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ABSTRACT

This document has been elaborated in the context of the Joint Action to increase the capacities of National Focal Points (JANFP4Health, Grant Agreement No. 101035965). It represents one of the key activities under the Action's Work Package 5, which aims to analyse current interactions between EU4Health NFPs and other EU funds and programmes at national level, and ultimately support the strengthening of national ecosystems capable of leveraging cross-programme synergies for health at the point of implementation.

This report provides an overview of current interactions between EU4Health NFPs and their national counterparts of other health-related EU funds and programmes in the participating countries as well as an initial analysis of strengths, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities arising from the identified interactions.

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List of Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition	
BM	Belügyminisztérium (Ministry of Interior, Hungary)	
DMCCDV	Bundesministerium für Soziales, Gesundheit, Pflege und Konsumentenschutz	
BMSGPK	(Federal Ministry for Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection, Aus-	
	tria)	
CEF	Connecting Europe Facility	
EMMI	Emberi Erőforrások Minisztériuma (Ministry of Human Resources, Hungary)	
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund	
EU	European Union	
GÖG	Gesundheit Österreich GmbH (Austrian National Public Health Institute)	
HaDEA	European Health and Digital Executive Agency	
HERA	European Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority	
HREUFP	Health-related EU funds and programmes	
JA	Joint Action	
JA NFP4Health	Joint Action on Increasing Capacities of National Focal Points	
LIFE	Programme for Environment and Climate Action	
MFF	Multiannual Financial Framework	
NCP	National Contact Point	
NFP	National Focal Point	
NGEU	NextGenerationEU	
REA	European Research Executive Agency	
SWOT	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats	
TSI	Technical Support Instrument	
UCPM	Union Civil Protection Mechanism	



1 Introduction

The **EU4Health programme** is the fourth programme of the European Union (EU) for action in the field of health, established by EU Regulation 2021/522. Adopted in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, it represents the most ambitious European Health Programme yet, providing substantial financial support to post-COVID-19 recovery efforts and the resilience of European healthcare systems as well as to the EU's preparedness in facing major cross-border health threats such as large-scale communicable disease outbreaks. In this scope, significant parts of the EU4Health programme support activities of the newly established European Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA). However, strengthening the compatibility of health systems and policies across the EU must reach beyond acute responses to current and future health crises, which is why the programme is likewise geared toward addressing long-term challenges in public health such as antimicrobial resistance, access to medicinal products, and non-communicable diseases (Regulation (EU) 2021/522, 2021).

EU4Health is covered under the EU's current budget, consisting of its 2021-2027 long-term budget (the multiannual financial framework, MFF 2021-2027) bolstered by NextGenerationEU (NGEU), a temporary recovery instrument that presents a novelty in the 2021-2027 budget period and does not directly feed into EU4Health allocations. In sum, the EU budget amounted to €2.018 trillion in current prices at the time of adoption, setting its sights on priorities such as research and innovation, climate and digital transitions, preparedness, recovery, and resilience. These strategic areas are supported by separate funds and programmes under the MFF, grouped into seven headings or expenditure categories, each dedicated to a specific policy area (European Commission, 2021b).

At the same time, **thematic synergies** exist between the different spending categories, and cross-cutting priority areas may receive funding from several funds and programmes. Thus, while the EU4Health programme constitutes the cornerstone of a common plan for action to implement health policies in the EU over the current seven-year period, other EU funds and programmes also offer opportunities for health-related funding under the MFF. The concept of **health in all policies** and the need to provide a broad response to health emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic highly justify a multi-programme approach, and with it comes a need to strengthen national ecosystems that can aid stakeholders to identify and leverage existing **synergies between EU4Health and other health-related EU funds, programmes, and initiatives (further referred to as HREUFPS)** at implementation level.

Since 2014, Member States and associated countries have designated National Focal Points (NFPs) to assist the European Commission in promotion of the EU Health Programmes, and to build capacity among national stakeholders so as to ultimately enhance engagement with the Programmes across all participating countries. With the significant extension of the Health Programme's content and budget in its fourth programming period, the role of NFPs in national dissemination, consultation, and capacity building has become even more crucial. The Joint Action on Increasing Capacities of National Focal Points (JA NFP4Health), supported by funding from the third EU Health Programme, aims to strengthen NFPs' knowledge and foster a consolidated and sustainable NFP network that can support Member States in achieving the health objectives established under EU4Health (JANFP4Health, 2022).

