



EU4Health Programme

the Union's action in the field of health
under the MFF 2021-27 & EU4Health AWP 2023

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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

EU4Health is a Union funding programme

- Response to the Covid-19 crisis
- Aims to strengthen the EU's health systems, prepare them for future crises, and respond to health challenges
- Budget: EUR 5,3 billion 2021-2027



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 – Synergies & Complementarities

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

Specific implementing rules to be respected per fund / programme !!!

IMPLEMENTATION & DEPLOYMENT

- ERDF
- ESF+
- InvestEU
- RRF
- EU4Health

PILOTS

- Horizon Europe
- Digital Europe
- EU4Health

TECHNICAL SUPPORT & ADVISORY SERVICES

- Technical Support Instrument
- InvestEU
- EU4Health

RESEARCH & INNOVATION

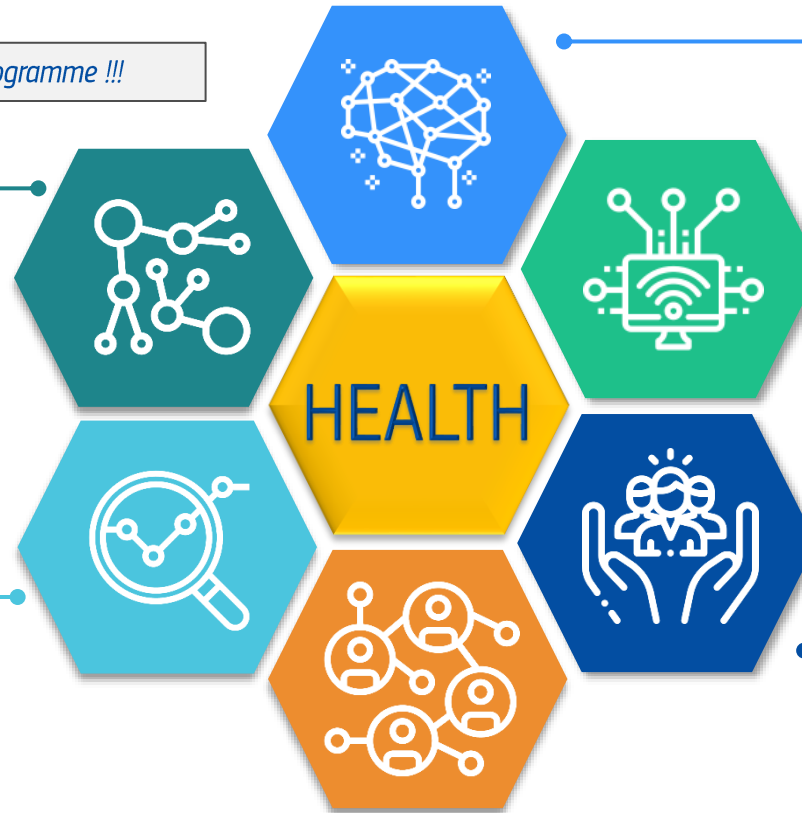
- Horizon Europe
- ERDF
- InvestEU
- EU4Health (*innovation uptake*)

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

- EU4Health
- Horizon Europe
- Digital Europe

CRISIS PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

- EU4HEALTH
- UCPM/RESCEU
- ERDF
- INVESTEU
- RRF



EU4Health – annual programming 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)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DG SANTE

EU4HEALTH PROGRAMME COMMITTEE –
MS (OPINION)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION
(DECISION)

The EU4Health annual work programmes

THREE ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMMES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED (2021, 2022, AND 2023), WHICH IMPLEMENT UNION'S LEGISLATIVE AND NON-LEGISLATIVE HEALTH INITIATIVES SUCH AS:

- **Europe's Beating Cancer Plan**
- **Mental health**
- **EU's resilience to cross-border threats to health**
- **European Reference Networks**
- **European Health Data Space**
- **Union's health legislation (e.g. medical devices, health technology assessment, etc.)**
- **Global Health**
- Etc.

THE ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME INCLUDES:

- Actions '**above**' and '**below**' **EUR 20 million**

Direct management

- **Grants:** policy context, objectives, scope, activities, expected results and impact and indicative timetable, budget, implementation and procedure type
- **Procurements:** policy context, objectives, scope, activities, indicative type of contract, budget, implementation

