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The EU4Health Programme is the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and aims to build a strong European Health Union by supporting legislative and non-legislative Union health priorities. The EU4Health Programme was adopted in March 2021 with a budget of EUR 5.3 billion over the period 2021-27. This represents an unprecedented level of financial commitment for the Union in health.

This targeted consultation is intended to seek the opinion of stakeholders about current and future Union health priorities and strategic orientations and on key health needs to be addressed through the EU4Health annual work programmes, providing inputs for reflection on the 2024 EU4Health work programme and beyond. Its results will be used for drafting a consultations report (see the report on the 2023 work programme's consultations – <u>link</u>). They will also feed into the EU4Health stakeholders' conference on 9 June 2023.

For further information please read the consultation strategy. (link)

This targeted consultation will be available from 30 March to 22 May 2023.

Please read carefully the privacy statement before proceeding. The questionnaire consists of seven, mainly multiple choice, questions.

Stakeholders targeted consultation – Data Protection (link)

About your organisation

1. Please indicate the Member State you are located in, if applicable. If not applicable, please indicate "I am located in a non-EU country."

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If you	are located in a non-EU country, please specify the country.
2. The	ese comments represent the views of:
* Please	e choose only one from the list below.
0	Individual
0	Healthcare professional
•	Civil society organisations (associations, foundations, NGOs and similar entities)
	Private entities (profit or non-profit)
0	Member States' authorities (national, regional, local)
	Established networks in the field of health (e.g., one of the European Reference Networks)
0	Academia or education establishments
	Research institutes

Hospitals
Primary care delivery organisation
Expert networks in the field of health or related area (e.g., digital)
Other
If you have chosen 'Other', please specify.
3. Please indicate the full name of the organisation, if applicable.
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No
Do not know/Not relevant

EU4Health work programme 2024 – strategic orientations and priorities

The EU4Health Programme (Regulation (EU) 2021/522) was adopted in March 2021. So far, three annual work programmes have been adopted for 2021, 2022 and 2023. These three work programmes cover relevant areas of interventions for achieving the general and specific objectives of the EU4Health Regulation.

1. For simplification, in the annual work programme the actions funded under the EU4Health have been clustered in "strand of actions". In your opinion in the work programme which strand of actions is most important for addressing the current needs in health? Please see the consultation strategy (<u>link</u>) for the description of the strands.

Please score from one to five the importance of strands for funding: 1 = Very important 2 = Important 3 = Not very important 4 = Not important 5 = No opinion

	1	2	3	4	5
* Strand of action 01: Crisis preparedness	•	0	0	0	0
* Strand of action 02: Disease prevention & health promotion	•	0	0	0	0
* Strand of action 03: Health systems & healthcare workforce	•	0	0	0	0
* Strand of action 04: Digital Health	•	0	0	0	0
* Strand of action (transversal) 05: Cancer	•	0	0	0	0

Please indicate the strand of action that in your opinion has not been suitably covered under WP 2021, WP 2022 or WP 2023.

	Not suitably covered	No opinion
* Strand of action 01: Crisis preparedness	0	•
* Strand of action 02: Disease prevention & health promotion	•	0
* Strand of action 03: Health systems & healthcare workforce	•	0
* Strand of action 04: Digital Health	•	0
* Strand of action (transversal) 05: Cancer	•	0

Please specify, if needed, why the area of intervention needs reinforcement in your opinion (maximum 10 key words).

The EU4Health Programme offers comprehensive coverage of all the aforementioned aspects. Nevertheless, it is crucial to enhance the aid provided to support the resilience of health systems and healthcare workforce, also given the simultaneous efforts of the Year of Skills and Pact for Skills, the overall need for health system resilience, and the realm of Digital Health. This is especially important considering the groundwork required for the implementation of the European Health Data Space and the need to evaluate national and subnational readiness. When it comes to disease prevention and health promotion, it is imperative to consider health inequalities, promoting healthy lifestyles and improving access to healthcare.