In the scope of the Joint Action, **Work Package 5: Support synergies with other health- related EU funds/programmes**, is focused on promoting interaction between EU4Health and other HREUFPs at national level, and aims to support NFPs in enhancing knowledge and utilisation of health-related EU funding synergies during implementation in their countries.



To this end, the Work Package will:

- analyse existing interactions between EU4Health and other HREUFPs at the national level as well as
 the state of play of regional/national strategies for the promotion of synergies, through a series of
 assessment activities,
- create for discussion to exchange best practices, identify common challenges and interface with relevant external stakeholders in a series of event activities, and
- **develop recommendations** for national strategies to optimize cross-programme synergies for health at implementation level, based on the state of play analysis.

Through these activities, Work Package 5 hopes to ultimately contribute to **strengthening national ecosystems for synergies in the field of health.**

Assessment activities under the Work Package commended in May 2022 with the survey to assess national networks. A questionnaire was circulated to all EU4Health NFPs to identify their present interactions with NFPs/National Contact Points (NCPs) or further relevant national counterparts for other EU funds and programmes. Results of the survey allow for an initial **mapping of current interactions** between EU4Health NFPs and other HREUFPs at national level, and the identification of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats based on the state of play.

In this report, we will first present the methodology used for the survey and subsequent SWOT analysis in chapter 2. Next, the survey results and outcomes of the SWOT analysis are discussed in chapter 3. Furthermore, limitations of survey and report are addressed in chapter 4. Finally, chapter 5 presents the main conclusions of the analysis.

The present report provides a **basis for identifying best practices and challenges** of national networks for health-related EU funding synergies through the presented SWOT analysis and serves as a first building block for following analysis activities under the Work Package.



2 Methodology

This chapter gives an overview of the methodology used in the present report. First, the design of the conducted survey is described. Subsequently, the instrument of the SWOT analysis is presented.

2.1 Survey to assess national networks

The **survey to assess national networks** was designed to examine current interactions between EU4Health NFPs and their national counterparts of other HREUFPs, and its circulation marked Milestone 11 of the JA NFP4Health.

The survey was developed by the partners holding the lead of Task 5.1 under the Joint Action (lead beneficiary: Bundesministerium für Soziales, Gesundheit, Pflege und Konsumentenschutz, BMSGPK; affiliated entity: Gesundheit Österreich GmbH, GÖG) in close cooperation with the partners holding the lead of Task 5.2 (lead beneficiary: Emberi Erőforrások Minisztériuma, EMMI, at the time of the survey; Belügyminisztérium, BM, in following).

It was carefully differentiated between the survey to assess national networks and other assessment activities within Work Package 5, i.e. the forthcoming **survey on synergies at national level**, to ensure the activities will logically build upon each other. Additionally, a draft version of the survey's questionnaire was circulated to the JA NFP4Health Executive Board comprising JA Task- and Work Package Leaders, and their feedback was incorporated into the final survey version.

To manage the complexity of this exercise, only those funds and programmes preliminarily identified through desk research as **key HREUFPs** were selected for inclusion in the survey. The identification of key HREUFPs in scope of the survey reflects the potential to realise health-related synergies at implementation level through the selected funds and programmes, e.g. in the context of actions on infrastructure, digitalisation, education, research, food safety and disease prevention. Key HREUFPs were identified taking into consideration funds highlighted by the European Commission as synergistic to EU4Health (European Commission, 2021a), the mapping overview of synergies with other programmes presented by DG SANTE on behalf of the EU4Health Task Force in scope of a breakout group on synergies & complementarities in health funding during the hybrid EU4Health Workshop on March 29th, 2022, and the feedback received by JA NFP4Health partners during development of the survey.

Additionally, respondents of the survey were encouraged to point out any funds and programmes which they deemed to be key HREUFPs but which had not been selected for inclusion in the survey, alongside reasoning as to why the proposed programme should be addressed in this context. Outcomes of the survey regarding additional relevant funds and programmes identified by respondents are discussed in chapter 3.2 of this report.

