



## ENRF Briefing Note

### Health Programme 2014 – 2020 The Budget's Allocation for 2020

#### THE THIRD HEALTH PROGRAMME 2014-2020 FUNDING HEALTH INITIATIVES



The Third EU Health Programme (2014-2020) is coming to an end this year. This programme is a funding instrument to support cooperation among EU countries and underpin and develop EU health activities. The legal basis for the Health Programme is agreed with the European Parliament and the Council for a period of several years. Participation is open to public authorities, public sector bodies (particularly research and health institutions), universities and higher education establishments, and NGOs. It is key that nursing researchers operating at any of these levels are aware of the EU Health Programme and apply for funds to finance their research activities.

As the ENRF has already informed in a [Briefing Note](#), the EU Health programme has been renewed for the period 2021-2027.

It is important for the nursing research community to look at how the remaining budget has been allocated for 2020, too. It is expected that the EU institutions will finance very concrete initiatives before moving on to the Fourth EU Health Programme.

The overall budgetary envelope for 2020 amounts to 65.361.158€. The 2020 work programme is based on the following thematic priority areas, while addressing 'health inequalities' as a cross-cutting issue:

- Promote health, prevent diseases and foster supportive environments for healthy lifestyles
- Protect Union citizens from serious cross-border health threats
- Contribute to innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems
- Facilitate access to better and safer healthcare for Union citizens.

Within these areas, the following topics are important for the 2020 programme:

- 1.4 Chronic diseases, including cancer, age-related diseases and neurodegenerative diseases
- 1.5 Tobacco legislation
- 1.6 Health information and knowledge system to contribute to evidence-based decision-making
- 2.2 Capacity-building against health threats in Member States, including, where appropriate, cooperation with neighbouring countries
- 2.3 Implementation of Union legislation on communicable diseases and other health threats, including those caused by biological and chemical incidents, environment and climate change
- 2.4 Health information and knowledge system to contribute to evidence-based decision-making
- 3.1 Health technology assessment ([HTA](#))

**BUDGET:**  
**€449.4 million**  
(2014-2020) to support

- Cooperation projects at EU level
- Actions jointly undertaken by Member State health authorities
- The functioning of non-governmental bodies
- Cooperation with international organisations

**PROGRAMMING AND IMPLEMENTATION**  
on the basis of Annual Work Programmes through calls for grants and tenders\*

**MONITORING AND REPORTING**  
Annual implementation reports to European Parliament & Council; mid-term review in 2017

- 3.2 Innovation and e-health
- 3.4 Setting up a mechanism for pooling expertise at Union level
- 3.6 Implementation of Union legislation in the field of medical devices, medicinal products and cross-border healthcare
- 3.7 Health information and knowledge system, including support for the scientific committees set up in accordance with [Commission Decision 2008/721/EC](#)
- 4.1 European reference networks ([ERNs](#))
- 4.2 Rare diseases
- 4.3 Patient safety and quality of healthcare
- 4.4 Measures to prevent antimicrobial resistance ([AMR](#)) and control healthcare-associated infections
- 4.5 Implementation of Union legislation in the fields of tissues and cells, blood, organs
- 4.6 Health information and knowledge system to contribute to evidence-based decision-making.

Further information on how to apply to these grants, as well as the expected results for those to obtain them, is available [online](#). Nursing researchers from all EU countries, Iceland, Norway, Serbia, Moldova and Bosnia & Herzegovina participate. All the information on how to participate in the health programme, together with application forms, is available on the [Chafea website](#).

Information on past EU Health Programmes is available online, for the terms [2003-2007](#) and [2008-2013](#).

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