EU4Health 2022 Work Programme & beyond Stakeholders' Targeted Consultation

Overview of results of the targeted stakeholders' consultation
(2 July – 28 August)

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Consultation strategy

Targeted consultation *via EU Survey open for* ***8 weeks:*** *from July 02 to August 28*

- **OBJECTIVE** – seek stakeholders' views on
  - ❖ the priorities and strategic orientations
  - ❖ the needs to be addressed

✅ *All the questions had complete replies and 184 additional proposals have been provided*

- **TARGET** – reach a broad range of stakeholders including:
  - ❖ Organisations representing patients, civil society, and other parties active in public health & social issues
  - ❖ Healthcare professionals and healthcare providers
  - ❖ Business
  - ❖ Member states (in the

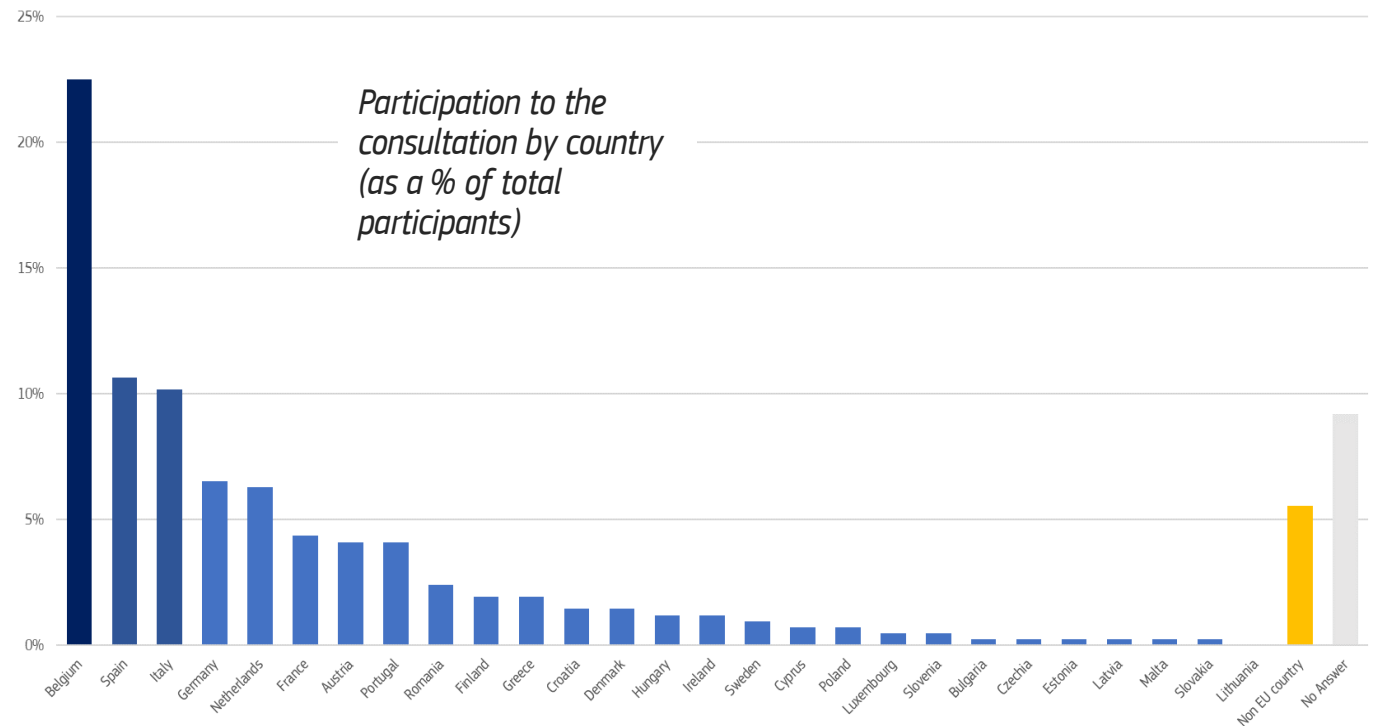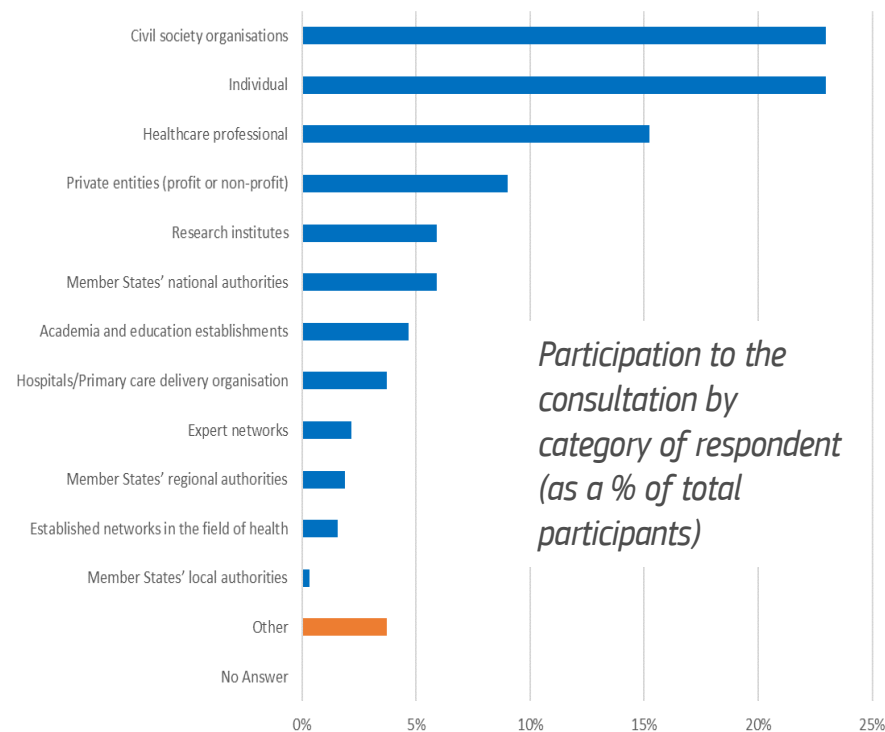✅ *The consultation has successfully reached all the relevant stakeholders*