Selected funds and programmes included in the survey:

Heading 1: Single Market, Innovation and Digital

- Horizon Europe
- InvestEU
- Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)
- Digital Europe Programme
- Single Market Programme





Heading 2: Cohesion and Values

- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
- Technical Support Instrument (TSI)
- Union Civil Protection Mechanism (rescEU)
- EU4Health
- Erasmus+

Heading 3: Natural Resources & Environment:

- European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund
- Programme for Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

Heading 4: Migration & Border Management

• Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund

On 31st May 2022, the survey to assess national networks was sent by email to EU4Health NFPs and further relevant representatives taking part in the JA NFP4Health from **31 countries** (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Romania), among them EU Member States as well as non-EU countries associated to or interacting with the EU health programmes.

The survey documents comprised a questionnaire of 24 pages (included to this report as **Annex I**), as well as a background document elaborating on the context of the survey as described in chapter 1 of this report.

Respondents were asked to provide one set of answers to the questionnaire per EU4Health NFP per country, describing their present knowledge of and interactions with counterparts of other HREUFPs as well as their perception of challenges and opportunities in strengthening cross-programme interaction at national level.

Of the 31 countries queried for the survey, **22 countries provided a response**. Among the survey responses, three were received from non-member countries of the EU that do not participate in all HREUFPs included in the survey, impacting the reported interactions by their NFPs. Answers were received from Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Spain. Accordingly, the **survey response rate was approximately 71** %.

2.2 **SWOT** Analysis

A **SWOT** analysis was carried out to identify current challenges and future opportunities in the collaboration between EU4Health NFPs and the NFPs/NCPs or further relevant national counterparts of other HREUFPs.

The SWOT analysis, short for **strengths**, **weaknesses**, **opportunities**, **and threats**, is a widely used business analysis and development tool. It can be used to examine internal and external factors that most likely influence the performance of a business, organisation, project, or person (Harrison, 2010, pp. 91-97).

Internal factors include aspects an entity generally can influence, e.g. a business strategy or project management style. External factors, on the other hand, are circumstances in the entity's environment over which it has little or no influence. These include, for example, superior market forces or the introduction of new regulations at the state or EU level. On both sides, there are helpful and harmful factors to achieving an organisation's or project's desired objectives (Namugenyi, Nimmagadda, & Reiners, 2019).



For the purpose of this report:

- the desired objective examined in the SWOT analysis shall be defined as strengthening interactions between national counterparts of different HREUFPs in participating countries and enabling stakeholders to harness EU programme synergies for health at implementation level.
- factors of internal origin shall be defined as present characteristics and circumstances of individual NFPs and the national contexts in which they operate, which can be identified as helpful or harmful to strengthening HREUFP interactions and promoting synergies at national level.
- factors of external origin shall be defined as circumstances outside of individual NFPs and the national contexts in which they operate, which may support or hinder the strengthening of national networks for HREUFPs and harnessing of synergies at implementation level.

Commonly, a SWOT analysis is presented in a simple matrix, as shown in Figure 1.

	Internal origin	External origin
-qo	Strengths	Opportunities
Helpful to jective	Internal capabilities and positive factors relevant for the entity to achieve their objectives efficiently	External factors in the entity's environment that can be exploited to its advantage
ojec-	Weaknesses	Threats
Harmful to objec- tive	Internal factors that will most likely hinder the entity's perfor- mance and development in the de- sired direction	External factors that can nega- tively affect the performance of an entity

Figure 1: SWOT Analysis; Source: Brender McNair (2006)

The SWOT analysis conducted for the purpose of this report was systematically carried out based on the following steps, as modified from Namugenyi et al. (2019):

- 1. First, the authors determined the **objective** of the SWOT analysis to examine currently existing interactions at national level between EU4Health NFPs and their counterparts of other HREUFPs.
- 2. Next, the **current situation** of EU4Health NFPs with regard to harnessing cross-programme synergies and strengthening interactions with their counterparts of other HREUFPs was examined. This involved looking at external factors, such as EU regulations governing the various programmes, as well as the results of the survey to assess national networks to gain a comprehensive understanding of the internal state-of-play.
- 3. The **strengths** and **weaknesses** of currently existing interactions were identified and listed based on the information found.
- 4. Then, potential **opportunities** and **threats** to strengthening HREUFP-interactions at national level and improving capacity to harness programme synergies for health during implementation were identified and listed based on the information found.



