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INDICATIVE TIMETABLE, BUDGET, IMPLEMENTATION AND PROCEDURE TYPE

Call topic/sub-topic	Indicative call publication	Indicative Budget
Direct grants – CR/CV&NCD-g-25- 17	Q4/2025	EUR 5 000 000
Procedure type	Implemented by	Type of applicants targeted
Direct grant to Member States (joint action) in accordance with Article 198, paragraph 1, point (c), of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509	HaDEA	Member States' authorities

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Policy and context

- European and Italian context: 'Healthier Together'
- JACARDI and JAPreventNCD
- CVH Plan

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Objectives and scope

This joint action aims to reduce the burden of disease and improve healthy longevity, supporting and empowering citizens to lead healthier lives throughout the entire lifespan, including an active and autonomous elderly population. This will be achieved by means of a comprehensive, multi-sectoral and lifelong prevention approach to healthy longevity that supports the creation of effective opportunities to improve health for all and to reduce health inequalities in the Union.

The joint action will build on existing actions deriving from the 'Healthier Together' – EU Non-communicable diseases initiative, the joint actions **JACARDI** and **PreventNCD** and the policy priorities of the Union and Member States as identified under the priority-setting exercise of the PHEG.



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Activities will aim to support Member States in the preparation and implementation of prevention policies and programmes including early detection and screening, together with Member States, with a special focus on tackling major non-communicable diseases, with a focus on cardiovascular diseases. This will include:

- **identification of concrete actions to support national policies** by means of a structured approach addressing gaps and challenges with specific and efficient public health tools;
- **implementation of coordinated actions and approaches for health promotion and disease prevention** at national or Union level targeting the key public health challenges, **focusing on cardiovascular diseases**;
- **development of common tools and instruments**, such as plans, evidence-based policies and concrete actions, including innovative and ambitious practices, to address key challenges in a comprehensive, prevention-oriented manner;
- **development, piloting and implementation of approaches promoting the equitable access to treatment and care of non-communicable diseases, notably cardiovascular diseases.**

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JACARDI: Project overview

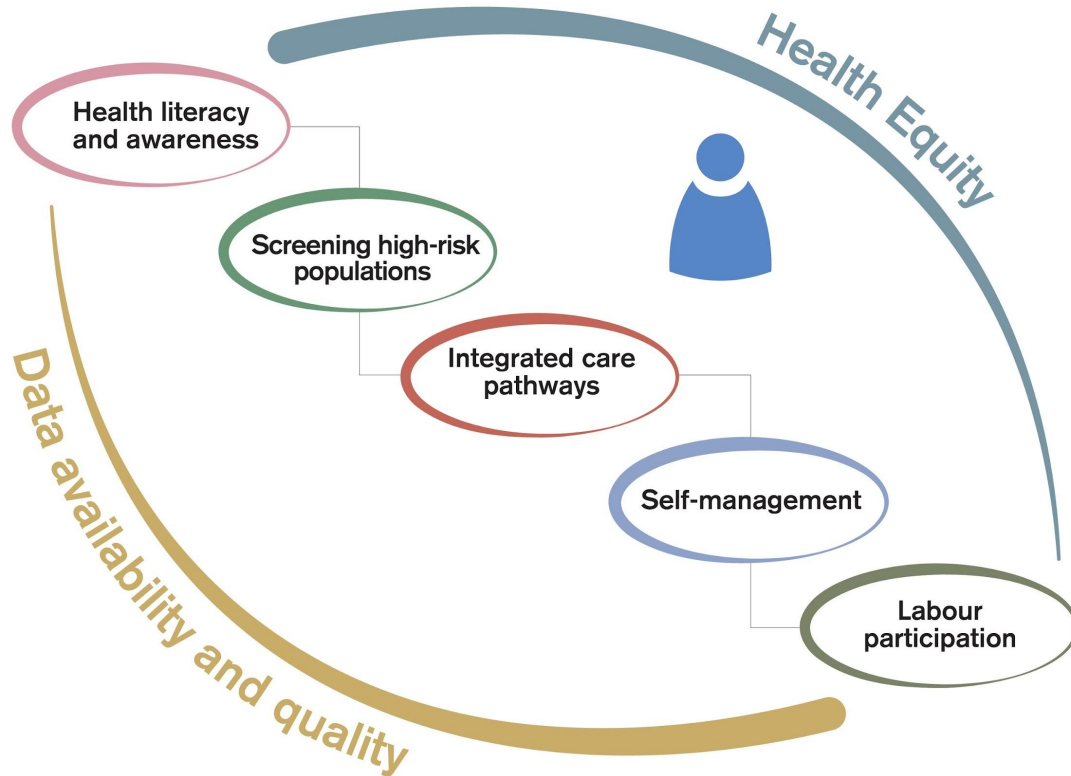
- Total budget: **€66 Million**
- Duration: **01 November 2023 – 31 October 2027**
- Coordinator: **Istituto Superiore di Sanità (Italy)**
- Number of European Countries: **21**
- Number of Partners: **81**
- Pilots to be implemented: **143**

- To **reduce the burden of CVD and DM**, both at individual and societal level, while assuring health systems **sustainability and equity**
- Enhance the **implementation of best practices**, and **pilot testing** of innovative practices

JACARDI's comprehensive approach involves **143 pilots projects across 18 European countries**, aiming to **implement best practices and innovative strategies** to reduce the burden of CVD and DM



A shared framework: the Patient Journey



- Health promotion and prevention
- Early detection and screening
- Integrated and continuity of care

CVD and diabetes within a single framework



Equity lens and tools

Critical reflection



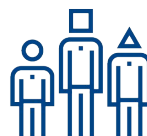
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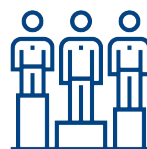
Co-design



Communications



The aim is to cross-cuttingly integrate cultural and ethnic diversity, other social determinants and commercial determinants in pilot actions



Explanatory framework

Glossary

Matrix tool

Expert consultations

Masterclasses



Some pilots directly **addressing racism in healthcare and health disparities among populations living in vulnerable situation** (e.g. migrants).

