

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

1. Please indicate your Member State, if applicable

at most 1 choice(s)

Belgium

* 2. These comments represent the views of:

at most 1 choice(s)

Private entities (profit or non-profit)

3. Please indicate the full name of the organisation, if applicable

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EU4Health Work Programme 2022 - strategic orientations and priorities

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 type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Digital Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cancer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" 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 actions (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 2?**

Please choose a maximum of three actions from the list below:

at most 3 choice(s)

Foster Union-wide health crisis prevention and preparedness, and the management capacity and response capacity of actors at Union and national level.

Training and educational programmes for the upskilling of healthcare and public health workforces, and temporary exchanges of staff, in particular with the aim of improving their digital skills.

Support upwards convergence of national systems' performance through health indicator development, analysis and knowledge brokering and the organisation of voluntary stress tests of national healthcare systems.

According to your experience, **which possible actions (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 3?**

Please choose a maximum of three actions from the list below:

at most 3 choice(s)

Actions and interoperable IT tools to monitor, prevent, manage, report and notify shortages of medicinal products and medical devices, while contributing to their affordability.

Stimulate the increase in the production of essential active pharmaceutical ingredients and medicinal products in the Union, including by diversifying supply chain production of active pharmaceutical ingredients and generics within the Union, to reduce Member States' dependence on certain third countries.

Enhance the availability, accessibility and affordability of medicinal products and medical devices.

According to your experience, **which possible action (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 4?**

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

at most 1 choice(s)

- Monitor information on national stockpiling activities regarding essential crisis-relevant products to identify potential needs for additional stockpiling at Union level.
- Ensure consistent management of stockpiling of essential crisis-relevant products at Union level, in a manner that complements other Union instruments, programmes and funds and in close coordination with relevant Union bodies.
- Procurement and supply of essential crisis-relevant products, which contribute to their affordability, in a manner that complements Member States' stockpiling actions.

According to your experience, **which possible actions (from Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/522) can be the most effective for achieving specific objective 6?**

Please choose a maximum of three actions from the list below:

at most 3 choice(s)

Deployment, operation and maintenance of mature, secure and interoperable digital service infrastructure and data quality assurance processes for the exchange of, access to, and use and reuse of data; supporting cross-border networking, including through the use and interoperability of electronic health records, registries and other databases; developing appropriate governance structures and interoperable health information systems.

Support the digital transformation of healthcare and health systems, including through benchmarking and capacity building, for the uptake of innovative tools and technologies such as artificial intelligence, and supporting the digital upskilling of healthcare professionals.

Establishment of interoperable electronic health records, in line with the European Electronic Health Record Exchange format in order to increase the use of e-health and improve the sustainability and resilience of healthcare systems.

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)

- Cross-border collaboration and partnerships, including in cross-border regions, with a view to transferring and upscaling innovative solutions.
- Cross-sectoral collaboration and coordination.
- Stakeholder consultation activities.

EU4Health Programme (2021-27) – other alternatives

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

Need for monitoring at EU level of potential or confirmed medicines shortages to provide a EU answer to the issue through existing national mechanisms. Too often, patients are deprived from access to medicines in their home country while the product is fully available in other EU countries. When a shortage is being signalled because the patient can not access the product, it leaves very little time and alternative to put together a contingency plans.

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 monitoring of shortages should be based on a early warning system for anticipated and existing shortages, involving all supply chain stakeholders, from manufacturers, full-service healthcare distributors (wholesale distribution authorisation holders), pharmacists to prescribers and the National Competent Authorities (NCAs). This structure should connect available national shortages monitoring systems which collect market signals from all supply chain stakeholders. Additionally, legislation should foresee the obligation of early notification of shortages by MAHs to full-service healthcare distributors (as well as to the NCAs), contributing to better stock management and supply.

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

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