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PARTICIPATION:

413 replies

❖ individuals and civil society organizations (including associations, foundations, NGOs and similar entities), have been the most active

❖ organisations from Belgium, Italy and Spain recorded the highest participation

Participation to the consultation by category of respondent (as a % of total participants)

Participation to the consultation by country (as a % of total participants)
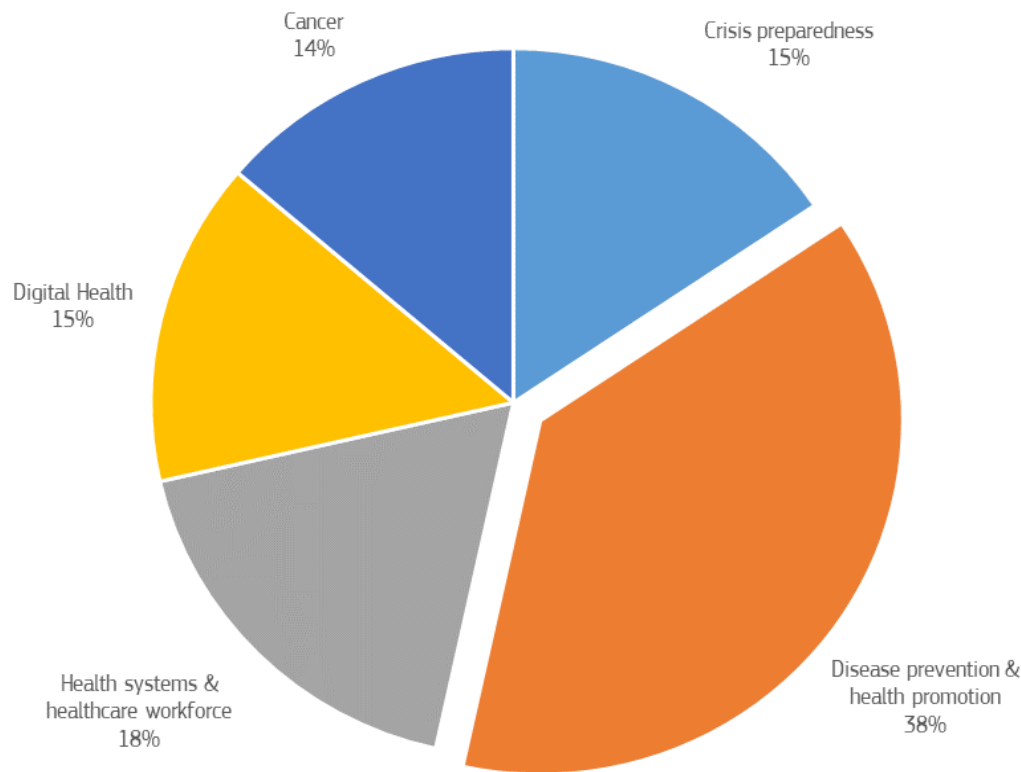
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The 2021 EU4Health Work Programme's strategic orientations have been designed along four priority strands of actions

