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EU4Health Programme

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- COVID-19 crisis showed weaknesses
 - Shortage of pharmaceuticals, medical devices and medicines
 - Health systems under pressure
 - Manufacturing capability
- Underlying health inequalities
- Burden of non-communicable diseases, including cancer
- Need to improve prevention and control of diseases across borders

Programme Objectives

1. Protect people in the Union from serious cross-border threats to health
2. Increase availability in the Union of medicines, medical devices and other crisis relevant products, contribute to their affordability, and support innovation
3. Strengthen health systems and the healthcare workforce, including by digital transformation and by increased integrated and coordinated work among the Member States, sustained implementation of best practice and data sharing, to increase the general level of public health.

Tackling cross-border health threats



Ensure prevention, preparedness, surveillance and response to cross-border health threats



Build emergency reserves of medicines, medical devices and other health supplies



Establish a Union health emergency team to provide expert advice and technical assistance in case of a health crisis



Coordinate emergency health care capacity



Making medicines available and affordable



Make medicines, medical devices and other critical health supplies available and affordable for patients and health systems



Advocate prudent and efficient use of medicines such as antimicrobials



Support innovative medical products and greener manufacturing





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Strengthening health systems



Improve accessibility, efficiency and resilience of health systems



Reduce inequalities in accessing health care



Tackle non-communicable diseases such as cancer by improving diagnosis, prevention and care



Exchange of best practices on health promotion and disease prevention



Scale up networking through the European Reference Networks and extend it to infectious and non-communicable diseases



Support global cooperation on health challenges to improve health, reduce inequalities and increase protection against global health threats



Key Principles

- EU added value and impact key for all funding
- Foster health crisis resilience at EU, national, and population level
- Much more investment in health promotion and disease prevention, also delivered by health systems
- Increase manufacturing capability and resource quality and availability
- Increase EU solidarity and foster cooperation between Member States
- Better synergies between health funding sources from EU budget

Key Principles

- Fill gaps shown by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Address identified inequalities between countries, regions, population groups and citizens
- Support structural transformation of health systems to improve their effectiveness, accessibility and resilience
- Respect responsibility of Member States for organising and funding their health systems

Challenges

- Health Programme will represent one-third of all health investments of the next MFF - €10.4 billion.
- Need for strengthened synergies and coordination
 - Coordination between Member States (Steering group on promotion and prevention)
 - Coordination between programmes, tools and policies (Synergistic planning and implementation)
- Common objectives and standards (where possible)
- COVID 19 lessons learnt
- Outputs should improve systems for citizens, not just produce more papers

New Instruments and Possibilities

- Eligibility for the Programme:
 - Member States, EEA
 - Third countries associated to the Programme
 - Legal entities or any international organisations
 - Public sector bodies and non-governmental bodies (direct grants may be awarded without a call for proposals)
- Blending
 - Between grants and loans
 - Between the Programme and investment opportunities
- Co-funding between programmes
- Direct and Indirect management

Continuous Implementation through Synergies

- Reaching out to the MS
 - Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases (SGPP)
 - Managing authorities of the ESF+
 - Specific questions to Member States on specific actions
- Consultation with other services

Next steps

- Negotiations with the Council and Parliament
- Swift preparations for the implementation
- Consulting and involving the Steering Group on Promotion and Prevention (SGPP); meeting 2 July, further focused virtual meetings almost monthly
- Synergetic planning and implementation with other services and programmes including the European Investment Bank
- Consulting stakeholders through the Health Policy Platform
- Consulting individual experts at EU and national level

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