Namugenyi et al. (2019) go on to describe two final steps, whereby in a fifth step **priorities for action** are identified based on the SWOT analysis elements, and in a sixth step a **strategy for improvement** of the given situation is developed on this basis. These two steps shall not be carried out to completion in this report but will be continued during forthcoming activities of Work Package 5 under the JA NFP4Health.

Building on the initial findings of the SWOT analysis contained in this Deliverable as well as on the forthcoming Deliverable 5.2 (Findings of the survey on synergies at national level), Work Package 5 activities will aim to crystallise priorities for action, and ultimately create a set of recommendations on national strategies that may facilitate the enhancement of implementation-level synergies between EU4Health and other EU funds and programmes (Deliverable 5.3, Recommendations on how to support knowledge management structures and enhance synergies during implementation), thus completing the final two steps of the SWOT analysis.



3 Results and Discussion

This chapter presents the survey results and discusses its outcomes. First, EU4Health NFPs' current knowledge of and interactions with national counterparts of the selected HREUFPs is presented in chapter 3.1. Next, chapter 3.2 explores with which funds and programmes EU4Health NFPs reported their most frequent interactions, as well as additional funds and programmes that respondents of the survey deemed to be key HREUFPs but that were not initially selected for the survey. Further, chapter 3.3 provides an overview of the respective relationships between the EU4Health NFPs and their country's national EU4Health representatives. Lastly, the results of the SWOT-Analysis are presented in chapter 3.5.

3.1 Interactions with selected HREUFPs

In the first section of the survey, respondents were asked to indicate whether there is a dedicated NFP/NCP for the selected HREUFPs in their country, or else another relevant national entity provides guidance and advice on the respective programme. Respondents also had the option to indicate that they were not aware of whether this was the case.

Next, the participating NFPs were asked to report if they are currently in contact with the relevant counterpart for this programme and to specify any ongoing interactions regarding each programme at the national level. Optionally, respondents could indicate plans for future interactions and describe which kind of interactions with each selected HREUFP they deemed most desirable in the interest of EU4Health stakeholders.

As shown in Figure 2, of the participating NFPs, nearly all were able to identify their national counterpart for Horizon Europe. Most NFPs also identified national counterparts for the Digital Europe Programme, Erasmus+, the European Social Fund+, the Programme for Environment and Climate Action, the European Regional Development Fund, and the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund. Moreover, half of all participating NFPs identified a national counterpart for the Technical Support Instrument and the Union Civil Protection Mechanism. On the other hand, less than half of all respondents identified a national counterpart for the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund, the Connecting Europe Facility, the Single Market Programme, and InvestEU. An overview of all national counterparts for other HREUFPs, as identified by the survey respondents, is attached in **Annex III**.

Figure 3 presents a summary of established contacts with national counterparts for other HREUFPs as reported by participating NFPs at the time of the survey. Again, a strong existing connection between EU4Health and the Horizon Europe programme at the national level becomes evident. To a lesser extent, the Digital Europe Programme and Technical Support Instrument stand out, with more than 30 % of the participating NFPs having established contact with their counterparts for these two HREUFPs.

Significantly lower percentages of reported established contacts were observed for the remaining funds and programmes. As summarised in Figure 4, these results indicate that the participating EU4Health NFPs have not (yet) established contact with all identified counterparts of other HREUFPs in their countries.

For three of the selected HREUFPs (European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund, Single Market Programme, InvestEU), none of the survey respondents indicated existing contact with relevant national counterparts. However, despite no established contact with counterparts of these programmes, NFPs still reported some ongoing interactions at the national level regarding each programme.



Is there a designated NFP/NCP or another relevant counterpart providing guidance at national level for this programme?

