

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)

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

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

The Association of European Cancer Leagues (ECL)

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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 checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Digital Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cancer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" 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)

Surveys, studies, collection of comparable data and statistics, methodologies, classifications, microsimulations, pilot studies, indicators, knowledge brokering and benchmark exercises.

Promotion and implementation of the recommendations of the European Code against Cancer and support the revision of the current edition of that Code.

Address health determinants, including reducing alcohol-related harm and tobacco use.

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 actions (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 8?**

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

at most 3 choice(s)

Studies and analysis, health impact assessment of other Union policy actions and the provision of scientific advice to support evidence-based policymaking.

National contact and focal points in providing guidance, information and assistance related to the promotion and implementation of Union health legislation and of the Programme.

Implementation and further development of the Union's tobacco control policy and legislation.

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.

Cross-border collaboration and partnerships, including in cross-border regions, with a view to transferring and upscaling innovative solutions.

Stakeholder consultation activities.

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

It is essential to have better cooperation and management across all levels of governance, from EU to local stakeholders. ECL, as other civil society organisations (CSOs), provides the EU with the perspectives of patients and citizens. To ensure that their voices remain heard and independent, two main tools are crucial: (1) transparent financial continuity from the EU, (2) streamline administrative processes because CSOs, as ECL, often work in small teams and resources must be invested wisely.

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

Operating Grants are needed to:

- 1) Protect the legitimacy of the EC and allow CSOs to be involved in the policy process so that the needs of patients and citizens are reflected in the EC's work.
- 2) Maintain cross-border networks to share ideas, experiences, and to finally contribute to the work of the Commission.
- 3) Avoid red tapes to small teams that rely on EU funds. CSOs are often made of a limited number of people and if the OGs become exclusively action grants, the workload will increase dramatically, and efforts would be redirected in applications for grants rather than investing resources in tangible activities.
- 4) Maintain the expertise, independence and flexibility of CSOs allowing the democratic representation of patients and citizens at an EU level.
- 5) Benefit from the same opportunities that CSOs active in fields other than health receive from their respective DGs.

For more details on the joint CSOs asks and position on EU4Health: <https://bit.ly/EU4HCSOs>

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

€~5mln - all eligible countries

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