

ENRF Briefing Note on EU4Health Programme 2021-2017

On March 2021, the <u>EU4Health Programme</u> was adopted in response to the Covid-19 crisis with the aim to establish Union's and concrete actions in the healthcare sector for the period 2021-2027. Covid-19 pandemic showed, more than ever, the need to make the healthcare field more resilient and to reinforce the crisis preparedness in the EU.

During these 2 pandemic years, the investment in **health** was increased more and more touching the highest budget it ever had: **€5.3 billion** for the period 2021-2027. With this big amount of money, the EU4Health Programme can be defined as the main financial instrument to fund the Union health initiatives.

The **EU4Health Work Programmes' strategic orientations** have been structured along **four strands** of action and one cross cutting priority that is **cancer**.

The **strands** are:

- ✓ Crisis preparedness
- ✓ Health promotion and disease prevention
- ✓ Health systems and healthcare workforce
- ✓ Digital

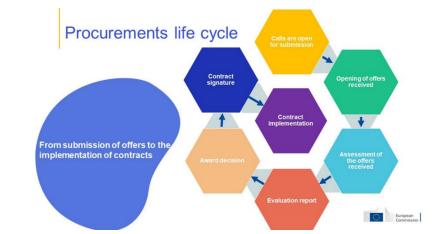
STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME 2022

Public Procurement means the purchasing of works, supplies and services by public bodies. The calls for tenders are published on the <u>eProcurement Platform</u>.

What about the PROCEDURES?

- Open calls for tenders published on E-Tendering
- Request for services within existing Framework contracts
- Negotiated procedures

What about the PROCUREMENT LIFE CYCLE?



What about the CONTRACT(s) signed for 2022?

On 14 June, the contract for **Monkey Pox Vaccines** has been signed. **110.000** doses are foreseen and the deliver, among the EU Member States, already started.

What about the UPCOMING OPEN CALLS for 2022?

CANCER:



Soon: Framework contract (FWC) to support the revision of tobacco-control acquis. More info on the website: <u>e-Tendering</u>

Contractional Study on obstacles for cancer survivors to return to work. Indicative budget: € 500.000

◆ October: Study on the development of a code of conduct on fair access of cancer survivors to financial services. Indicative budget: €
2.000.000

◆ **Q3:** FWC on the technical group supporting the characterising-flavours procedure in the tobacco legislation.

CRISIS PREPERDNESS:

- Study on the market research and mapping of initiative diagnostic testing solutions (HERA). Indicative budget: € 200.000
- Q4: IT tool for early warning, modelling, simulation forecast in order to support the intelligence gathering and analysis function of HERA. Indicative budget: € 24.500.000



PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:



Guidelines on access to healthcare for people with disabilities.
Indicative budget: € 700.000

Supporting the cooperation between the national authorities and professional sector associations in the blood, tissue and cells and organs sectors. **Indicative budget:** € 750.000

Soon: Multiple framework contracts in cascade for support services to manage expert groups in the field of health 2023-2025

To be relaunched: organisation of training and networking of substances of human origin competent authorities' staff for oversight

Soon: EU Preparedness – analysis, planning, reporting and training programmes for health specialists. Indicative budget: € 5.500.000

WORK PROGRAMME 2023

EU4Health supports a broad range of actions under **4 overarching «strands**» with a cross-cutting focus on cancer.



Stakeholder Consultations – outcomes:



Antonio di Giulio, EU4Health Task force Head of Unit, presented an overview on the results of the stakeholders' consultation. In the period of 16 May to 27 June, more than 2.000 answers have been received. The most of these replies came from Belgium.

The consultation targeted the wide European health community including organisations representing patients, civil society, and other parties active in public health and social issues; healthcare professionals and healthcare

providers; researchers, academia and experts' networks; businesses and their associations; and Member States authorities. All the questions replied will be put together and will be available on their <u>website</u>.

What has emerged from the consultation?

During the covid-19 pandemic emerged the need to invest more in resilience of the healthcare system and in the healthcare professionals above all in terms of education and skills. Focusing on the digital part and how it is important to use digital tools to re-design the healthcare system, and support the healthcare professionals is key and in line with the ENRF strategic directions.

EU4Health Programme is the main tool and the biggest budget for health ever provided. This represents a great opportunity for the entire healthcare system, for nurses and for all healthcare professionals to implement concrete solutions for strengthening the health field and to make it better prepare for future crisis. The dialogue with the European Commission underlined the importance to share data to improve the healthcare systems. Maya Matthews, Head of Unit from DG Santé B1, focused on the lack of data and how the Commission is working to reduce this gap. A holistic approach is crucial to manage all the process.

This webinar provided the opportunity for ENRF to highlight the most burning health issues in the EU and how to address them. The ENRF Policy Briefs informed the strategic direction and needs for future Work Programmes. Participants were Agnes Mathieu, Head of Unit HADEA.A.2; Adrian Peres, EU4Health Task Force, DG SANTE; Mr Loukianos Gatzoulis, Head of Unit SANTE.DDG1.B.1 - Performance of national health systems; Ms Donata Meroni, Head of Unit SANTE.DDG1.C.1 - Health promotion, disease prevention, financial instruments; Mr Martin Dorazil, Acting Head of Unit DG SANTE C.3 - Health security; Ms Isabel Holmquist HERA - Medical Counter-Measures; DG SANTE Antonio Di Giulio – SANTE EU4Health Task force Head of Unit; Ms Maya Matthews, Head of Unit SANTE.DDG1.B.1 - Performance of national health systems; Ms Donata Meroni, Head of Unit SANTE.DDG1.B.1 - Performance of national health systems; Ms Donata Meroni, Head of Unit SANTE Antonio Di Giulio – SANTE EU4Health Task force Head of Unit; Ms Maya Matthews, Head of Unit SANTE.DDG1.B.1 - Performance of national health systems; Ms Donata Meroni, Head of Unit SANTE.DDG1.C.1 - Health promotion, disease prevention, financial instruments; Mr Martin Dorazil, Acting Head of Unit SANTE.DDG1.B.3 - Digital Health, European Reference Networks; Ms Ana Burgos-Gutierrez DG HERA - Intelligence Gathering, Analysis and Innovation and Ander Elustondo Jauregui, SANTE DDG1.B.3, Digital Health, European Reference Networks.

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