1. *Crisis preparedness*
2. *Disease prevention & Health promotion*
3. *Digital health*
4. *Health system & health care workforce*
+ *Cancer as transversal action*

COMMON PERCEPTION: Disease prevention & Health promotion is the most urgent needs to be addressed in the next programming (2022 and beyond)

Strands of actions indicated as covering the most urgent needs to be addressed
(as a % of total replies scoring highest for importance i.e.5)

Cancer 14%
Crisis preparedness 15%
Digital Health 15%
Disease prevention & health promotion 38%
Health systems & healthcare workforce 18%

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The 2021 EU4Health Work Programme has 10 specific objectives

- **SO1**: *Disease prevention & health promotion*
- **SO2**: *Prevention, preparedness & response to cross-border health threats*
- **SO3**: *Enhance availability, accessibility & affordability of medicinal products, medical devices and crisis-relevant products*
- **SO4**: *Complementing national stockpiling of essential crisis-relevant products*
- **SO5**: *Establish a reserve of medical, healthcare & support staff*
- **SO6**: *Strengthen health data, digital tools & services, digital transformation of healthcare*
- **SO7**: *Enhance access to healthcare*
- **SO8**: *Development & implementation of EU health legislation & supporting evidence-based decision-making*
- **SO9**: *Support integrated work among MS health systems*
- **SO10**: *International health initiatives & cooperation*

COMMON PERCEPTION:

SO1: *Disease prevention & health promotion* is the most important to be achieved
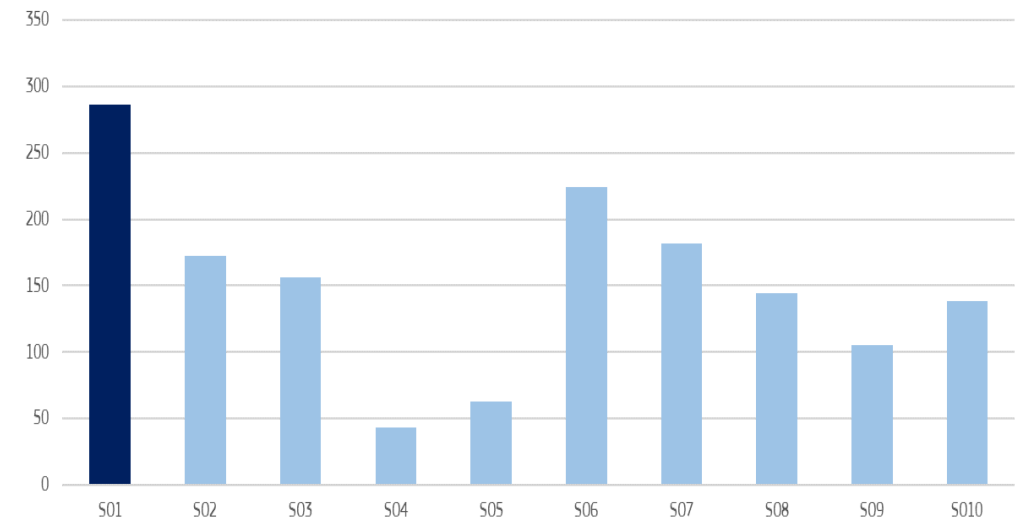
Following:

SO6: *Strengthen health data, digital tools & services, digital transformation of healthcare*

SO7: *Enhance access to healthcare*

SO2: *Prevention, preparedness & response to cross-border health threats*

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Specific objective 1: Disease prevention & health promotion	Answers
Policies and actions to reduce health inequalities and inequities in relation to healthcare.	69
Assisting and support the MS to improve health promotion and disease prevention.	77
Surveys, studies, collection of comparable data and statistics, methodologies, classifications, microsimulations, pilot studies, indicators, knowledge brokering and benchmark exercises.	77
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.	87
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.	116

