

Stakeholders' targeted consultation on the strategic orientations and priorities of the EU4Health work programme 2024 and beyond

Consultation strategy

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Under the governance of the EU4Health programme, the Commission applies a joint policy implementation (Art.15 and Art. 23 of Regulation (EU) 2021/522):

- the Commission is in charge of the preparatory work for the annual work programmes;
- the EU4Health Steering Group (including representatives from the Commission and the Member States) is consulted on the strategic orientations and on the preparatory work;
- the EU4Health Programme Committee is asked to deliver an opinion for the adoption of the draft implementing act.

The Commission shall also consult with relevant stakeholders (Art.16 of Regulation (EU) 2021/522), including representatives of civil society and patient organisations, to seek their views on:

- (a) the priorities and strategic orientation of the annual work programme;
- (b) the needs to be addressed through the annual work programme and the results achieved through it.

The Commission shall organise the consultation and information of stakeholders at least once a year, in the six months preceding the presentation of the draft work programme.

The outcomes of the consultation of stakeholders, as well as of the proceedings of the EU4Health Steering Group, will be presented to the European Parliament prior to the last meeting of the EU4Health Steering Group.

DG SANTE seeks the opinion of stakeholders on the priorities, strategic orientations and needs that might be addressed in the 2024 work programme and beyond through a public

targeted stakeholders' consultation, by:

- conducting an online survey via the EUSurvey tool from 30 March to 8 May 2023
- organising a one-day hybrid stakeholders' conference on 9 June 2023

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTATION

The online survey from 30 March to 8 May 2023 aims to collect stakeholders' views on the needs that must be most urgently addressed that are going to be funded under the EU4Health work programme 2024. The stakeholders may also give their opinion on the priorities and strategic orientations towards the achievement of the programme's objectives. As in previous exercises, the online survey will focus on the EU4Health objectives and the EU4Health strands.

The Commission will organise a stakeholders' conference on 9 June 2023 to focus discussion on important health priorities. This event will be an occasion to share the major outcomes of the survey.

The outcomes of the both the online survey and the hybrid conference will serve as inputs for the preparation of the 2024 work programme, and will also nurture the reflection on priorities, strategic orientations and needs for future work programmes.

The main outcomes of the online survey and the hybrid conference will be summarised in reports that will be made available in the [EU4Health website](#).

3. STAKEHOLDER MAPPING

The EU4health programme involves a broad range of stakeholders. The main interest groups identified for this public targeted consultation are:

Organisations representing patients, civil society, and other parties active in public health and social issues – in addition to the general interests described above, they are specifically concerned about the contribution of funded intervention to tackle the health challenges across the EU. Their contributions are particularly important to inform the Commission's reflection in relation to 'unmet health needs' and 'success stories'.

Healthcare professionals and healthcare providers – on a daily basis they are confronted with health challenges. They are interested in the contribution that the interventions funded can bring to address unmet medical needs.

Researchers, academia and experts networks – their contributions are particularly important regarding scientific developments and in upscaling innovative solutions.

Businesses and their associations – contributions will be sought from small and medium-sized (SMEs) as well as from large companies, including pharmaceutical companies, medical devices manufacturers, digital companies, healthcare service providers, hospital and care deliverers, health insurances etc.

Member States authorities – authorities that are responsible for health at national, regional or local level.

4. CONSULTATION MODALITIES AND TIMING

A targeted online consultation, (in English only) will run from 30 March to 8 May 2023 to consult the relevant stakeholders and interested general public in the field of health. The consultation will be conducted via a questionnaire (EU Survey) and will be published online on 30 March.

The link to the survey and information about the consultation will be communicated via DG SANTE and HaDEA websites and social media. The EU4Health Steering group, as well as the EU4Health National Focal Points and National Contact Points for Horizon Europe will be also informed about the consultation.

The stakeholders' conference will take place on 9 June 2023 and will be organised in hybrid format in Brussels.

The EU4Health community of stakeholders will be made aware of the possibility to participate. Details for both exercises will be publicly advertised via different channels such as the [EU4Health website](#), HaDEA's website and the Health Policy Platform.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE EU4HEALTH PROGRAMME:

STRANDS

In the annual work programmes, the EU4Health supports a broad range of actions under four overarching “strands” with a cross-cutting focus on cancer



OBJECTIVES

The EU4Health programme will provide financial support for delivering on the EU Health policy along four general objectives and ten specific objectives.

IMPROVE & FOSTER HEALTH



- Health promotion and disease prevention; cancer
- International health initiatives & cooperation

PROTECT PEOPLE



- Prevention, preparedness & response to cross-border health threats
- Complementing national stockpiling of essential crisis-relevant products
- Establishing a reserve of medical, healthcare & support staff

ACCESS TO MEDICINAL PRODUCTS & MEDICAL DEVICES



- Enhancement of availability, accessibility & affordability of medicinal products, medical devices and crisis-relevant products

STRENGTHEN HEALTH SYSTEMS



- Strengthening health data, digital tools & services, digital transformation of healthcare
- Enhancing access to healthcare
- Developing and implementing EU health legislation and evidence-based decision making
- Integrated work among MS health systems