# EU4Health- Programme

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EU4Health is the EU's ambitious response to COVID-19. The pandemic has a major impact on patients, medical and healthcare staff, and health systems in Europe. The new EU4Health programme will go beyond crisis response to address healthcare systems' resilience.

EU4Health, established by Regulation (EU) 2021/522, will provide funding to eligible entities, health organisations and NGOs from EU countries, or non-EU countries associated to the programme.

## Areas of action

With EU4Health, the EU will invest €5.3 billion in current prices in actions with an EU added value, complementing EU countries' policies and pursuing one or several of EU4Health´s objectives.

The 10 specific objectives under the 4 general goals are:

1. To improve and foster health in the Union
   - disease prevention & health promotion
   - international health initiatives & cooperation
2. To tackle cross-border health threats
   - prevention, preparedness & response to cross-border health threats
   - complementing national stockpiling of essential crisis-relevant products
   - establishing a reserve of medical, healthcare & support staff
3. To improve medicinal products, medical devices and crisis-relevant products
   - making medicinal products, medical devices and crisis-relevant products available and affordable
4. To strengthen health systems, their resilience and resource efficiency
   - strengthening health data, digital tools & services, digital transformation of healthcare
   - improving access to healthcare
   - developing and implementing EU health legislation and evidence-based decision making
   - integrated work among national health systems

EU4Health will pave the way to a European Health Union by investing in urgent health priorities:

- the response to the COVID-19 crisis and reinforcing the EU's resilience for cross-border health threats
- Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, and
- the Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe

Other areas, such as health systems' digitalisation, reducing the number of antimicrobial-resistant infections and improving vaccination rates will also be boosted.

The EU will expand successful initiatives like the European Reference Networks for rare diseases and continue to pursue international cooperation on global health threats and challenges.

## Actors involved

Many actors are necessary to make EU4Health a reality:

- **EU countries** are consulted on the priorities and strategic orientations of the programme and work together with the Commission in the 'EU4Health Steering Group' to ensure consistency and complementarity with national health policies. They provide their opinion in the EU4Health Programme Committee before the adoption of the annual work programmes.
- **Stakeholders** including representatives of civil society and patients' associations, academics and organisations of healthcare professionals, provide input on priorities and strategic orientations and on the needs to be addressed through the annual work programme.
- The **European Parliament** is informed about the progress of the preparatory work and outreach activities with stakeholders.
- The **European Commission** prepares, adopts and implements the annual work programmes, and monitors and reports on the progress regarding fulfilment of the programme objectives. It may also seek the views of relevant decentralised agencies and of independent experts in the field of health on technical or scientific matters of relevance for the implementation of the programme.
- The **Health and Digital Executive Agency** (HaDEA) will implement the programme.

## Programme implementation

EU4Health is implemented through annual work programmes.

## Funding & Tenders

Funding opportunities under the EU4Health Programme are published by the Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA). Please frequently visit HaDEA's pages on calls for proposals and calls for tenders.

**Funding**

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Source: European Commission

**Contact**

Visit the website for further information and support overview

**Further information**

▸ European Commission
▸ EU4Health 2021-2027 – a vision for a healthier European Union
▸ to the funding programme of EU4Health