



EU4Health Programme

the Union's action in the field of health
under the MFF 2021-27 & EU4Health AWP 2024

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*EU4Health and health
research, Unit C3
DG SANTE*

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

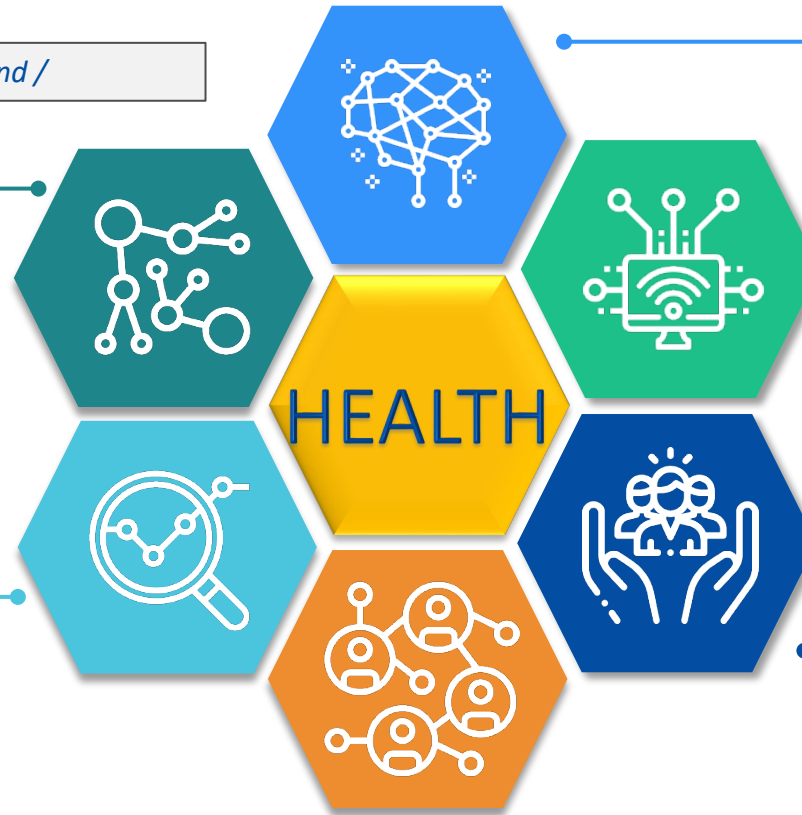
- Horizon Europe
- ERDF
- InvestEU
- EU4Health (*innovation uptake*)

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

FOUR ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMMES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED (2021, 2022, 2023 AND 2024), 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 PROGRAMMES INCLUDE:

- Actions (policy context, objectives, scope, activities, expected results and impact)
- Procedure type
- Indicative timetable
- indicative budget allocation
- details for funds applications – type of targeted applicants

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TYPE OF PROCEDURE

“Public procurement”

Contracts with economic operators to purchase services or goods on the account of the Commission, either through open tendering procedures or the use of existing framework contracts which were established following competitive procedures

“Grants”

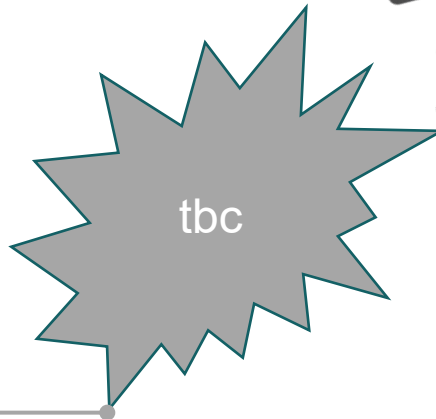
Direct financial contributions from the European Union budget awarded to beneficiaries engaged in activities that serve Union policies.

Guiding principles:

- *Equal treatment and transparency*
- *Co-financing by the beneficiary and non-profit rule applicable*
- *Non-cumulative, non-retroactive and absence of double financing*

“other”

possible forms of funding as allowed by the Financial Regulation



“Prizes”

Contests to promote achievements of policy objectives of the Union where one or several beneficiaries are awarded a financial price following a evaluation

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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 entities **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



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 4 WPs

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%

Financial allocation by strands for the 4 WPs

21 NOVEMBER 2022

5 DECEMBER 2023

EU4Health
2021-27
EUR 5.3
billion

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%

Work Programme 2024

EUR 752.4 million

CRISIS PREPAREDNESS (INCLUDING HERA):	64.5%
HEALTH PROMOTION & DISEASE PREVENTION:	9.4%
CANCER:	15.6%
HEALTH SYSTEMS & HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE	5.5%
DIGITAL	3.4%
OTHER ACTIONS:	1.5%

2024 work programme

More info: https://health.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2023-12/funding_c_2023_8524_annex1_en.pdf



The work programme 2024¹ 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
EUR 470.8 million is implemented by HERA



