



EU4Health Programme: synergies and complementarities

Health National Contact Points
meeting

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EU4Health – the programme

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 ([Regulation 2021/522](#))

- **RESPONSE TO COVID-19** – supporting the fight against cross-border health threats and boosting the preparedness and capability to respond effectively to future health crises
- **AMBITIOUS VISION** – will go beyond crisis response to support and complement national health policies for strengthening and modernizing health systems, reducing inequalities and overcome shared challenges
- **THE LARGEST EVER EU INVESTMENT IN HEALTH** – over €5.3 bn (current prices) invested in health during the next 7 years (2021-27)



EU4Health – General objectives

EU4Health will provide the means and the instruments for delivering on the EU Health policy. Four general objectives represent the breath and the ambitions of the programme:



- Improve & foster health in the Union



- Protect people from serious cross-border health threats



- Improve access to medicinal products, medical devices, crisis-relevant products



- Strengthen health systems



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

Building a European Health Union

“Europe must continue to protect lives and livelihoods. This is all the more important in the middle of a pandemic that shows no signs of running out of steam or intensity. [...] For me, it is crystal clear – we need to build a stronger European Health Union.”

Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission
State of the Union Address at the European Parliament
Plenary September 2020



Building a European Health Union

1) Better preparedness for health emergencies: **a reinforced health security framework**

- Objectives: **Strengthen the EU's health security framework**; Resolve weaknesses in coordination identified during the early phase of the COVID-19 pandemic; Improve data reporting

2) **Pharmaceutical strategy for Europe**

- Objectives: **supporting competitiveness, innovation and sustainability of the EU's pharmaceutical industry**; Promoting a **high level of quality and safety standards**

3) Europe's *Beating Cancer plan*

- Objectives: A set of **actions to support, coordinate and supplement Member States' efforts at every stage**; Cross-cutting themes include **research and innovation**

4) Regulation on the *European Health Data Space*

- Objectives: Empower individuals to **access and control their personal health data**; **Ensure a consistent framework** for the use of individuals' health data for research and innovation



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)

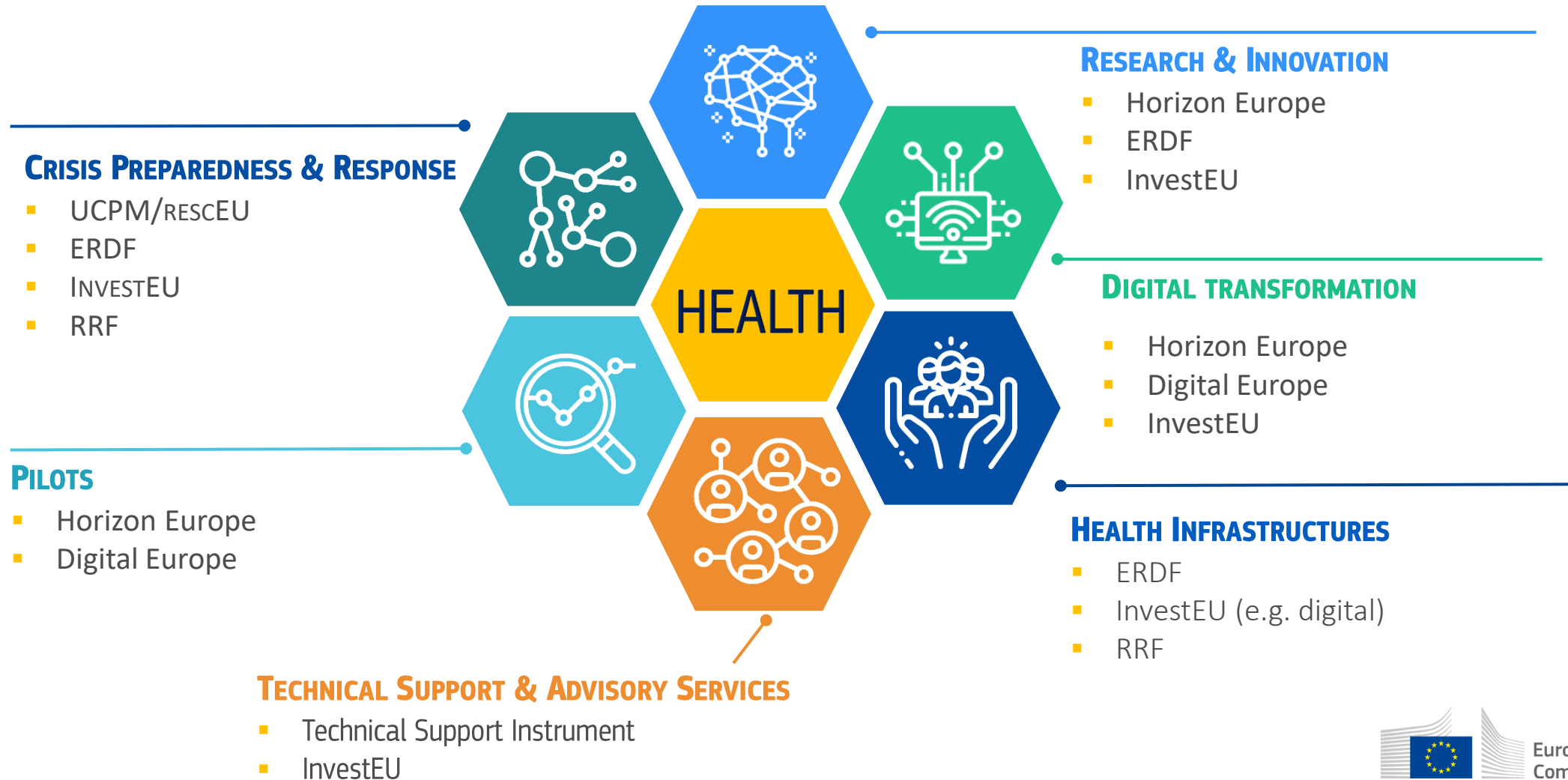
EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DG SANTE