Indirect management

- **Contribution agreements:** pillar assessed organisations

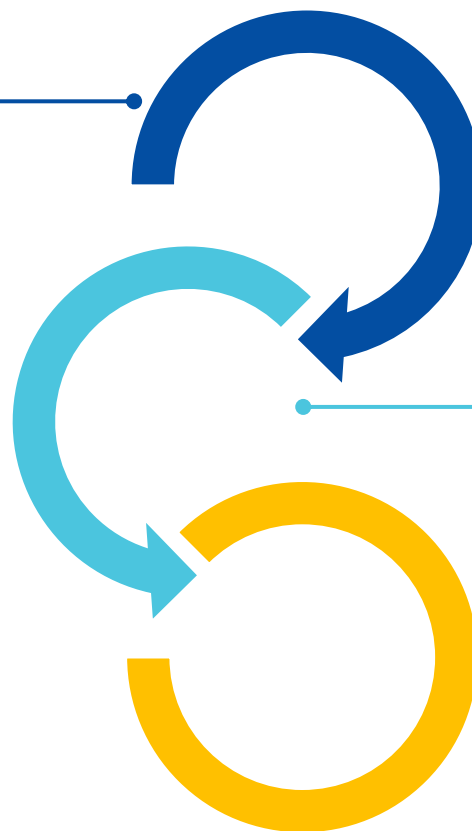
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ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

Any **legal entity** established in a **Member State** or an **overseas country or territory** linked to it and any legal entity **created under Union law** or as an **international organisation**

Any legal entity **established in a third country** associated with the Programme or non-associated (exception)

Any legal entity established in a third country listed in the annual work programme in accordance with the specific rules of the EU4Health Regulation



Natural persons are not eligible for grants under the EU4Health Programme!

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

Financial allocation by strands for the 3 WPs



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%

Work Programme 2023 **EUR 735,8 million**

CRISIS PREPAREDNESS (INCLUDING HERA):	48.7%
HEALTH PROMOTION & DISEASE PREVENTION:	4.6%
CANCER:	25.5%
HEALTH SYSTEMS & HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE	16.1%
DIGITAL	3.5%
OTHER ACTIONS:	1.6%

2023 work programme

For more information: https://health.ec.europa.eu/publications/2023-eu4health-work-programme_en



The work programme 2023 will contribute towards further development of a European Health Union. It will particularly address:

THE TOTAL BUDGET
IS EUR 735,8 MILLION

- ▶ Health-related urgencies due to Russia's unjustified and unprovoked war against Ukraine
- ▶ Cross-border health threats
- ▶ Developments in digital health
- ▶ Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe
- ▶ Europe's Beating Cancer Plan
- ▶ Global health
- ▶ Mental health

EUR 493 million dedicated to major actions supporting SANTE key priorities

The rest of the budget is implemented by HERA

EU4Health work programmes 2023

Overview of funding by procedure

FUNDING	2023 Budget (in million EUR)
Direct management	604.69
of which Grants	428.26
of which Procurement	176.43
Indirect management (contribution agreements)	131.10
TOTAL	735.79

EU4Health work programmes 2023

Overview of funding by procedure

Direct management

Grants

- Open calls for proposals: 11
- Joint actions and other DGAs

Procurement

Indirect management

Contribution agreements

- With international organisations that are 'pillar assessed' and are included in DG BUDG list of successfully assessed organisations

2023 work programme

POLICY PRIORITIES	KEY INITIATIVES	BUDGET 2023 (MILLION EUR)
Europe's Beating Cancer Plan	Establishment of EU Network of Comprehensive Cancer Infrastructures, Supporting Member States implement cancer screening programmes and development of guidelines	169
EU's resilience to cross-border threats to health	Strengthening national surveillance systems, EU Reference Laboratories	105,1
European Reference Networks (ERNs)	Multi-annual grants for the 24 ERNs, including support to IT activities and for Ukraine on rare diseases	83,4
European Health Data Space	Primary & secondary use of data	26
Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe and implementation of health legislations	Implementation of Health Union legislations such as medical devices and health technology assessment	21,3
Global Health and international initiatives	Support global health leadership and the Team Europe approach, Immunisation Agenda, access to healthcare for refugees and people displaced from Ukraine, response capacity in Ukraine, cancer inequalities	21,3
Mental health	Addressing mental health challenges in cancer patients and survivors/ carers; Development of European Code for Mental Health, Supporting national and stakeholders' efforts to address challenges	18,4
Complementary initiatives on crisis preparedness, health promotion & disease prevention, health systems resilience, cancer		48,5
TOTAL		493

EU4Health 2023 Work Programme

1. CRISIS PREPAREDNESS (CP)	358.40
HERA ¹⁶	242.75
IMPROVING AND STRENGTHENING NATIONAL SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS	97.6
STRENGTHENING THE EU EARLY WARNING AND RESPONSE SYSTEM AND NATIONAL ALERT AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS (EWRS) ¹⁷	2.0
EUROPEAN IMMUNIZATION AGENDA ¹⁸	2.0
SUPPORT THE SET-UP ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF EU REFERENCE LABORATORIES	8.2
ADVISORY COMMITTEE SET - UP TO DEAL WITH EMERGENCIES	0.45
RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR CHEMICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE THREATS DRAWN UP WITHIN AGENCIES ¹⁹	0.6
INTEGRATED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE AND ANTIMICROBIAL USE	0.5
CRISIS PREPAREDNESS IN UKRAINE AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES ²⁰	4.3

