



European
Commission

“Health for Growth” programme 2014-2020

**State of play
October 2012**





Road to the new Programme

- **Member States' unanimous wish** to have dedicated EU programme in the area of health (Gödöllő, April 2010)
- Health **stakeholders' support** for the strong EU Health policy and continuation of the Programme (May 2010)
- Commission's Communication on the **Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020** tables the programme (June 2010)
- The Impact Assessment lead towards the **current proposal**, while identifying main challenges (November 2011)





Health for Growth Programme adopted in November 2011

- The only programme **exclusively dedicated to health**
- Seven years duration, **€ 446 million** in current prices
- A financial tool at the service of wider **EU health policy, aiming to improve the performance of past programmes**





4 objectives

- **Encourage innovation in healthcare**
- **Increase the sustainability of health systems**
- **Improve the health of EU citizens**
- **Protect citizens from cross-border health threats**





Why an emphasis on innovative and sustainable health systems?

Challenges:

- An **ageing population** of the EU Member States,
- More effective but also more **expensive health technologies**,
- Need of progress in prevention of **chronic diseases**,
- Global and **cross border health threats**

Health system reforms, supported by the EU Programme, will guarantee high quality care for patients and improve efficiency and financial sustainability of the health systems

Innovative solutions should be shared through exchange of good practices and emphasis on human capital





Increasing the performance of the Programme - part 1

- The 3rd Programme is based on the **lessons learnt** and results of previous programmes' **evaluations**
- The Programme should contribute only **where Member States cannot act alone...**
- ... or where **coordination is the best way forward**
- **Actions should have clear EU added value**
(supporting networks, fostering best practice, scale economies etc.)





Increasing the performance - part 2

As compared to the previous and current Programmes

- **Objectives** are much more focused and tangible (SMART)
- **Limited number of actions** with proven EU added value
- **Progress indicators** to measure and monitor the objectives and their impact
- Annual work plans to be based on **long-term policy planning**, synchronised with Member States' needs and demands
- **Better dissemination** and communication of results
- **Simplification** of the funding process





Increasing the performance - part 3

Greater synergy between EU and Countries efforts

- The Commission is responsible for the implementation (art. 10)
- It is assisted by the **Programme Committee** (art. 16), which will have a final word on the annual work plan
- The Commission, in close cooperation with Member States, **monitors the implementation of the actions** under the Programme (art. 13)
- **National Focal Points** assist the Commission in the **promotion** of the Programme and the **dissemination** (art. 14) of the results and **information on impact** generated by the Programme in their respective countries





Health for Growth Programme

Negotiations with the Council, January-June 2012,

The Danish Presidency presented a general approach in EPSCO on 22 June 2012 on which Commission reserved its position mainly for the following reasons:

- 1) *the **re-balancing of the proposal** towards a broader number of priorities **waters down the policy focus** on innovation and sustainability of health systems, and **extends the objectives and scope** of the Programme **beyond what a Programme of that nature can reasonably cover.***
- 2) *the **removal of** the provision for **a higher co-financing rate** in Joint Actions **for Member States with a GNI lower** than 90% of EU average.*
- 3) *The **addition of an extra pre-comitology phase** with the obligation on the Commission to consult prior to the elaboration of the draft annual work plan*
- 4) *The **impossibility** for the Commission **to adopt a draft implementing act** in case **the committee delivers no opinion.***





Health for Growth Programme The ENVI Committee opinion

- The ENVI Committee members met on 20 June 2012 and voted in unanimity **a serie of amendments** on the Commission proposal **to be discussed with Council and Commission**
- Other Committees of the European Parliament have been also consulted (BUDGET Committee, ITRE Commitee)
- The CoR as well as the EESC have also provided opinions.





Health for Growth Programme the Trilogue, 4th quarter 2012

Negotiations are being continued in Trilogue with **European Parliament, Council** and the **Commission** under the Chypriote Presidency and on the basis of the general approach.

The aim of the Commission is to contribute to **achieving an agreement at the first reading** before the end of the year.

A lot of **progress** has already been achieved especially **concerning objectives and actions** including their reordering.





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Next trilogue meeting (the last one) is on 27 November.

Pending issues are:

- **Title,**
- **The way the Programme impacts on MS health systems and health of EU population (how to monitor)**
- **co-financing rate of 80% for MS with low GNI,**
- **adoption of Annual Work Plans through delegated procedures,**





Health Policy forum and the Health for Growth Programme

The Health Policy Forum **provided useful input** for drafting of the Programme through written contributions addressed to DG SANCO and the Cabinet.

The Programme foresees **participation of non-governmental organisations in projects, actions co-financed by MS, and operating grants** thus acknowledging the great importance of civil society involvement.

Health stakeholders could help with further **dissemination of Programme results to their respective members and targeted audiences.**





More info

on the Commission proposal

http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy/index_en.htm

on the general approach of the DK Presidency

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st10/st10769.en12.pdf>

on the ENVI Committee amendments

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/envi/home.html>

Thank you