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

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Specific objective 6: Strengthen health data, digital tools & services, digital transformation of healthcare	Answers
Support a Union framework and the respective interoperable digital tools for cooperation among MS and cooperation in networks, including those needed for Health Technology Assessment cooperation.	81
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.	114
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.	126

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Specific objective 7: Enhance access to healthcare

Strengthen primary care and reinforcing the integration of care, with a view to providing universal health coverage and equal access to good quality healthcare. **142**

Specific objective 2: Prevention, preparedness & response to cross-border health threats

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. **41**

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. **54**

Foster Union-wide health crisis prevention and preparedness, and the management capacity and response capacity of actors at Union and national level. **60**

Strengthening the critical health infrastructure to cope with health crises, by supporting the setup of tools for surveillance, forecast, prevention and management of outbreaks. **90**

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Inputs from stakeholders

GENERAL INPUTS received mainly from <u>civil society organisations and individuals</u> were touching upon different topics , including:

- Restore **operating grants** to ensure sustainability of civil society organisations in order to support achievement of various EU4Health's objectives
- Promote legislation based on **scientific evidence**
- Offer different **products or services**
- Support the creation of **international reference centers** in the EU
- Support **self-care from citizens** to enable them to take care of their own health
- Propose **greater liability from private companies** e.g. due to vaccine adverse effects regardless their profit
- Setting up databases and repositories to **reduce potential patient harm**
- Request **more research** to have access to **new diagnostic and therapeutic approaches**

~ 45% of participants put forward ideas Stakeholders' inputs not based *on an existing proposal* but on their views

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Inputs from stakeholders

CRISIS PREPAREDNESS :

- **Antimicrobial resistance**
- Building **supply chain resilience** – pharma and medical devices
- Monitoring the **shortages and increase availability** of medicines, medical devices and crisis relevant products
- **COVID 19 vaccination strategy** and **immunisation programme**
- Use of **non-pharmaceutical intervention**
- **Global crisis response** capacity and effectiveness
- Improve **surveillance systems** during health emergencies
- Increase **population awareness** and **scientific communication** during the crisis
- Strengthening **EU preparedness for cross border health threats**

Crisis preparedness

Protect citizens from serious cross-border health threats; strengthen health systems response; coordination among Member States to cope with serious cross-border threats to health.

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DISEASE PREVENTION & HEALTH PROMOTION :

- **Mental health and mental disorders**

- **Cancer care** and combination therapies including specific types of cancer (e.g. prostate cancer, liver or oral cancer)

- **Pediatric patients**

- **Rare diseases**

- **Obesity**

- **Nutritional care**

- **Cardiovascular disease; sepsis; hepatitis, liver disease; Alzheimer disease and HIV and AIDS.**

Disease prevention

Improve and foster health in the EU to reduce the burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases; support health promotion and disease prevention; reduce health inequalities; foster healthy lifestyles

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HEALTH SYSTEMS:

- Therapy for the Neurodegenerative disease **and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis**

- Medical needs in the **ageing population**

- **Alternative therapies** (e.g. homeopathy and spa therapy)

- European autonomy and self-sufficient **plasma products**

- Access and affordability of **medicinal products**

- Implementation of the **medical devices and in vitro diagnostic medical devices regulations**; strengthening health systems

- Strengthening **sexual and reproductive healthcare** (SRH)

Health systems & Healthcare workforce

Improve availability, accessibility and affordability of medicinal products and medical devices, support their innovation; strengthen resilience and sustainability of health systems; reinforce healthcare workforce

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HEALTH SYSTEMS:

- **Complementary medicine** for health care

- **Home care-giving**

- **ERNs**

- Shortages of **healthcare professionals**

- Poor adherence to **drug therapies**

- Improving **primary care**

- Dissemination of **best practices in healthcare**

- Improvement of **population health parameters** by country/region

- Promoting **health for migrants**

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DIGITAL HEALTH:

- **Specific digitalisation** applied to **medical disciplines** or **health challenges**

  (e.g. mental health, dentistry artificial intelligence)

- Digitalisation of **medication management** in EU hospitals

- **Digital tools** for chronic patients and patient care

- Increase the **interoperability** between services and networks in Member States, taking into account regional and local levels

- Strengthening **digital health literacy** of EU citizens

- **Digital transformation of health(care);** digital solutions for consumers; and improvement of MyHealth@EU

Digital

Advance digital transformation of health systems; strengthen primary and secondary use of health data

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Thank you

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