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# Health Programme

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## EU4Health 2021-2027

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.

EU4Health, established by [Regulation \(EU\) 2021/522](#), will provide funding to eligible entities, health organisations and NGOs from EU countries, or non-EU countries associated to the programme.

Areas of action

With EU4Health, the EU will invest €5.3 billion in current prices in actions with an EU added value, complementing EU countries' policies and pursuing one or several of EU4Health's objectives:



Improve & foster  
health in the Union



Protect people in the Union  
from serious cross-border  
threats to health



Improve medicinal products,  
medical devices & crisis-  
relevant products



Strengthen  
health systems

The 10 specific objectives under the 4 general goals are:

1. To improve and foster health in the Union
  - disease prevention & health promotion
  - international health initiatives & cooperation
2. To tackle cross-border health threats
  - prevention, preparedness & response to cross-border health threats
  - complementing national stockpiling of essential crisis-relevant products
  - establishing a reserve of medical, healthcare & support staff
3. To improve medicinal products, medical devices and crisis-relevant products
  - making medicinal products, medical devices and crisis-relevant products available and affordable
4. To strengthen health systems, their resilience and resource efficiency
  - strengthening health data, digital tools & services, digital transformation of healthcare
  - improving access to healthcare
  - developing and implementing EU health legislation and evidence-based decision making
  - integrated work among national health systems

EU4Health will pave the way to a [European Health Union](#) by investing in urgent health priorities:

- the [response to the COVID-19 crisis](#) and reinforcing the EU's resilience for [cross-border health threats](#)
- [Europe's Beating Cancer Plan](#), and
- the [Pharmaceutical Strategy](#) for Europe

Other areas, such as health systems' [digitalisation](#), reducing the number of [antimicrobial-resistant infections](#) and improving [vaccination](#) rates will also be boosted.

The EU will expand successful initiatives like the [European Reference Networks](#) for rare diseases and continue to pursue [international cooperation](#) on global health threats and challenges.

Information about other tools, previous programmes and synergies and complementarities with other funds can be found [here](#) ,