

Stakeholders' Targeted Consultation on EU4health related priorities, strategic orientations and needs

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EU4Health Annual Work Programme 2022

[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.

This targeted consultation is intended to seek feedback from stakeholders on the priorities and strategic orientations and on the needs to be addressed through EU4Health annual work programmes, in particular focusing on input that could facilitate reflection for the 2022 EU4Health Work Programme and beyond.

This targeted consultation will be available until 31 July 2021.

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About your organisation

1. Please indicate your Member State, if applicable

at most 1 choice(s)

Austria
Belgium
Bulgaria
Croatia
Cyprus
Czechia
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Ireland
Italy
Latvia
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Malta
Netherlands
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Non EU country

If Non-EU country, please specify your country:

* 2. These comments represent the views of:

at most 1 choice(s)

Individual
 Healthcare professional
 Civil society organisations (associations, foundations, NGOs and similar entities)
 Private entities (profit or non-profit)
 Member States' national authorities
 Member States' regional authorities
 Member States' local authorities
 Established networks in the field of health
 Academia and education establishments
 Research institutes
 Hospitals/Primary care delivery organisation
 Expert networks
 Other

Please specify:

3. Please indicate the full name of the organisation, if applicable

4. Please provide contact email (optional)

EU4Health Work Programme 2022 - strategic orientations and priorities

1. The [2021 EU4Health Work Programme](#)'s strategic orientations have been designed along four priority strands of actions and one transversal action (cancer).

In your opinion, **what are the most urgent needs to be addressed in the next programming (2022 and beyond)?**

Score from 1 (strand with fewest needs to be addressed) to 5 (strand with most needs to be addressed)

	1	2	3	4	5
Crisis preparedness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disease prevention & health promotion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health systems & healthcare workforce	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Digital Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cancer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. According to your knowledge and relating to your sector, **which are the most important objectives to be addressed by EU4Health funding?** Please choose up to five of the objectives listed below (Article 4 of Regulation (EU) 2021/522).

between 1 and 5 choices

- ☐ Disease prevention & health promotion (Specific objective 1)
- ☐ Prevention, preparedness & response to cross-border health threats (Specific objective 2)
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- ☐ Enhance access to healthcare (Specific objective 7)
- ☐ Development & implementation of EU health legislation & supporting evidence-based decision making (Specific objective 8)
- ☐ Support integrated work among MS health systems (Specific objective 9)
- ☐ International health initiatives & cooperation (Specific objective 10)

According to your experience, **which possible actions (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 1?**

Please choose a maximum of three actions from the list below:

at most 3 choice(s)

Assisting and support the Member States to improve health promotion and disease prevention.

Surveys, studies, collection of comparable data and statistics, methodologies, classifications, microsimulations, pilot studies, indicators, knowledge brokering and benchmark exercises.

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.

Effective responses to communicable diseases, and in the prevention, surveillance, diagnosis and treatment of such diseases.

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.

Improve mental health. Reduce damage to health due to illicit drug use and addiction, including information and prevention.

Policies and actions to reduce health inequalities and inequities in relation to healthcare.

Enhance health literacy.

Promotion and implementation of the recommendations of the European Code against Cancer and support the revision of the current edition of that Code.

Implementation of cancer registries in all Member States.

Cooperation among relevant national bodies of participating Member States with a view to supporting the creation of a virtual European network of excellence.

Improve the quality of cancer care.

Establishment of quality assurance schemes for cancer centres and centres treating cancer patients.

Mechanisms for cross-specialty capacity building and continuous education, in particular in the area of cancer care.

Support the quality of life of cancer survivors and caregivers, including provision of psychological support, pain management and health-related aspects of professional reintegration.

Strengthen collaboration on patient rights, patient safety and quality of care.

Epidemiological surveillance, thus contributing to assessment of factors that affect or determine the health of people.

Improve the geographical distribution of the healthcare workforce and actions for the avoidance of 'medical deserts'.

Guidelines for preventing and managing communicable and non-communicable diseases, and of tools and networks for the exchange of best practices in that area.

Address health determinants, including reducing alcohol-related harm and tobacco use.

Tools and platforms to collect real-world evidence on the safety, effectiveness and impact of vaccines after use.

Initiatives to improve vaccination coverage rates in the Member States.

Promote Union action in the health areas.

Awareness-raising campaigns and communications activities.

Communication activities addressed to the public on health risks and health determinants.

Reduce the risk of healthcare-acquired infections.

According to your experience, **which possible actions (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 2?**

Please choose a maximum of three actions from the list below:

at most 3 choice(s)

Strengthening the critical health infrastructure to cope with health crises, by supporting the setup of tools for surveillance, forecast, prevention and management of outbreaks.

Foster Union-wide health crisis prevention and preparedness, and the management capacity and response capacity of actors at Union and national level.

Set up an integrated cross-cutting risk communication framework covering all phases of a health crisis, namely prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

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.

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.

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.

Establish and coordinate Union Reference Laboratories, Union Reference Centres, and Centres of Excellence.

Audit Member States' preparedness and response arrangements, for example regarding health crisis management, antimicrobial resistance and vaccination.

Communication to the public in the context of risk management and health crisis preparedness.

Support upwards convergence of national systems' performance through health indicator development, analysis and knowledge brokering and the organisation of voluntary stress tests of national healthcare systems.

Investigation, risk assessment and risk management work on the link between animal health, environmental factors, and human diseases, including during health crises.

