EU4Health Programme

the Union's action in the field of health under the MFF 2021-27 - EU4Health WP 2026

Info Session on Operating Grants for Health NGOs

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What to fund: 4 General objectives trough 10 Specific objectives

EU4Health will provide the means and the instruments for delivering on the EU Health policy along ten key areas of intervention

Rules:

- **Min. 20%** allocated to *Health Promotion & Disease Prevention*.
- **Max. 12.5%** for *Procurement/Stockpiling* of essential crisis products.
- **Max. 12.5%** for *Global Health Commitments & International Initiatives*.
- **Max. 8%** for *Administrative Expenses*.

IMPROVE & FOSTER HEALTH

- Health promotion and disease prevention; cancer
- International health initiatives & cooperation.





PROTECT PEOPLE

- Prevention, preparedness & response to cross-border health threats;
- Complementing national stockpiling of essential crisis-relevant products;
- Establishing a reserve of medical, healthcare & support staff.



ACCESS TO MEDICINAL PRODUCTS & MEDICAL DEVICES

- Enhancement of availability, accessibility & affordability of medicinal products, medical devices and crisis-relevant products

STRENGTHEN HEALTH SYSTEMS

- Strengthening health data, digital tools & services, digital transformation of healthcare;
- Enhancing access to healthcare;
- Developing and implementing EU health legislation and evidence-based decision making;
- Integrated work among MS health systems.

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EU4Health work programme 2026

OVERVIEW OF FUNDING BY PROCEDURE

FUNDING	2026 Budget (in EUR)
Direct management	**625 157 039**
of which grants	270 020 000
of which procurement	352 547 039
of which for other expenditure	2 590 000
Indirect management (contribution agreements)	**55 527 703**
TOTAL	**680 684 742**

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Call for proposals for operating grants in 2027 to non-governmental organisations: financial contribution to the functioning of health non-governmental organisations implementing one or more specific objectives of Regulation (EU) 2021/522 (DG SANTE)

POLICY CONTEXT: NGOs' expertise and contribution will be of EU added value in relation to:

- The European Health Union;
- Health promotion and disease prevention across the life course;
- Reducing the burden of non-communicable diseases, helping to lighten the load on healthcare systems and supporting healthy longevity;
- Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, Mental health, and Safe Hearts Plan;
- Addressing risk factors, such as the use of tobacco, and to continue the work on anti-microbial resistance;
- Critical medicines;
- Demographic changes, in particular the ageing society;
- Sustainability of health systems, including affordable high-quality medicinal products, also in the cross-border context;
- European Health Data Space, with focus on artificial intelligence and genome sequencing capacities.

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OBJECTIVES, SCOPE AND ACTIVITIES:

- The **objective** is to facilitate the participation of **health NGOs** in activities that are necessary to **implement one or more specific objectives of the EU4Health Programme**.
- Operating grants should provide support to their **functioning in 2027 for activities** including:
  - awareness raising on various health aspects;
  - communication and dissemination;
  - capacity building and training; and
  - expert collaboration and networking.

- Activities proposed must comply with Commission Guidance on the funding for activities related to the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of Union legislation and policy.

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Specific action-level indicators for reporting purposes - Applicants must include data on the following specific action-level indicators in their regular reporting activities:

- Number of **staff** in NGOs participating to the actions supported that **contribute to the achievement of the EU4Health objective** (per specific objective)
- Number of **activities/actions supported** that **contribute** to the achievement of the **EU4Health objective** (per specific objective)
- Number of **outputs** (including access and download of the online materials) delivered **relating to awareness raising activities on various health aspects such as health literacy and health promotion** (by type e.g. factsheets and relevant literature, materials for teachers on health literacy, assistance and promotion of twinning with other European schools, etc.)
- Number of **outputs** (including access and download of the online materials) delivered **relating to communication and dissemination activities** (by type e.g., online materials produced, webpages published, manuals and tools produced on case studies, etc.)
- Number of **outputs** delivered **relating to capacity building and training activities** (by type e.g., capacity-building activities and training courses organized to reduce the impact of risk factors for non-communicable diseases, etc.)
- Number of **people/entities benefitting** of the actions supported that **contribute to the achievement of the EU4Health objectives** (per specific objective)
- Number of **people in vulnerable groups** actions benefiting of actions **supported that contribute to the achievement of the EU4Health objective** (per specific objective)

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EXPECTED RESULTS AND IMPACT

- **deliver on increased health literacy and health promotion, capacity building and networking, and contribute to the optimisation of healthcare activities and practices, by providing feedback from patients and facilitating communication with patients.**
- **demonstrate in their proposals the Union added value of their activities**
- **commit to deliver concrete results** such as: online materials, webpages, manuals and tools on case studies promoting health in schools, factsheets and relevant literature, materials for teachers on health literacy, and assistance and promotion of twinning with other schools in the Union capacity-building and training activities to reduce the impact of risk factors for non-communicable diseases; new approaches to promote healthy and sustainable diets; expert guidance and peer-to-peer connections; and collaborate in shared areas of activity.

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ELIGIBILITY (for all the details see call text)

- **Only last two years** - the proofs necessary to assess eligibility (statues, annual financial reports, annual activity reports, minutes of the last general assemblies, not-for-profit; independence of industry, commercial and business; public health area(..) See the full list in the call.

Co-funding - Exceptional utility

- **At least 30 % of the budget** of the operating grants is **allocated to activities in (one or more) Member States** whose **Gross Net Income** per inhabitant is **less than 90% of the EU average**

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INDICATIVE TIMETABLE, BUDGET, IMPLEMENTATION AND PROCEDURE TYPE

Call topic/sub-topic	Indicative call publication	Indicative Budget
Call for proposals – OA-g-26-91	Q4/2026	EUR 1 800 000
Procedure type	**Implemented by**	**Type of applicants targeted**
Open call for proposals (operating grants for 2027)	HaDEA	Health NGOs

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