

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

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)

Private entities (profit or non-profit)

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 type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disease prevention & health promotion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Health systems & healthcare workforce	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Digital Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cancer	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input 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)

- Effective responses to communicable diseases, and in the prevention, surveillance, diagnosis and treatment of such diseases.
- Tools and platforms to collect real-world evidence on the safety, effectiveness and impact of vaccines after use.
- Initiatives to improve vaccination coverage rates in the Member States.

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.
- Audit Member States' preparedness and response arrangements, for example regarding health crisis management, antimicrobial resistance and vaccination.
- Communication to the public in the context of risk management and health crisis preparedness.

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)

- 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.
- 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.
- Preparatory activities and projects for the European health data space.

According to your experience, **which possible action (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 7?**

Please choose a maximum of one action from the list below:

at most 1 choice(s)

- Promote access to health services and related facilities and care for people with disabilities.
- Strengthen primary care and reinforcing the integration of care, with a view to providing universal health coverage and equal access to good quality healthcare.
- Promote access to sexual and reproductive healthcare and supporting integrated and intersectional approaches to prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care.

According to your experience, **which possible action (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 10?**

You can choose maximum one action from the list below:

at most 1 choice(s)

- Contribute to the objectives of the programme presented by the WHO, as the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations.
- Support collaboration among Union institutions, Union agencies, and international organisations and networks, and supporting the Union's contribution to global initiatives.
- Support collaboration with third countries as regards the areas covered by the Programme.
- Foster international regulatory convergence on medicinal products and medical devices.

EU4Health Programme (2021-27) – other alternatives

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

Vaccination is a primary prevention intervention that requires sustainable financing to ensure vaccines equitably reach all citizens across Europe. There is a significant lack of understanding of how immunization is financed and structured at all levels. To increase coverage rates and secure timely access to current and new vaccines, it is crucial to drive sustainable immunization financing for current populations and future needs and for the EC to support MSs to implement effective solutions.

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

While regional actors are actively engaged on the topic of immunization they provide little guidance on the topic of financing.

The EU should:

- 1) establish a stakeholder platform with MS where immunization programme financing and performance are discussed.
- 2) engage with all relevant parties (industry, civil society, health insurance and aid organizations) who can contribute to increasing knowledge and develop key guiding principles, which can support governments with limited capacity to find solutions that move the needs towards sustainable immunization financing in all populations. Although individual countries have their unique contexts, common challenges allow for greater conversation around shared or common solutions.

By exploring cross-sector and cross-country learning exchange, national authorities can address sustainable immunization financing challenges and achieve strong and growing immunization programs that will best protect the EU population now and in the future.

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

We invite to read the following report on the immunisation financing: <https://bit.ly/2XMXWmt>

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