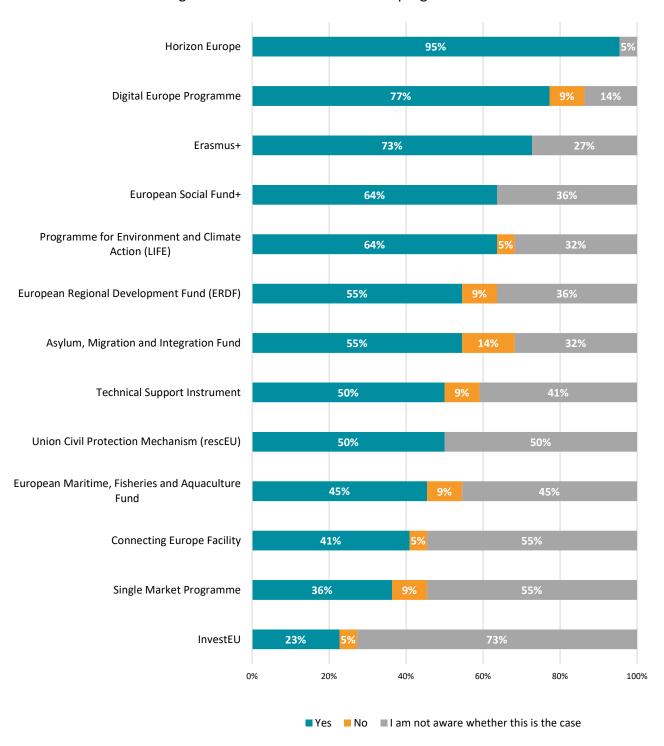


Figure 2: Identification of national counterparts for other HREUFPs by EU4Health NFPs in percentage of total respondents (n=22)



As EU4Health NFP, are you in contact with the national counterpart for this programme?

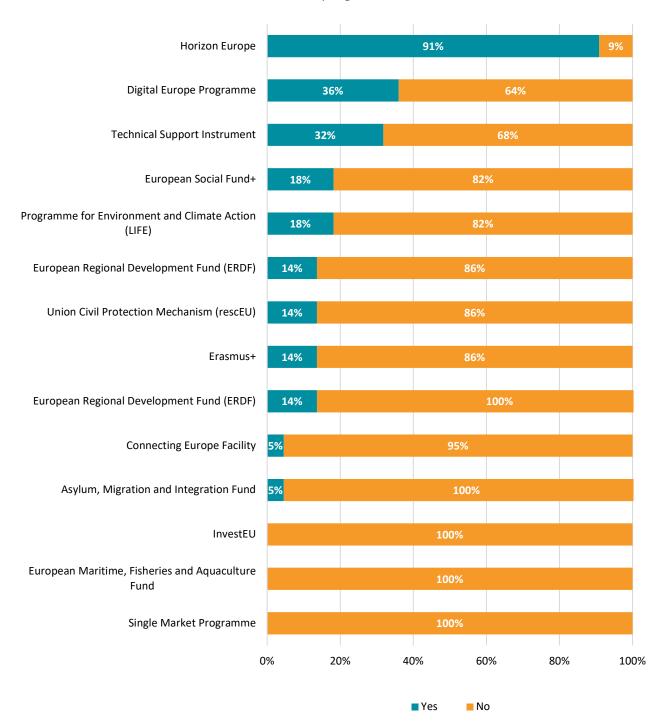


Figure 3: Reported contacts with national counterparts for other HREUFPs by EU4Health NFPs in percentage of total respondents (n=22)



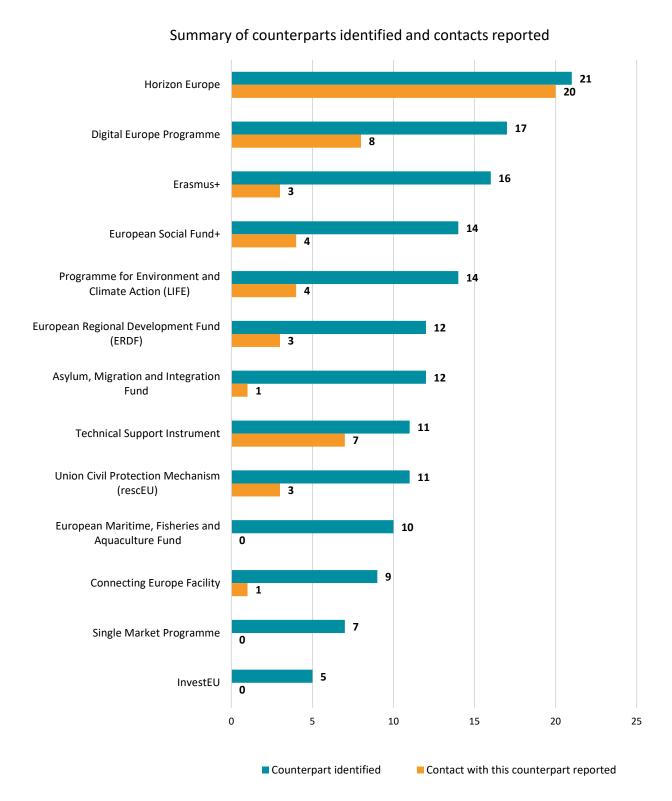
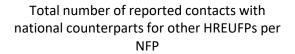


