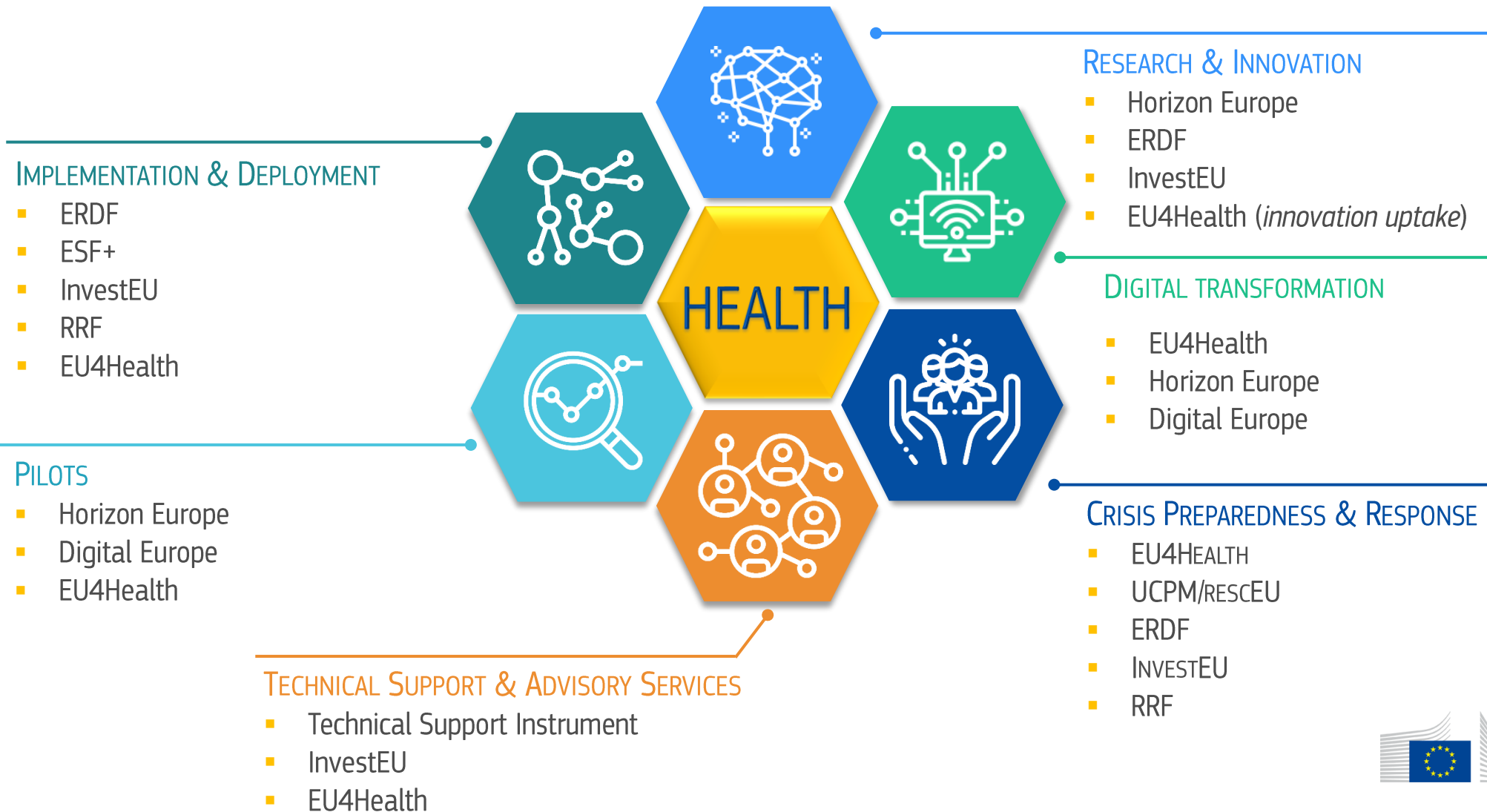
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EU4HEALTH PROGRAMME COMMITTEE –
MS (OPINION)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION
(DECISION)