2024 work programme

POLICY PRIORITIES	KEY INITIATIVES	INDICATIVE BUDGET 2024 (MILLION EUR)
Europe's Beating Cancer Plan	Strengthening digital capabilities; Personalised cancer medicines; Cancer registry data for the European cancer information system; Integration of cancer images into federated pan-European infrastructure	117,6
EU's resilience to cross-border threats to health	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	14,7
European Health Data Space	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	25,7
Health promotion and disease prevention	Non-communicable and communicable diseases; Addressing mental health challenges for vulnerable groups including displaced people from Ukraine; Tobacco control policy; Supporting long-COVID patients	70,9
Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe, implementation of health legislations, and health systems and healthcare	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	41,4
Global Health and international initiatives	Digital solutions at international level; Repository of Global health Union actions	4,3
Other	Recurrent, horizontal, IT and communication activities	7

EU4Health 2024 work programme

1. CRISIS PREPAREDNESS (CP)	485 517 000
HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE AUTHORITY (HERA)	470 817 000
TACKLING ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE ⁴	1 600 000
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGULATION ON SERIOUS CROSS-BORDER THREATS TO HEALTH	12 600 000
STERILE INSECT TECHNIQUE AS A TOOL TO ELIMINATE THE YELLOW FEVER MOSQUITO (AEDES AEGYPTI) IN CYPRUS	500 000

4. HEALTH SYSTEMS AND HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE (HS)	41 404 000
REFORMING AND STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS ⁸	2 000 000
PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT REGULATION	650 000
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL LEGISLATION AND STRATEGY ⁹	8 516 000
STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGISLATION ON BLOOD, TISSUES AND CELLS AND ORGANS ¹⁰	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

2. HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION (DP)	70 900 000
TOBACCO CONTROL POLICY	2 500 000
NON-COMMUNICABLE AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES ⁵	45 000 000
MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES ⁶	10 000 000
EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY	400 000
OPERATING GRANTS FOR HEALTH NGOs	9 000 000
EU4HEALTH NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS	2 000 000
SUPPORTING LONG-COVID PATIENTS: INSIGHTS AND ACTION	2 000 000

6. OTHER ACTIONS	11 278 856
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
RECURRENT IT ACTIVITIES	4 150 000
JOINT AUDIT ASSESSMENT ¹¹	170 000
EUROPEAN HEALTH AND DIGITAL EXECUTIVE AGENCY (HaDEA) EXPERT EVALUATORS	400 000
HERA IMPACT ASSESSMENTS	500 000

5. DIGITAL (DI)	25 750 000
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 EUROPEAN HEALTH DATA SPACE 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

3. CANCER (CR)	117 600 000
STRENGTHENING DIGITAL CAPABILITIES	20 000 000
PERSONALISED CANCER MEDICINE ⁷	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

EU4Health work programmes 2024

Overview of funding by procedure

FUNDING	2024 Budget (in million EUR)
Direct management	677.7
of which grants	355.9
of which procurement	318.4
of which for other expenditure	3.4
Indirect management (contribution agreements)	74.7
TOTAL	752.4²⁰

EU4Health work programmes 2024

Overview of funding by procedure

Direct management

Grants

- Open calls for proposals: 16
- 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

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Crisis Preparedness (CP)

- CP-g-24-10 Call for proposals on the European Hub for vaccine development (HERA)
- CP-g-24-105 Call for proposals to support the development of novel antivirals (HERA)
- CP-g-24-11 Call for proposals for next-generation respiratory protection (HERA)
- CP-g-24-12 Call for proposals to support innovative manufacturing technologies and processes in the Union for medicines production (HERA)

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (DP)

- DP-g-24-25 Call for proposals to support a comprehensive, prevention-oriented approach to mental health in the Union
- DP-g-24-33.2 *Call for proposals for operating grants in 2024, and call for proposals for a Framework Partnership Agreement* for operating grants (2025-2026) to non-governmental organisations: financial contribution to the functioning of health non-governmental bodies implementing one or more specific objectives of Regulation (EU) 2021/522*
- DP-g-24-33.1 Call for proposals for operating grants in 2024, and call for proposals for a Framework Partnership Agreement for operating grants (2025-2026) to non-governmental organisations: financial contribution to the functioning of health non-governmental bodies implementing one or more specific objectives of Regulation (EU) 2021/522



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Cancer (CR)

- CR-g-24-37 Call for proposals to support integration of cancer images into the federated pan-European infrastructure to foster screening programmes
- CR-g-24-39 Call for proposals to increase health literacy for cancer prevention and care
- CR- g-24-43 Call for proposals on the development of social services for psychosocial support and rehabilitation for children and their families in paediatric oncology clinics in Member States and countries associated to the EU4Health Programme
- CR-g-24-45 Call for proposals on EU Network of Youth Cancer Survivors
- CR-g-24-42 Call for proposals on radiation safety and quality of computed tomography imaging of children and young adults
- CR-g-24-96 Call for proposals to support the establishment of new networks of expertise on cancer and cancer conditions
- CR-g-24-99 Call for proposals on personalised cancer medicine

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Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (DP)/Cancer(CR)

- DP/CR-g-24-29 Call for proposals on health promotion and prevention of non-communicable and communicable diseases, including vaccine-preventable and other cancers caused by infections, and on smoke- and aerosol-free environments

Digital (DI)

- DI-g-24-76 Call for proposals on advancing the adoption of artificial intelligence in health

Other Activities (OA)

- OA-g-24-79 Call for proposal: action grants to contribute to the organisations of conference and events

EU4Health – the way forward

2025 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



Thank you

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