2. According to Regulation (EU) 2021/522, the EU4Health Programme pursues ten specific objectives. In your opinion which specific objectives are most important for setting the priorities and strategic orientation of the work programme 2024?

Please score from one to five which is the importance of specific objectives for priorities and strategic orientation: 1 = Very important 2 = Important 3 = Not very important 4 = Not important 5 = No opinion

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	1	2	3	4	5
* Specific objective 1: Disease prevention & health promotion	•	0	0	0	0
* Specific objective 2: Prevention, preparedness & response to cross- border health threats	•	0	0	0	0
* Specific objective 3: Enhance availability, accessibility & affordability of medicinal products, medical devices and crisis-relevant products	•	0	0	0	0
* Specific objective 4: Complementing national stockpiling of essential crisis-relevant products	0	•	0	0	0
* Specific objective 5: Establish a reserve of medical, healthcare & support staff	0	•	0	0	0
* Specific objective 6: Strengthen health data, digital tools & services, digital transformation of healthcare	•	0	0	0	0
* Specific objective 7: Enhance access to healthcare	•	0	0	0	0
* Specific objective 8: Development & implementation of EU health legislation & supporting evidence-based decision making	0	•	0	0	0

* Specific objective 9: Support integrated work among MS health systems	•	0	0	0	0
* Specific objective 10 International health initiatives & cooperation	0	•	0	0	0

3. In Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522, some actions are indicated being possibly eligible for funding under the EU4Health Programme and contributing to the achievement of the Programme's specific objectives. In your opinion which are the most important actions for ensuring the effectiveness of the investment?

Please score from one to five which is the importance of specific objectives for priorities and strategic orientation: 1 = Very important 2 = Important 3 = Not very important 4 = Not important 5 = No opinion Specific objective 1

Disease prevention & health promotion	1	2	3	4	5
* Assisting and support the Member States to improve health promotion and disease prevention	•	0	0	0	0
* Surveys, studies, collection of comparable data and statistics, methodologies, classifications, microsimulations, pilot studies, indicators, knowledge brokering and benchmark exercises	•	0	0	0	0
* Promoting life-long health: put in place healthy and safe urban, work and school environments, to enable healthy life choices, promote healthy diets and regular physical activity, taking into account the needs of vulnerable groups at every stage of their life	•	0	0	0	0
* Effective responses to communicable diseases, and in the prevention, surveillance, diagnosis and treatment of such diseases	•	0	0	0	0
* Health promotion and disease prevention throughout the lifetime of an individual and by addressing health risk factors, such as obesity, unhealthy diets and physical inactivity	•	0	0	0	0
* Improve mental health Reduce damage to health due to illicit drug use and addiction, including information and prevention	0	•	0	0	0
* Policies and actions to reduce health inequalities and inequities in relation to healthcare	•	0	0	0	0
* Enhance health literacy	•	0	0	0	0
* Promotion and implementation of the recommendations of the European Code against Cancer and support the revision of the current edition of that Code	0	•	0	0	0
* Implementation of cancer registries in all Member States	•	0	0	0	0
* Cooperation among relevant national bodies of participating Member States with a view to supporting the creation of a virtual European network of excellence	•	0	0	0	0
* Improve the quality of cancer care	•	0	0	0	0
* Establishment of quality assurance schemes for cancer centres and centres treating cancer patients	•	0	0	0	0
* Mechanisms for cross-specialty capacity building and continuous education, in particular in the area of cancer care	0	•	0	0	0

* Support the quality of life of cancer survivors and caregivers, including provision of psychological support, pain management and health-related aspects of professional reintegration	•	0	0	0	0	
* Strengthen collaboration on patient rights, patient safety and quality of care	•	0	0	0	0	

Please add any other action you consider of highest importance for the achievement of the specific objective 1 (maximum 10 key words).

Strengthen cooperation with the subnational levels especially for disease prevention and access to healthcare, further support for knowledge exchange and implementation of best practices.