This level of integration should become a **standardized model across all EU health initiatives**



Screening and early detection

- Given this diversity, **a common EU initiative focused on legislative harmonization and strategic coordination** could strengthen preventive efforts, enhance early detection, and improve population health outcomes across Europe.
- JACARDI strongly recommends the **establishment of a centralized EU platform to guide screening programs** for CVD and T2D, ensuring scientific validity, data protection, ethical standards, and strategic coordination across Member States.
- JACARDI provides the basis for this platform**, following the steps outlined in the “Deciding on the implementation of screening activities”
- Include a **dedicated space for validated risk prediction tools**, enabling country-specific adaptation while maintaining scientific rigor and quality through accountability mechanisms.
- Assessing the impact of an ongoing screening initiative again **requires health registry data or data from health surveys**

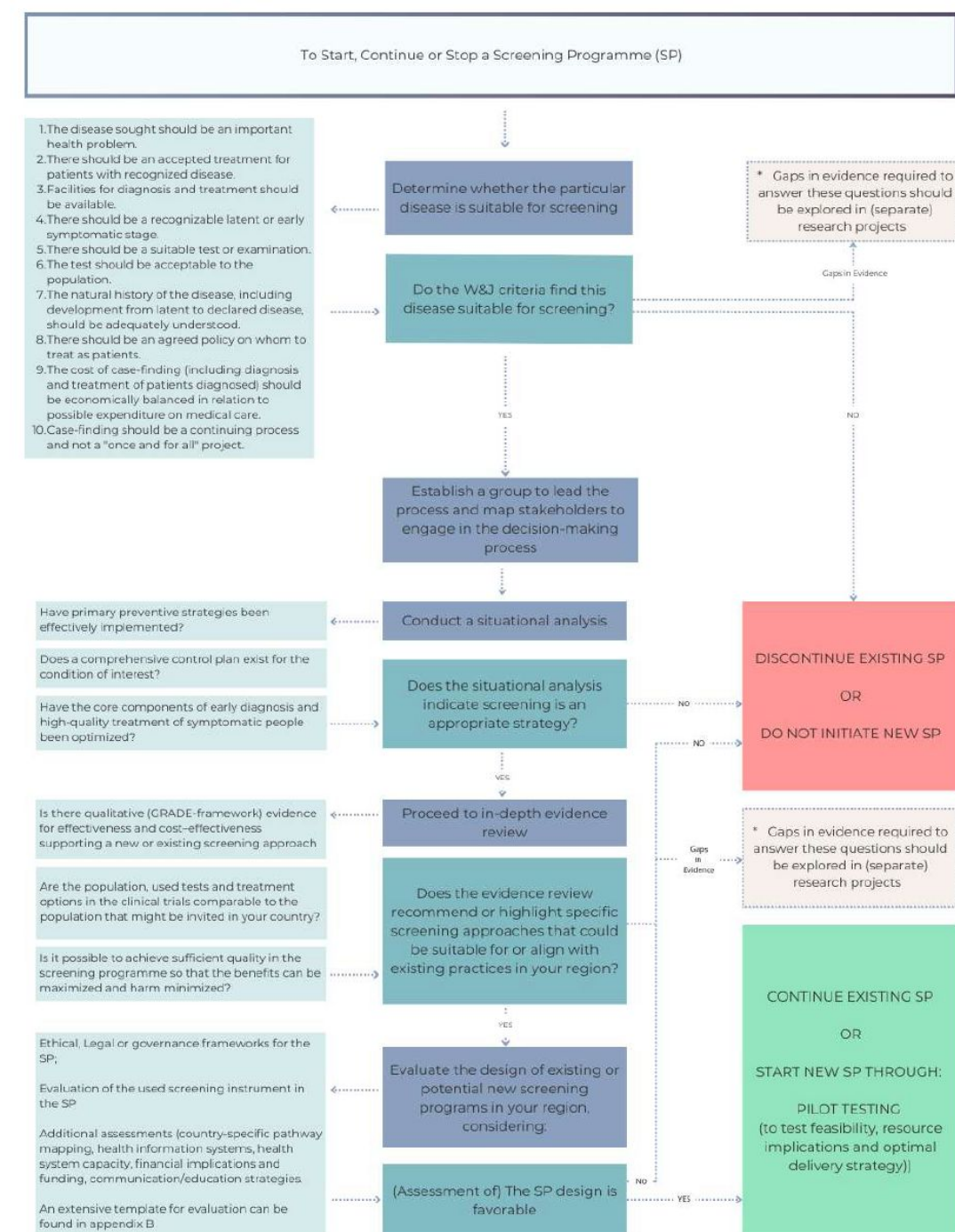


Figure 1 - Deciding on the implementation of screening activities

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Preliminary work:

- Establish contact with the core group (Spain, Belgium, Norway, Finland, and Hungary)
- Begin identifying key priority areas
- Ensure continuity with the work carried out under JACARDI, JAPreventNCD and the CVH Plan