2. HEALTH PROMOTION & DISEASE PREVENTION (DP)	33.54
TOBACCO CONTROL POLICIES	4.0
PREVENTION OF NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (NCDs) – CHRONIC RESPIRATORY DISEASES, MENTAL HEALTH, DEMENTIA	18.36
OPERATING GRANTS	9.0
SUPPORT TO HEALTH POLICY PLATFORM, SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES, AND EXPERT GROUPS, AND SUPPORT TO EUROPEAN CLIMATE AND HEALTH OBSERVATORY	2.18

5. DIGITAL (DI)	26.0
EUROPEAN HEALTH DATA SPACE – INFRASTRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE; PRIMARY USE OF DATA	19.5
EUROPEAN HEALTH DATA SPACE – INFRASTRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE; SECONDARY USE OF DATA	6.5

3. CANCER (CR)	187.3
CANCER PREVENTION	1.5
EU NETWORK OF COMPREHENSIVE CANCER INFRASTRUCTURES	130.5
IMPLEMENTATION OF CANCER SCREENING PROGRAMMES	38.5
MENTAL HEALTH AND CANCER	10.0
QUALITY OF LIFE OF CANCER SURVIVORS	1.5
REDUCING CANCER INEQUALITIES ²¹	2.5
IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC AGENDA FOR MEDICAL IONISING RADIATION	2.8

4. HEALTH SYSTEMS & HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE (HS)	118.42
REFORMING AND STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS ²²	8.7
ENHANCING EUROPEAN REFERENCE NETWORKS	83.4
STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGISLATION ON BLOOD, TISSUES AND CELLS AND ORGANS	1.4
IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS ON MEDICAL DEVICES AND IN VITRO DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL DEVICES	8.25
IMPLEMENTATION OF PHARMACEUTICALS LEGISLATION AND PHARMACEUTICAL STRATEGY FOR EUROPE ²³	8.17
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT REGULATION	3.00
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CROSS-BORDER HEALTHCARE DIRECTIVE	0.5
GLOBAL HEALTH	5.0

6. OTHER ACTIONS	12.12
COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES	3.67
RECURRENT IT ACTIVITIES	5.5
OTHER ACTIVITIES	2.95

EU4Health 2023 Work Programme

Crisis Preparedness (CP)

- CP-g-23-13 Call for proposals to support access to medical devices for cross border health threats (HERA)

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (DP)

- DP-g-23-31-02 Call for proposals to support stakeholders on the prevention of NCDs in the area of chronic respiratory diseases
- DP-g-23-32-02 Call for proposals on the prevention of NCDs in the area of mental health including actions supporting vulnerable population groups, such as migrants, refugees, Roma people and displaced people from Ukraine
- DP-g-23-33-02 Call for proposals on prevention of NCDs in the area of dementia and other neurological disorders

Other

- EU4H-2023-PJ-12 — Call for proposal: action grants to contribute to the organisations of conference and events (OA-g-23-89)

EU4Health 2023 Work Programme

Cancer (CR)

- CR-g-23-44-01 Call for proposals to support the implementation of the strategic agenda for medical ionising radiation applications (SAMIRA95) – organisation of clinical audit campaigns as a tool to improve the quality and safety of medical applications of ionising radiation
- CR-g-23-19.01/02 Call for proposals: action grants on mental health challenges for cancer patients and survivors

Health Systems and Healthcare Workforce (HS)

- HS-g-23-50.01-02 Call for proposals: action grants on the safety and quality of new substances of human origin (breast milk, faecal microbiota transplants)
- HS-g-23-51 Call for proposals: action grants on facilitating organ paired exchange
- HS-g-23-65 Call for proposals for a program on orphan medical devices, in particular targeting paediatric patients

Other Activities (OA)

- OA-g-23-89 Call for proposal: action grants to contribute to the organisations of conference and events

EU4Health – the way forward

2024 work programme and beyond

Preparatory work: strategic orientations and priorities

- Member States' consultation (EU4Health Steering Group)
- **Stakeholder outreach activities**
 - Targeted Consultation on EU4Health priorities, strategic orientations
 - Stakeholders event (9 June)
 - Inform the European Parliament of consultations
- EU4Health Programme Committee (exchange of views and opinion on draft work programme)
- Adoption by the Commission: at the earliest before the end of the year

More info on EU4Health [here](#)



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