

# Stakeholders' Targeted Consultation on EU4health related priorities, strategic orientations and needs

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### EU4Health Annual Work Programme 2022

[EU4Health](#) is the EU's ambitious response to COVID-19. The pandemic has a major impact on patients, medical and healthcare staff, and health systems in Europe. The new EU4Health programme will go beyond crisis response to address healthcare systems' resilience.

This targeted consultation is intended to seek feedback from stakeholders on the priorities and strategic orientations and on the needs to be addressed through EU4Health annual work programmes, in particular focusing on input that could facilitate reflection for the 2022 EU4Health Work Programme and beyond.

**This targeted consultation will be available until 28 August 2021.**

Please read carefully the privacy statement before proceeding.

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### About your organisation

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1. Please indicate your Member State, if applicable

*at most 1 choice(s)*

Belgium

\* 2. These comments represent the views of:

*at most 1 choice(s)*

Civil society organisations (associations, foundations, NGOs and similar entities)

3. Please indicate the full name of the organisation, if applicable

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## EU4Health Work Programme 2022 - strategic orientations and priorities

1. The [2021 EU4Health Work Programme](#)'s strategic orientations have been designed along four priority strands of actions and one transversal action (cancer).

In your opinion, **what are the most urgent needs to be addressed in the next programming (2022 and beyond)?**

Score from 1 (strand with fewest needs to be addressed) to 5 (strand with most needs to be addressed)

	1	2	3	4	5
Crisis preparedness	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disease prevention & health promotion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health systems & healthcare workforce	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Digital Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cancer	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. According to your knowledge and relating to your sector, **which are the most important objectives to be addressed by EU4Health funding?** Please choose up to five of the objectives listed below (Article 4 of Regulation (EU) 2021/522).

*between 1 and 5 choices*

- Disease prevention & health promotion (Specific objective 1)
- Prevention, preparedness & response to cross-border health threats (Specific objective 2)
- Enhance availability, accessibility & affordability of medicinal products, medical devices and crisis-relevant products (Specific objective 3)
- Complementing national stockpiling of essential crisis-relevant products (Specific objective 4)
- Establish a reserve of medical, healthcare & support staff (Specific objective 5)
- Strengthen health data, digital tools & services, digital transformation of healthcare (Specific objective 6)
- Enhance access to healthcare (Specific objective 7)
- Development & implementation of EU health legislation & supporting evidence-based decision making (Specific objective 8)
- Support integrated work among MS health systems (Specific objective 9)
- International health initiatives & cooperation (Specific objective 10)

According to your experience, **which possible actions (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 1?**

Please choose a maximum of three actions from the list below:

*at most 3 choice(s)*

Policies and actions to reduce health inequalities and inequities in relation to healthcare.  
Strengthen collaboration on patient rights, patient safety and quality of care.  
Guidelines for preventing and managing communicable and non-communicable diseases, and of tools and networks for the exchange of best practices in that area.

According to your experience, **which possible actions (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 2?**

Please choose a maximum of three actions from the list below:

*at most 3 choice(s)*

Strengthening the critical health infrastructure to cope with health crises, by supporting the setup of tools for surveillance, forecast, prevention and management of outbreaks.  
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.  
Address the collateral health consequences of a health crisis, in particular the consequences for mental health, on patients suffering from cancer, from chronic diseases and other vulnerable situations.

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

Please choose a maximum of three actions from the list below:

*at most 3 choice(s)*

Actions and interoperable IT tools to monitor, prevent, manage, report and notify shortages of medicinal products and medical devices, while contributing to their affordability.  
Encourage the development of innovative medicinal products and vaccines to meet rising healthcare challenges and patients' needs, and of less commercially profitable products such as antimicrobials.  
Enhance the availability, accessibility and affordability of medicinal products and medical devices.

According to your experience, **which possible actions (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 6?**

Please choose a maximum of three actions from the list below:

*at most 3 choice(s)*

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.  
Strengthen citizens' access to and control over their health data.  
Establishment of interoperable electronic health records, in line with the European Electronic Health Record Exchange format in order to increase the use of e-health and improve the sustainability and resilience of healthcare systems.

According to your experience, **which possible actions (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 9?**

Please choose a maximum of three actions from the list below:

*at most 3 choice(s)*

Transfer, adaptation and roll-out of best practices and innovative solutions with established Union level added-value between Member States, and in particular providing country-specific tailor-made assistance to the Member States, or groups of Member States, with the greatest needs, through the funding of specific projects including twinning, expert advice and peer support.

Creation of new ERNs, to cover rare, complex and low prevalence diseases, where appropriate, and supporting collaboration among ERNs to address the multi-systemic needs arising from low prevalence diseases and rare diseases and to facilitate diagonal networking between different specialities and disciplines.  
Stakeholder consultation activities.

## EU4Health Programme (2021-27) – other alternatives

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1. **Do you have ideas or any other suggestions** in view of achieving the specific objectives of the Programme and that would provide an EU added value?

- Yes  
 No

If YES, please use the format below to briefly describe other needs, challenges and the possible solutions to address them, that differ from the ones indicated in the previous section:

### Needs and Challenges

*500 character(s) maximum*

EU4Health is a welcome opportunity to build better resourced, equal and resilient health systems. However, to achieve its objectives and to improve all European's health, while responding to their needs, it is necessary to fully involve health civil society in the development and implementation of its Work Programmes (WPs). This can be achieved by ensuring budget allocation to operating grants (OGs) for civil society organisations (CSOs) and more meaningful involvement and consultation.

Description of solutions proposed including (1) objectives, (2) outcomes, and (3) EU added value (i.e. how the action brings value at EU level, which is additional to the value that would have been otherwise created by Member State action alone)

*1000 character(s) maximum*

Starting with the WP2022, we call on the EC to:

- Allocate DG SANTE human resources, attention and EU4Health funding to address information prevention and care of respiratory diseases, which are responsible for 1 in 8 deaths in the EU (without COVID19 deaths), cost more than €380bn a year in the EU, have been worsened due to COVID-19 and suffer from a persistent lack of priority.
- Restore operating grants for CSOs: abandoning OGs as a financing mechanism in favour of 'Action Grants' has devastating consequences for European CSOs, as it seriously reduces CSOs' capacity to support the achievement of many EU4Health's objectives as independent and expert key partners of the EU, able to reflect real-life perspectives of patients and citizens. For more details: [https://bit.ly/EU4H\\_Cons\\_CSOs](https://bit.ly/EU4H_Cons_CSOs)
- Ensure meaningful consultation with CSOs: essential to ensure the WPs will better respond to real needs for a more efficient use of the budget, leaving no disease areas nor population groups behind.

Relationship with the EU4Health objectives – to which specific programme objective is the proposed solution linked?

*at most 1 choice(s)*

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Size of investment (indicative budget in million €) and countries involved (acronyms)

*100 character(s) maximum*

More on how to overcome the respiratory disease crisis: <https://www.breathelvision.eu/vision-2030>

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