



# 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 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



# The EU4Health annual work programmes

## 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”

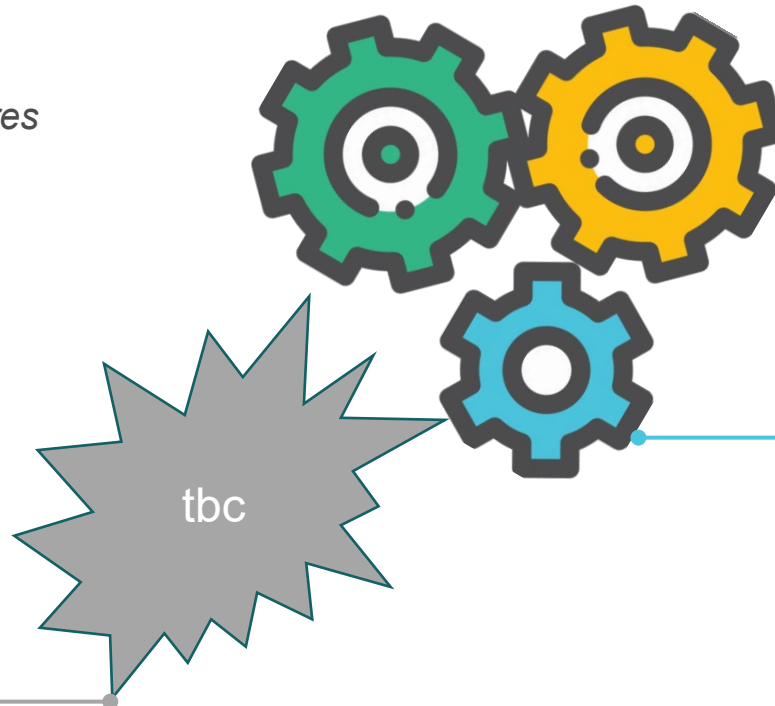
*Direct financial contributions from the European Union budget awarded to beneficiaries engaged in activities that serve Union policies.*

*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*



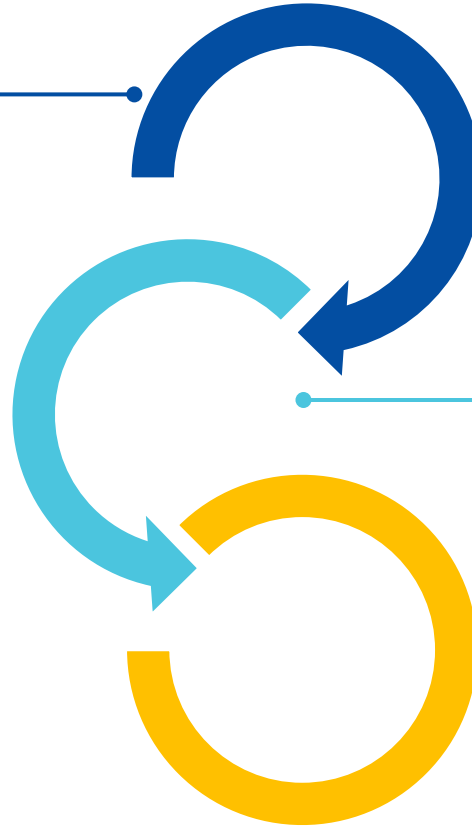
# The EU4Health annual work programmes

## 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 3 WPs

MARCH  
2021

24 JUNE 2021

14 JANUARY 2022

21 NOVEMBER 2023

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](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

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 <sup>16</sup>	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) <sup>17</sup>	2.0
EUROPEAN IMMUNIZATION AGENDA <sup>18</sup>	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 <sup>19</sup>	0.6
INTEGRATED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE AND ANTIMICROBIAL USE	0.5
CRISIS PREPAREDNESS IN UKRAINE AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES <sup>20</sup>	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 <sup>21</sup>	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 <sup>22</sup>	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 <sup>23</sup>	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 work programmes 2023

## Overview of funding by procedure

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



# 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

# 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
- DP-g-23-34 Call for proposals for operating grants to NGOs: 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-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 proposals: action grants to contribute to the organisations of conference and

## 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



# Thank you

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