EU4Health programme 2021-2027

Following the COVID-19 crisis, the European Commission has proposed a new health programme "EU4Health", which aims to make the EU population healthier, by strengthening the resilience of health systems and promoting innovation in the health sector. This new programme will also fill the gaps revealed by the COVID-19 crisis and ensure that EUs health systems are resilient enough to face new and future health threats.

The proposed budget is €9.4 billion, to invest in the following categories:

- Protecting people in the EU from serious cross-border health threats and improving crisis management capacity.
- Making medicines, medical devices and other crisis relevant products, available and affordable and supporting innovation.
- Strengthen health systems and the health care workforce, including by investing in public health, for instance through health promotion and disease prevention programmes and improving access to healthcare.

Eligibility rules:

Legal entities established in OCTs are eligible for funding like any other EU Member State (Article 14).

Examples of possible actions [Annex I of the proposal]:

- Country-specific tailor-made support and advice to countries, or groups of countries, with the highest needs, through twinning, expert advice and peer support, etc.
- Training and exchange programmes for medical and healthcare staff.
- Audits, e.g. of Member States preparedness and response arrangements (such as crisis management, antimicrobial resistance, vaccination) to ensure their effectiveness.
- Clinical trials to speed up the development, authorisation and access to innovative, safe and effective medicines and vaccines.

Implementation

The programme will be implemented through **multiannual work programme 2021-2027.**

These health priorities will also be addressed via other EU programmes, such as Horizon Europe or the Digital Europe Programme.

Further information

- EC's proposal for the EU4Health programme
- EC's factsheet
- EC's Questions and Answers on EU4Health

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