EU4HEALTH PROGRAMME COMMITTEE –
MS (OPINION)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION
(DECISION)

EU4Health – Synergies & complementarities

An approach by policy area; many instruments contributing to the same objective: health



EU4Health – specific objectives

EU4Health will be implemented along ten specific objectives that identify key areas of intervention



- (a) Disease prevention & health promotion;
- (j) International health initiatives & cooperation.



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



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



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

[...] in synergy with other Union instruments, programmes and funds, [...]

LIST OF POSSIBLE ELIGIBLE ACTIONS (Article 12, ANNEX I)



(a) Disease prevention & health promotion

1. Actions meeting the objective laid down in point (a) of Article 4:

(a) Supporting the establishment and implementation of programmes assisting Member States and **supporting the actions of Member States** to improve health promotion and disease prevention;

(f) **Supporting actions to improve mental health;**

(i) **Supporting actions to enhance health literacy;**

[etc]

EXAMPLES

EU4Health - forms of funding

Grants

Public
procurement

Prizes

Others



RULES ARE LAID DOWN IN
THE EU4HEALTH
REGULATION AND FINANCIAL
REGULATION

EU4Health - eligible entities

LEGAL ENTITIES

- ✓ established in a Member State / overseas territory
- ✓ established in a third country associated to the Programme
- ✓ established in a third country listed in the annual work programme in accordance with the specific rules of the EU4Health Regulation
- ✓ created under Union law or an international organisation

NATURAL PERSONS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS UNDER EU4HEALTH

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%

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

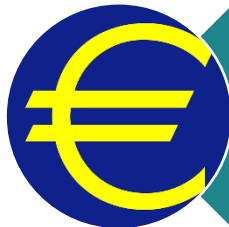
Second wave of open calls – deadline for submission 28 February 2023



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

2023 work programme – **adopted 21 November 2022 !**

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

2023 work programme – adopted 21 November 2022 !

13 December InfoDay
Operating grants !

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 – 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
 - 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



Useful websites

- [EU4Health Website](#)

e.g. provides full text of regulation and adopted work programmes

- [Health and Digital Executive Agency \(HaDEA\)](#)

e.g organises information sessions on opportunities to apply for grants / tenders)

- [National Focal Points for EU4Health](#)

provide information & support at national level

Thank you

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