Figure 4: Summary of identified national counterparts and reported contacts by EU4Health NFPs in absolute numbers (n=22)





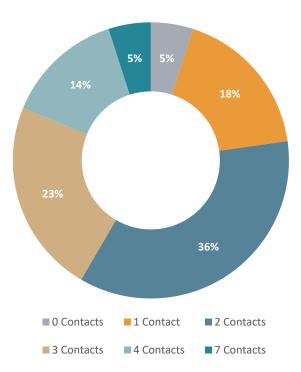


Figure 5: Total number of reported contacts with national counterparts of other HREUFPs per EU4Health NFP in percentage of total respondents (n=22)

Figure 5 summarises the number of established contacts with relevant counterparts of other HREUFPs per NFP.

Of the 22 survey respondents, one country (around 5%) reported no present contacts with any counterparts for the selected HREUFPs included in the survey. Four NFPs (18 %) reported contact with one other national counterpart among the selected funds and programmes. Most respondents (eight countries, i.e. about 36 %) indicated established contact with counterparts for two of the selected HREUFPs. Moreover, five countries (23 %) reported contact with the national counterparts for three of the included funds and programmes. Three NFPs (14 %) indicated contact with four counterparts of other HREUFPs. Finally, one country (5 %) reported contact with seven other national counterparts.

Regardless of contacts directly established with their national counterparts, NFPs were also asked to indicate all currently applicable interactions with the selected HREUFPs. In section 2 of the questionnaire, respondents could choose from a list of possible interactions. Furthermore, NFPs could describe other interactions, present or planned, that were not included in the survey's list of possible interactions. Lastly, re-

spondents were asked to identify the types of (future) interactions they deemed most desirable with each of the selected HREUFPs.

In the following sections, results for all interactions reported by the survey respondents (already existing, planned, or desired) are described in detail.



3.1.1 Horizon Europe

Figure 6 shows the types of interactions with Horizon Europe reported by the survey respondents. Results are presented in absolute numbers of countries that selected each interaction.

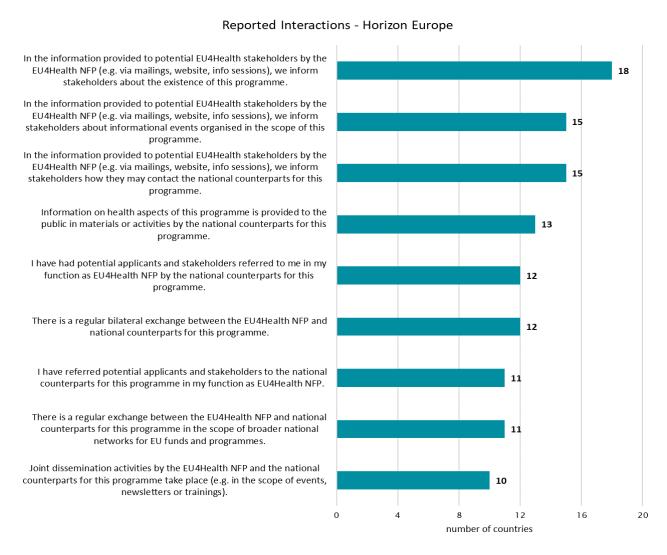


Figure 6: Reported interactions - Horizon Europe

Besides the ongoing interactions presented above, **other current interactions** and such not yet established but in planning were identified by the participating NFPs. Planned interactions mentioned by respondents include joint information and dissemination activities, notifications about open calls under this programme to EU4Health stakeholders, bilateral exchange with regional EU offices on the programme, exchange of information on the framework in which activities are conducted for stakeholders of this programme, cooperation in the scope of the Mission Cancer/Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, and gathering information via the websites of the national counterparts of Horizon Europe. One participating country indicated plans to set up



a cross-sectorial arena with national authorities for sharing knowledge and strategic discussions on participation in all relevant EU programmes.