Specific objective 2

Prevention, preparedness & response to cross-border health threats	1	2	3	4	5
* Strengthening the critical health infrastructure to cope with health crises, by supporting the setup of tools for surveillance, forecast, prevention and management of outbreaks	•	©	0	0	0
* Foster Union-wide health crisis prevention and preparedness, and the management capacity and response capacity of actors at Union and national level	•	©	0	0	0
* Set up an integrated cross-cutting risk communication framework covering all phases of a health crisis, namely prevention, preparedness, response and recovery	•	0	0	0	0
* Preventive actions to protect vulnerable groups from health threats and actions to adapt the response to and the management of health crises to the needs of those vulnerable groups such as actions to secure basic care for patients with chronic or rare diseases	•	0	0	0	0
* Address the collateral health consequences of a health crisis, in particular the consequences for mental health, on patients suffering from cancer, from chronic diseases and other vulnerable situations	•	0	0	0	0
* Training and educational programmes for the upskilling of healthcare and public health workforces, and temporary exchanges of staff, in particular with the aim of improving their digital skills	•	0	0	0	0
* Establish and coordinate Union Reference Laboratories, Union Reference Centres, and Centres of Excellence	•	0	0	0	0
* Audit Member States' preparedness and response arrangements, e.g., regarding health crisis	0	•	0	0	0
* Communicating to the public in the context of risk management and health crisis preparedness	0	•	0	0	0

Please add any other action you consider of highest importance for the achievement of the specific Specific objective 2 (maximum 10 key words).

Implementing preparedness and response plans and building capacity for surveillance and monitoring at regional and local levels. An important concrete action could be to include the subnational level in all preparedness plans.

Specific objective 3

Enhance availability, accessibility & affordability of medicinal products, medical devices and crisis-relevant products	1	2	3	4	5
* Strengthen laboratory capacity and the production, research, development, and deployment of health products and crisis-relevant niche products within the Union	•	0	0	0	0
* Actions and interoperable IT tools to monitor, prevent, manage, report and notify shortages of medicinal products and medical devices, while contributing to their affordability	•	0	0	0	0
* Support clinical trials to speed up the development, market authorisation and access to innovative, safe and effective medicinal products and vaccines	•	0	0	0	0
* Encourage the development of innovative medicinal products and vaccines to meet rising healthcare challenges and patients' needs, and of less commercially profitable products such as antimicrobials	0	•	0	0	0
* Improve the environmentally friendly production and disposal of medicinal products and medical devices and actions to support the development of medicinal products that are less harmful for the environment	•	0	0	0	0
* Promote the prudent and efficient use of medicinal products, in particular of antimicrobials	•	0	0	0	0
* Stimulate the increase in the production of essential active pharmaceutical ingredients and medicinal products in the Union, including by diversifying supply chain production of active pharmaceutical ingredients and generics within the Union, to reduce Member States' dependence on certain third countries	0	•	0	0	0
* Enhance the availability, accessibility and affordability of medicinal products and medical devices	•	0	0	0	0
* Foster innovation in repurposing, reformulation and combining of off-patent medicinal products, in synergy with other programmes	0	•	0	0	0
* Strengthen the environmental risk assessment of medicinal products	0	•	0	0	0
* Establishment and operation of a mechanism for cross-sectorial coordination following the One-Health approach	•	0	0	0	0

Please add any other action you consider of highest importance for the achievement of the specific objective 3 (maximum 10 key words).

Support cooperation with and between subnational levels concerning the safety, accessibility and affordability of high-quality medicinal products and devices.

Specific objective 4

Complementing national stockpiling of essential crisis-relevant products	1	2	3	4	5
* Monitor information on national stockpiling activities regarding essential crisis-relevant products to identify potential needs for additional stockpiling at Union level	0	•	0	0	0
* Ensure consistent management of stockpiling of essential crisis-relevant products at Union level, in a manner that complements other Union instruments, programmes and funds and in close coordination with relevant Union bodies	0	•	0	0	0
* Procurement and supply of essential crisis-relevant products, which contribute to their affordability, in a manner that complements Member States' stockpiling actions	•	0	0	0	0

Please add any other action you consider of highest importance for the achievement of the specific objective 4 (maximum 10 key words).

