

2022 EU4Health second annual work programme adopted: over €835 million investment in health

On 14 January 2022, the Commission has adopted the 2022 EU4Health work programme.

With a budget of over €835 million, the 2022 EU4Health work programme represents an unparalleled level of investment of the EU in health; it ensures financing of ambitious and decisive actions for building stronger, more resilient health systems and for paving the way towards the European Health Union.

With respect to the previous 2021 work programme, the budget is considerably higher and retains the four overarching strands: crisis preparedness, health promotion and disease prevention, health systems and healthcare workforce and digitalization of health; cancer is a cross-cutting priority.

On **crisis preparedness**, €380.9 million will be channelled for actions and procurement to support fighting the pandemic including support to the newly established European Health Emergency and Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA). Almost half of this annual budget is allocated to crisis preparedness that reflects the paramount importance to better protect the health of people in the event of cross-border health threats.

With regards to **health promotion and disease prevention**, with an allocated budget of over €90 million, actions will support health promotion and prevention of mostly non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and related risk factors. Investment will also include €16 million supporting actions to address mental health.

Actions on **health systems and health workforce** will be budgeted for €126.5 million and directed amongst others towards strengthening national health systems, the implementation of the new Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe and training of health workforce for better meeting health challenges.

The **digital** strand will be allocated around €77 million for the establishment of the European Health Data Space, covering the infrastructure and governance and the primary and secondary use of data.

Almost €147 million, will support actions to fight against cancer, of which a substantial support (€105 million) for the prevention of different types of cancer.

NGOs will be able to apply through an open call for operational grants for a total of €9 million, which is a significant increase on the amounts available for such grants in the past.

The 2022 EU4Health Work Programme will provide funding to eligible entities from Member States, associated third countries, international organisations, NGOs and the private sector in the form of grants or procurement of specific services.

The European Commission and the [Health and Digital Executive Agency](#) (HaDEA) will manage the implementation of the Work Programme.

More information:

- [EU4Health 2022 work programme](#)