Participating NFPs were also asked to state the **most desired (future) interactions** with their national counterparts for Horizon Europe. In this context, respondents most frequently mentioned a desire for **regular exchange and bilateral dialogue between the national counterparts**, and the **joint organisation of regular informational events**. Moreover, many respondents wished for the overall improvement of communication, especially regarding health topics and the health cluster within Horizon Europe, to identify synergies and better understand Horizon Europe's health aspects.

To disseminate all relevant information to stakeholders, the participating NFPs would appreciate receiving specific information and instructions on open calls under Horizon Europe. This could help them to support stakeholders in applying for funding for different programmes, and to determine which programme suits them best. Besides, survey respondents wished to have the opportunity to provide structured comments on the actions carried out under Horizon Europe, and to gain more insights into synergies across EU programmes in general.

Additionally, the participating EU4Health NFPs wished to share knowledge and best practices with this programme and its national counterparts, and interface with projects already funded under Horizon Europe. Respondents also expressed a desire to better understand the potential for co-financing opportunities between the two programmes to advise applicants accordingly.



3.1.2 Digital Europe Programme

Figure 7 shows the types of interactions with the Digital Europe Programme reported by the survey respondents. Results are presented in absolute numbers of countries that selected each interaction.

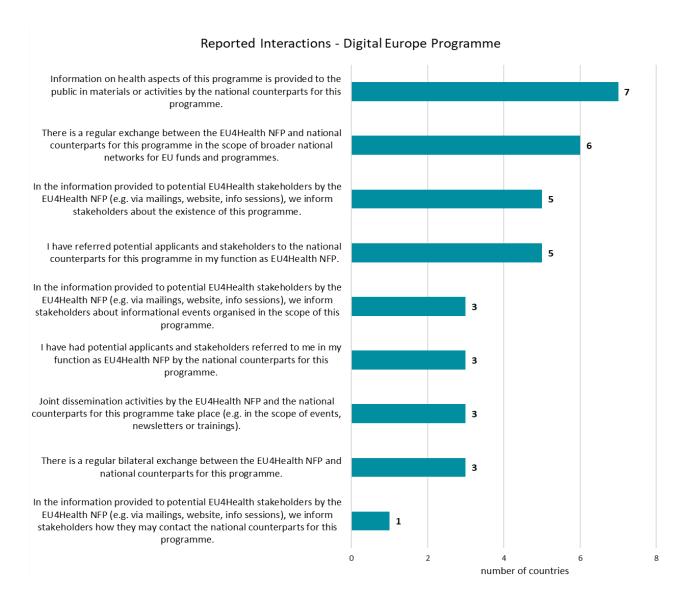


Figure 7: Reported interactions - Digital Europe Programme

Besides the interactions presented above, one participating country reported the establishment of a **joint info hub for both EU4Health and the Digital Europe Programme**. Some respondents indicated that interactions between the EU4Health NPF and national counterparts for the Digital Europe Programme are not yet appropriately established since the Digital Europe Programme has only recently been implemented in its current form. In one participating country, a regular exchange is expected in the future since there is a daily working relationship established with the relevant Member State's representatives of the e-Health Network.



One participating country indicated plans to set up a **cross-sectorial arena** with national authorities for sharing knowledge and strategic discussions on participation in **all relevant EU programmes**.

EU4Health NFPs most frequently mentioned regular bilateral exchange as a **desired (future) interaction** with national counterparts of this programme. Other desired interactions include knowledge sharing, implementation of joint workshops and informational events, receiving information about current and forthcoming calls under this programme, and discussing projects that have already been supported by Digital Europe to better understand funded actions and best practices under this programme.

Furthermore, one respondent remarked that the desirability of interacting with this programme at the national level, and the type of interactions that suit, have not yet been determined by this NFP as the potential for health-related synergies with the Digital Europe Programme are not sufficiently clear. Several responding countries would greatly appreciate receiving informational material on concrete possible synergies between EU4Health and Digital Europe.

Additionally, mutual referral of appropriate stakeholders and cross-referencing of each other's services, if concrete synergies can be identified, is desirable with counterparts of this programme for many responding NFPs.

