

# 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)*

Austria  
Belgium  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czechia  
Denmark  
Estonia  
Finland  
  
France  
Germany  
Greece  
Hungary  
Ireland  
Italy  
Latvia  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg  
Malta  
Netherlands  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Spain  
Sweden  
Non EU country

\* 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

European Hospital and Healthcare Employers' Association

4. Please provide contact email (optional)

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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 checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disease prevention & health promotion	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input 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 type="radio"/>	<input checked="" 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 action (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 5?**

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

*at most 1 choice(s)*

- Preparatory work for mobilising and training at Union level a reserve of medical, healthcare.
- Support staff to be mobilised in the event of a health crisis, in close collaboration with the ECDC, in synergy with other Union instruments, and in full respect of Member State competences.
- Exchange of best practices between existing national reserves of medical, healthcare and support staff.

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 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-sectoral collaboration and coordination.

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*

The EU4Health Programme should focus on initiatives facilitating MS to overcome workforce shortages and medical brain drain. While medical deserts are essential to achieve equal access to healthcare, the underlying factors are workforce shortages and brain drain. MS needs to recognise the importance of national self-sufficiency by investing in training, recruitment and retaining the health workforce.

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*

The objective would be to promote self-sufficiency of the healthcare workforce on a national level and making the health sector more attractive to work in. The outcome would be increased attention on health professions and their training, recruitment and retention. There is an EU- and national-level added value, first by addressing the increasing demands for healthcare due to demographic change, the concept of economy of well-being and EU cohesion policy. On a national level, the so-called “sending” countries are not losing the health workforce needed at the national level, contributing to eradicating medical deserts.

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*

Not directly Member States specific because the needs vary in every Member State.

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