



Next steps on EU4Health Programme implementation

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A policy implementation tool for both legislative and non-legislative initiatives!

- **The fight against COVID-19 pandemic**
 - **Cross-border health threats** (directive)
 - **HERA Incubator** (communication)
- **Europe Beating Cancer Action Plan** (communication)
- **Pharmaceuticals strategy** (communication)
- **EU health legislation** (tobacco, blood, tissues & cells, medicines and medical devices, etc.)



- The 2021 will be **the first Work Programme**, with number of notable features:
 - i. the **budget is significantly smaller** than for subsequent years;
 - ii. the first Work Programme will **at best be adopted in May 2021**, nearly half-way through the year; and
 - iii. the **Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA)** will be in its “start-up” phase (this will reduce administrative costs in 2021).



- **EU4Health Steering Group** (consultation) – Member States
- **Stakeholders** – all relevant (input)
- **European Parliament** – ENVI committee (presentation)
- **EU4Health Programme Committee** – (comitology; opinion; yes) – Member States
- **European Commission** – (decision; implementing act)



The Commission **prepares** :

✓ **strategic orientations, priorities and the draft work programme**

and **adopts** following consultation, input, information and positive opinion:

✓ **first annual work programme 2021** including

- actions
- indicative budget allocation
- deadlines
- details for funds applications

Adoption expected during the second quarter of the 2021 with a budget of around €316 million

Programme implementation



“Public procurement”

Contracts with economic operators to purchase services or goods on the account of the Commission, either through open tendering procedures or the use of existing framework contracts which were established following competitive procedures

“Grants”

Direct financial contributions from the European Union budget awarded to beneficiaries engaged in activities that serve Union policies.

Guiding principles:

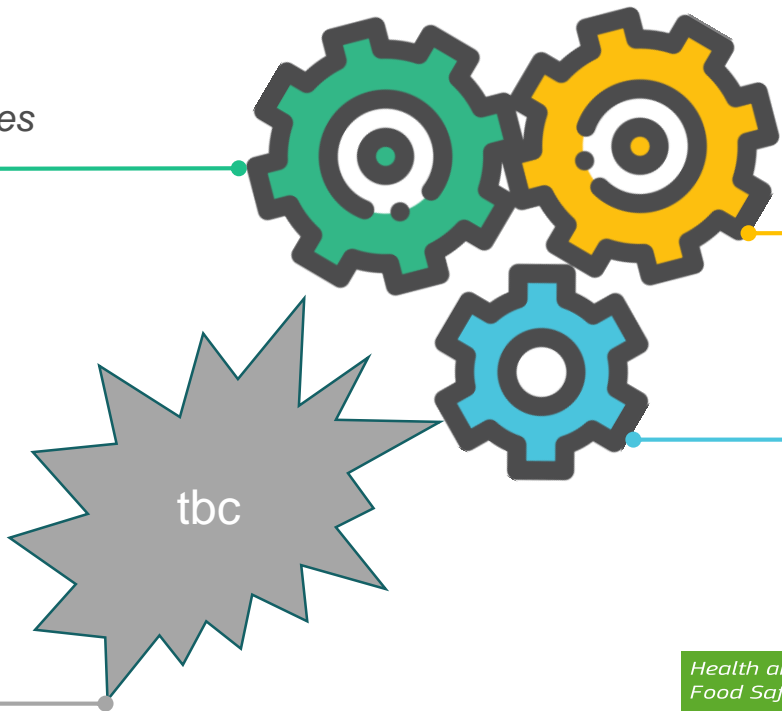
- *Equal treatment and transparency*
- *Co-financing by the beneficiary and non-profit rule applicable*
- *Non-cumulative, non-retroactive and absence of double financing*

“other”

possible forms of funding as allowed by the Financial Regulation

“Prizes”

Contests to promote achievements of policy objectives of the Union where one or several beneficiaries are awarded a financial price following a evaluation



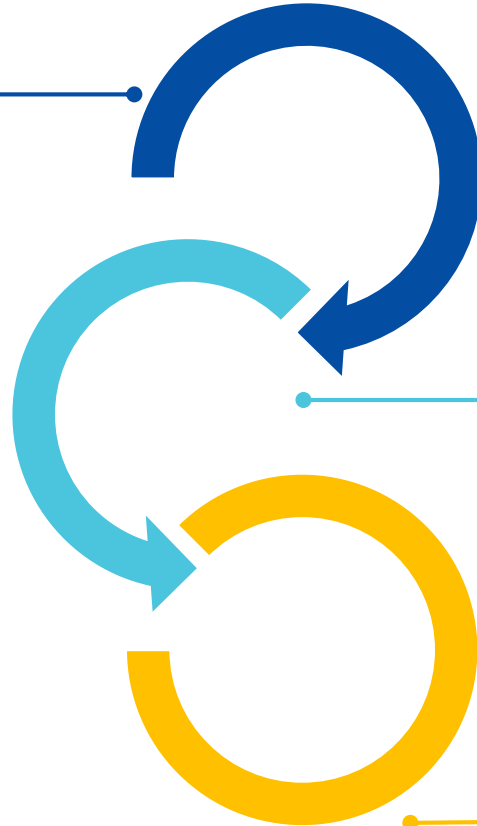
Eligible entities



Any legal entity established in a Member State or an overseas country or territory linked to it and any legal entity created under Union law or as an international organisation

Any legal entities established in a third country associated with the Programme or non-associated (exception)

Any legal entity established in a third country listed in the annual work programme in accordance with the specific rules of the EU4Health Regulation



Natural persons are not eligible for grants under the EU4Health Programme!



The preparatory work is running in parallel to avoid delays:

➤ **Member States:**

- informal EU4Health Expert Group (8 March)
- Steering Group (mid-, end of April);
- Programme Committee (April-May-June)

➤ **Stakeholders** – consultation/information (22 January, 24 March);

➤ **Executive Agency** - Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA);

➤ **European Parliament** - EP ENVI Committee.



- The **EU4Health Task Force** in DG SANTE will
 - ✓ care of the preparatory work for the work programme,
 - ✓ facilitate the implementation of some actions
 - ✓ coordinate the implementation of the work programme with the executive agency
- The **Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA)** will be responsible for the Programme implementation and the vast majority of the EU4Health budget.
 - ✓ The soon to be established agency will be operational later in the year and will have a strong financial control and management structure as we already had in place for the previous health programmes.
- The **Commission** will regularly monitor and evaluate the impact of the Programme against defined indicators, set out in the legal text.
- The Commission may develop **new indicators**, as necessary, including at the level of the work programme and its actions, which the beneficiaries will collect relevant data for the upcoming Programme reviews.

Thank you

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