Support cooperation with and between subnational levels on the management, procurement and stockpiling of critical crisis-relevant products supplementing national stockpiles, including partnerships with other stakeholders.

Specific objective 5

Establish a reserve of medical, healthcare & support staff	1	2	3	4	5
* Preparatory work for mobilising and training at Union level a reserve of medical, healthcare	•	0	0	0	0
* Support staff to be mobilised in the event of a health crisis, in close collaboration with the ECDC, in synergy with other Union instruments, and in full respect of Member State competences	0	•	0	0	0
* Exchange of best practices between existing national reserves of medical, healthcare and support staff	•	0	0	0	0

Please add any other action you consider of highest importance for the achievement of the specific objective 5 (maximum 10 key words).

Measures to support the crucial role of regional and local health authorities in sharing best practices and cooperation on medical, health and support personnel.

Specific objective 6

Strengthen health data, digital tools & services, digital transformation of healthcare	1	2	3	4	5
* Support a Union framework and the respective interoperable digital tools for cooperation among Member States and cooperation in networks, including those needed for Health Technology Assessment cooperation	•	0	0	0	0

* Deployment, operation and maintenance of mature, secure and interoperable digital service infrastructure and data quality assurance processes for the exchange of, access to, and use and reuse of data; supporting cross-border networking, including through the use and interoperability of electronic health records, registries and other databases; developing appropriate governance structures and interoperable health information systems	•	0	0	0	•
* Support the digital transformation of healthcare and health systems, including through benchmarking and capacity building, for the uptake of innovative tools and technologies such as artificial intelligence, and supporting the digital upskilling of healthcare professionals	•	0	0	0	0
* Support the optimal use of telemedicine and telehealth, including through satellite communication for remote areas, fostering digitally-driven organisational innovation in healthcare facilities and promoting digital tools to support citizen empowerment and patient-centred care	•	0	0	0	0
* Development, operation and maintenance of databases and digital tools and their interoperability, including already established projects, where appropriate, with other sensing technologies, such as space-based technologies and artificial intelligence	•	0	0	0	0
* Strengthen citizens' access to and control over their health data	•	0	0	0	0
* Deployment and interoperability of digital tools and infrastructure within and between Member States and with Union institutions, agencies and bodies	•	0	0	0	©
* Preparatory activities and projects for the European health data space	•	0	0	0	0
* Support e-health, such as the transition to telemedicine and at-home administration of medication	•	0	0	0	©
* Establishment of interoperable electronic health records, in line with the European Electronic Health Record Exchange format in order to increase the use of e-health and improve the sustainability and resilience of healthcare systems	•	0	0	0	0

Please add any other action you consider of highest importance for the achievement of the specific objective 6 (maximum 10 key words).

Support the capability of subnational authorities to facilitate the sharing of health data while ensuring the privacy and security of patients, especially in light of the implementation of the EHDS, for the implementation of which an assessment on the existing digital and health data preparedness is needed.

Specific objective 7

Enhance access to healthcare	1	2	3	4	5
* Promote access to health services and related facilities and care for people with disabilities	•	0	0	0	0
* Strengthen primary care and reinforcing the integration of care, with a view to providing universal health coverage and equal access to good quality healthcare	•	0	0	0	0
* Promote access to sexual and reproductive healthcare and supporting integrated and intersectional approaches to prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care	•	0	0	0	0

Please add any other action you consider of highest importance for the achievement of the specific objective 7 (maximum 10 key words).

Promote regional and local health authorities work to ensure that healthcare services are available in all parts of their territory, including in rural and remote areas.