EU4Health – Synergies & Complementarities

An approach by policy area: many instruments contributing to the same objectives



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

POSSIBLE ELIGIBLE ACTIONS

CANCER 



CRISIS PREPAREDNESS

- 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 PROMOTION & DISEASE PREVENTION

- 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 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 supports targeted investment to fund the Union health initiatives

24 MARCH
2021

24 JUNE 2021

14 JANUARY 2022

EU4Health
2021-27
EUR 5.3 billion

Work Programme 2021 **EUR 311.8 million**

CRISIS PREPAREDNESS (INCLUDING HERA)	34.0%
HEALTH PROMOTION & DISEASE PREVENTION	7.7%
CANCER	24.9%
HEALTH SYSTEMS & HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE	22.0%
DIGITAL	10.4%
OTHER ACTIONS	1.1%

Work Programme 2022 **EUR 835.3 million**

CRISIS PREPAREDNESS (INCLUDING HERA):	45.6%
HEALTH PROMOTION & DISEASE PREVENTION:	10.8%
CANCER:	17.6%
HEALTH SYSTEMS & HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE	15.1%
DIGITAL	9.2%
OTHER ACTIONS:	1.7%

EU4Health – Work Programme 2022

Strand ‘Crisis preparedness’: allocated budget **EUR 380.9 million**



Priorities

- HERA
- Tackling AMR
- Support to large-scale vaccination, including against COVID-19
- One Health approach for cross-border pathogens
- Reinforce Union cooperation with WHO on crisis preparedness

Actions *(non exhaustive list)*

Joint actions

- Implementation of AMR measures in Member States

Action grants

- Implementation of results of innovative public health research in relation to vaccination against COVID-19
- Public procurement in health sector –HERA

Direct grants

- Enhancing whole genome and RT-PCR national infrastructures and capacities to respond COVID-19 and future health threats –HERA
- Surveillance system for cross-border pathogens (One Health approach)

Procurement

- Vaccines against infectious disease threats –HERA
- IT development –HERA
- Innovative diagnostics testing –HERA
- Study on tackling AMR



EU4Health – Work Programme 2022

Strand 'Health promotion and Disease prevention': allocated budget **EUR 90 million**



Priorities

- Health promotion and prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and related risk factors
- Addressing mental health challenges



Actions *(non exhaustive list)*

Joint actions

- Cancer and other NCDs prevention - health determinants
- Prevention NCDs - cardiovascular diseases and diabetes

Action grants

- Cancer and other NCDs prevention - health determinants
- Prevention NCDs - cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and other NCDs
- Promoting Mental health (best practices)

Procurement

- Evaluation of EU Action plan on childhood obesity

Direct grants to International Organisations

- Addressing mental health challenges (WHO)

EU4Health – Work Programme 2022

Strand ‘Cancer’: allocated budget **EUR 146.9 million**



Priorities

- Health promotion, cancer prevention and related risk factors
- Innovative approaches to prostate, lung, and gastric cancer screening at EU level
- Reducing inequalities in cancer care
- Quality of life of cancer survivors
- Tobacco control policy
- Evaluation of Europe’s beating cancer plan

Actions *(non exhaustive list)*

Joint actions

- Implementation of innovative approaches to prostate, lung, and gastric screening at Union level
- **Second cohort of inter-speciality cancer training programme**

Action grants

- Tobacco control policy and legislation
- Study on effectiveness of health information on alcoholic beverages
- Obstacles for cancer survivors to return to work
- Code of conduct on fair access of cancer survivors to financial services

Direct grants to international organisations

- IARC and EU Observatory : cancer inequalities registry
- WHO – addressing alcohol-related harm

EU4Health – Work Programme 2022



Strand 'Health systems': allocated budget **EUR 126.5 million**

Priorities

- Reforming and strengthening health system
- Training for Health workforce, including digital skills
- Enhanced European Reference Networks
- Implementation of the Pharmaceutical legislation and strategy
- Implementation of regulation on Medical devices and in vitro diagnostic medical devices
- Preparation and Implementation of the health technology assessment (HTA) Regulation