According to your experience, **which possible actions (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 3?**

Please choose a maximum of three actions from the list below:

at most 3 choice(s)

Strengthen laboratory capacity and the production, research, development, and deployment of health products and crisis-relevant niche products within the Union.

Actions and interoperable IT tools to monitor, prevent, manage, report and notify shortages of medicinal products and medical devices, while contributing to their affordability.

Support clinical trials to speed up the development, market authorisation and access to innovative, safe and effective medicinal products and vaccines.

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.

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.

Promote the prudent and efficient use of medicinal products, in particular of antimicrobials.

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.

Enhance the availability, accessibility and affordability of medicinal products and medical devices.

Foster innovation in repurposing, reformulation and combining of off-patent medicinal products, in synergy with other programmes.

Strengthen the environmental risk assessment of medicinal products.

Establishment and operation of a mechanism for cross-sectorial coordination following the One-Health approach.

According to your experience, **which possible action (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 4?**

Please choose a maximum of one action from the list below:

at most 1 choice(s)

- ☐ Monitor information on national stockpiling activities regarding essential crisis-relevant products to identify potential needs for additional stockpiling at Union level.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Procurement and supply of essential crisis-relevant products, which contribute to their affordability, in a manner that complements Member States' stockpiling actions.

According to your experience, **which possible action (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 5?**

Please choose a maximum of one action from the list below:

at most 1 choice(s)

- ☐ Preparatory work for mobilising and training at Union level a reserve of medical, healthcare.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Exchange of best practices between existing national reserves of medical, healthcare and support staff.

According to your experience, **which possible actions (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 6?**

Please choose a maximum of three actions from the list below:

at most 3 choice(s)

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Strengthen citizens' access to and control over their health data.

Deployment and interoperability of digital tools and infrastructure within and between Member States and with Union institutions, agencies and bodies.

Preparatory activities and projects for the European health data space.

Support e-health, such as the transition to telemedicine and at-home administration of medication.

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.

According to your experience, **which possible action (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 7?**

Please choose a maximum of one action from the list below:

at most 1 choice(s)

- ☐ Promote access to health services and related facilities and care for people with disabilities.
- ☐ Strengthen primary care and reinforcing the integration of care, with a view to providing universal health coverage and equal access to good quality healthcare.
- ☐ Promote access to sexual and reproductive healthcare and supporting integrated and intersectional approaches to prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care.

According to your experience, **which possible actions (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 8?**

Please choose a maximum of three actions from the list below:

at most 3 choice(s)

Establishment and operation of a health intelligence and knowledge infrastructure.

Implementation, enforcement, monitoring of Union health legislation and action; and providing technical support for the implementation of legal requirements.

Studies and analysis, health impact assessment of other Union policy actions and the provision of scientific advice to support evidence-based policymaking.

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.

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.

Audit and assessment work in accordance with Union legislation, where appropriate.

Implementation and further development of the Union's tobacco control policy and legislation.

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.

Strengthen the administrative capacity of their healthcare systems through cooperation and exchange of best practices.

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.

Capacity building for investing in and implementing health system reforms, including strategic planning and access to multi-source financing.

According to your experience, **which possible actions (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 9?**

Please choose a maximum of three actions from the list below:

at most 3 choice(s)

Transfer, adaptation and roll-out of best practices and innovative solutions with established Union level added-value between Member States, and in particular providing country-specific tailor-made assistance to the Member States, or groups of Member States, with the greatest needs, through the funding of specific projects including twinning, expert advice and peer support.

Cross-border collaboration and partnerships, including in cross-border regions, with a view to transferring and upscaling innovative solutions.

Cross-sectoral collaboration and coordination.

Support the functioning of European Reference Networks and the establishment and operation of new transnational networks as provided for in Union health legislation, and supporting Member States' actions to coordinate the activities of such networks with the operation of national health systems.

Support further the implementation of ERNs in Member States and fostering their strengthening, inter alia, by continuous assessment, monitoring, evaluation and improvement.

Creation of new ERNs, to cover rare, complex and low prevalence diseases, where appropriate, and 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.

Improve and further develop and implement ERN registries.

Stakeholder consultation activities.

According to your experience, **which possible action (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 10?**

You can choose maximum one action from the list below:

at most 1 choice(s)

- ☐ Contribute to the objectives of the programme presented by the WHO, as the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations.
- ☐ Support collaboration among Union institutions, Union agencies, and international organisations and networks, and supporting the Union's contribution to global initiatives.
- ☐ Support collaboration with third countries as regards the areas covered by the Programme.
- ☐ Foster international regulatory convergence on medicinal products and medical devices.

EU4Health Programme (2021-27) – other alternatives

1. **Do you have ideas or any other suggestions** in view of achieving the specific objectives of the Programme and that would provide an EU added value?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If YES, please use the format below to briefly describe other needs, challenges and the possible solutions to address them, that differ from the ones indicated in the previous section:

Needs and Challenges

500 character(s) maximum

Description of solutions proposed including (1) objectives, (2) outcomes, and (3) EU added value (i.e. how the action brings value at EU level, which is additional to the value that would have been otherwise created by Member State action alone)

1000 character(s) maximum

Relationship with the EU4Health objectives – to which specific programme objective is the proposed solution linked?

at most 1 choice(s)

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Size of investment (indicative budget in million €) and countries involved (acronyms)

100 character(s) maximum