Specific objective 8

Development and implementation of EU health legislation & supporting evidence-based for decision making	1	2	3	4	5
* Establishment and operation of a health intelligence and knowledge infrastructure	0	•	0	0	0
* Implementation, enforcement, monitoring of Union health legislation and action; and providing technical support for the implementation of legal requirements	•	0	0	0	0
* Studies and analysis, health impact assessment of other Union policy actions and the provision of scientific advice to support evidence-based policymaking	•	0	0	0	0
* Expert groups and panels providing advice, data and information to support health policy development and implementation, including follow-up evaluations of the implementation of health policies	•	0	0	0	0
* National contact and focal points in providing guidance, information and assistance related to the promotion and implementation of Union health legislation and of the Programme	•	0	0	0	0
* Audit and assessment work in accordance with Union legislation, where appropriate	0	•	0	0	0
* Implementation and further development of the Union's tobacco control policy and legislation	•	0	0	0	0
* Support national systems as regards the implementation of legislation on substances of human origin, and as regards the promotion of the sustainable and safe supply of such substances through networking activities	•	0	0	0	0
* Strengthen the administrative capacity of their healthcare systems through cooperation and exchange of best practices	•	0	0	0	0
* Knowledge transfer actions and Union level cooperation to assist national reform processes towards improved effectiveness, accessibility, sustainability and resilience of health systems, while linking available Union funding	•	0	0	0	0
* Capacity building for investing in and implementing health system reforms, including strategic planning and access to multi-source financing	•	©	0	0	0

Please add any other action you consider of highest importance for the achievement of the specific objective 8 (maximum 10 key words).

Support regional and local health authorities, and related networks as EUREGHA, in implementing EU health legislation at the local level and provide feedback to inform future policy development. Important to continue including Operating Grants for NGOs in the future EU4Health Work Programmes as a financing mechanism contributing to the existence of essential NGOs bringing together key stakeholders in health.

Specific objective 9

Support integrated work among MS health systems	1	2	3	4	5
* Transfer, adaptation and roll-out of best practices and innovative solutions with established Union level added-value between Member States	•	0	0	0	0
* Cross-border collaboration and partnerships, including in cross-border regions, with a view to transferring and upscaling innovative solutions	•	0	0	0	©
* Cross-sectoral collaboration and coordination	•	0	0	0	0
* Support the functioning of European Reference Networks and the establishment and operation of new transnational networks and supporting Member States' actions to coordinate the activities of such networks with the operation of national health systems	•	0	0	0	0
* Support further the implementation of ERNs in Member States and fostering their strengthening, inter alia, by continuous assessment, monitoring, evaluation and improvement	•	0	0	0	0
* Creation of new ERNs, to cover rare, complex and low prevalence diseases, supporting collaboration among ERNs to address the multi-systemic needs arising from low prevalence diseases and rare diseases and to facilitate diagonal networking between different specialities and disciplines	0	•	0	0	0
* Improve and further develop and implement ERN registries	0	•	0	0	0
* Stakeholder consultation activities	•	0	0	0	0

Please add any other action you consider of highest importance for the achievement of the specific objective 9 (maximum 10 key words).

Support the sharing of best practices between subnational authorities and networks as EUREGHA promoting the adoption of successful approaches, as well as collaborate on research projects.

Specific objective 10

International health initiatives & cooperation	1	2	3	4	5
* Contribute to the objectives of the programme presented by the WHO, as the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations	0	•	0	0	0
* Support collaboration among Union institutions, Union agencies, and international organisations and networks, and supporting the Union's contribution to global initiatives	•	0	0	0	0
* Support collaboration with third countries as regards the areas covered by the Programme	0	•	0	0	0
* Foster international regulatory convergence on medicinal products and medical devices	0	0	0	0	0

Please add any other action you consider of highest importance for the achievement of the specific objective 10 (maximum 10 key words).

Support regional and local authorities in becoming valuable partners in international health initiatives, as well as promote the collaboration with third countries.

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