Actions *(non exhaustive list)*

Joint actions

- Support ERNs integration to the national healthcare systems
- Increasing capacity building of EU medicines regulatory network
- Piloting new model approach for Blood, tissue and Cell preparation process.
- Reinforcing market surveillance of medical devices and in vitro medical devices

Action grants

- Provide training for health workforce, including digital skills
- Warning features and guidance in the area of pricing: EURIPID database
- Supporting increased capacity of notified bodies for medical devices
- Training of patient and clinical experts contributing to HTA activities

Procurement

- Guidelines on access to healthcare of people with disabilities
- Thematic activities: ERN, Pharma, SoHO, HTA and Medical devices

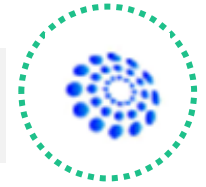
Direct grants to MS

- Supporting maintenance of the European Medical Device Nomenclature

Direct grants to international organisations

- Supporting coordinating centres of the 24 ERNs
- Orphanet: technical assistance and support

EU4Health – Work Programme 2022



Strand 'Digital': allocated budget **EUR 76.6 million**

Priorities

- European Health Data Space – infrastructure & governance; primary use of data
- European Health Data Space – infrastructure & governance; secondary use of data



Actions *(non exhaustive list)*

Joint actions

- Preparatory actions for a European Health Data Space: primary use and reuse of data

Procurement

- Expansion of core services to support access of patients to their health data : *primary use of data*
- Developing and deploying the basic EHDS2 core services: *secondary use of data*
- Operations of Myhealth@EU core services: *primary use* and support for capacity building
- *Secondary use* of health data-infrastructure governance

Direct grants to MS

- Expansion of Myhealth@EU Digital Service Infrastructure
- Setting up services by health Data Access Bodies –secondary use of data

Funding opportunities – Work Programme 2022

HERA – deadline 21 February 2023



EU4H-2022-PJ-4: Call to support structured dialogue at national or regional level on public procurement in the health sector (HERA)



Public buyers, central purchasing bodies, private entities, Member States' authorities and civil society organisations (associations, foundations, NGOs and similar entities)

Consortium composition



EUR 5 million

Funding opportunities – Work Programme 2022

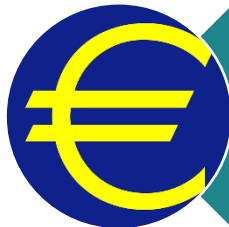
Second wave of open calls – deadline for submission 28 February 2023



EU4H-2022-PJ-14: Call for proposals to support the roll-out of the second cohort of the inter-speciality cancer training programme



Academia and education establishments, research institutes, hospitals, expert networks, Member States' authorities and established networks in the field of public health



EUR 7 million

Funding opportunities – Work Programme 2022

Second wave of open calls - deadline for submission 28 February 2023



EU4H-2022-PJ-11: Call for proposals on NCDs – **cardiovascular diseases and diabetes**

EU4H-2022-PJ-12: Call for proposals on cancer and other NCDs prevention – **action on health determinants** (sub-topic 1 on cancer; sub-topic 2 on NCDs other than cancer)



Academia (e.g. public health institutes) and education establishments, civil society organisations supporting the priority areas (health professional associations, patients' organisations, foundations, NGOs and similar entities)

Specific eligibility criteria applicable



EUR 5 million for CVD and diabetes

EUR 8 million for sub-topic 1 on cancer

EUR 3 million for sub-topic on other NCDs

EU4Health – the way forward



2023 work programme and beyond

Preparatory work: strategic orientations and priorities

- Member States' consultation (EU4Health Steering Group)
- [Stakeholder outreach activities](#)
 - The 2023 Stakeholders' Targeted Consultation on EU4Health priorities, strategic orientations (16 May – 27 June)
 - Stakeholders event (8 July)
- Information of the European Parliament (ENVI Committee 10 October 2022)
- EU4Health Programme Committee
- Adoption by the Commission: at the earliest before the end of the year



Thank you

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