3.1.3 Single Market Programme

Although none of the responding NFPs reported direct established contact with their national counterparts for this programme (see also Figure 3), there are still interactions concerning the health aspects of this programme in the participating countries. Accordingly, Figure 8 shows the absolute number of countries that reported the listed types of interaction with the Single Market Programme.

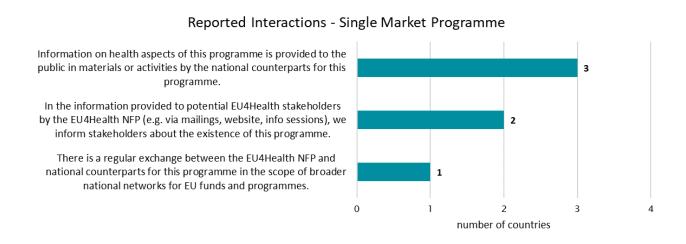


Figure 8: Reported interactions - Single Market Programme

Besides the interactions already taking place and presented above, some NFPs reported plans to establish a bilateral exchange with national counterparts of this programme.

As **most desired (future) interactions** with the Single Market Programme, respondents listed the identification of health-related aspects of the programme and their relevance for EU4Health stakeholders, as well as



establishing a dialogue regarding health aspects of the programme with relevant national and European actors.

In addition, many NFPs considered a regular bilateral exchange with national counterparts for this programme on health-related aspects, exchanging notifications about informational events, and cross-referencing each other's services to be desirable. Furthermore, strengthening public-private partnerships for developing innovative solutions in health and their transfer to the market was mentioned as a welcomed interaction with the Single Market Programme.

Some participating NFPs reported being unaware of this programme's health-related aspects, and thus either see no current need for interaction or have yet to consider engaging in interactions with this programme.

3.1.4 InvestEU

Figure 9 shows the types of interactions with InvestEU reported by the survey respondents. Results are presented in absolute numbers of countries that selected each interaction.

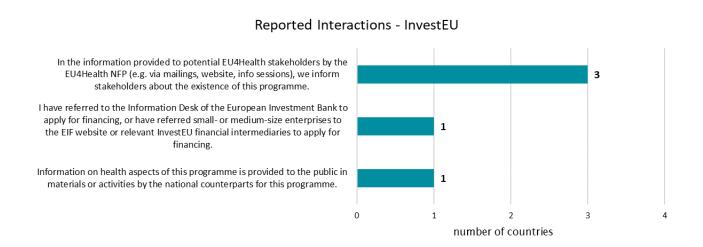


Figure 9: Reported interactions - InvestEU

As the **most desired interactions** with InvestEU, participating NFPs identified a regular exchange of information with relevant national entities, and a formal structure for communication on the programme's health aspects to better understand financing opportunities for health stakeholders under the programme at the implementation level.

By exchanging information about topics and procedures of InvestEU, NFPs could improve their capacity to give targeted advice to stakeholders on whether InvestEU financing or co-financing is suitable for them, and how the programme could complement EU4Health funding. The desired interactions reported by EU4Health NFPs with this programme aim at supporting enterprises and organisations in the healthcare sector in developing projects for health innovation, therefore improving the health sector's competitiveness.



3.1.5 Connecting Europe Facility

Figure 10 shows the types of interactions with Connecting Europe Facility reported by the survey respondents. Results are presented in absolute numbers of countries that selected each interaction.

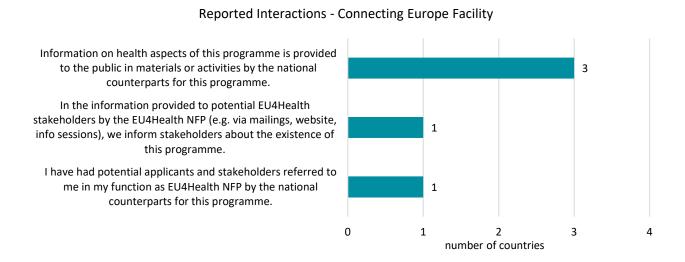


Figure 10: Reported interactions - Connecting Europe Facility

As the **most desired interactions** with this programme, participating NFPs identified a regular exchange of information about open calls, and the establishment of a formal structure for communication and information about health-related topics under this programme. Besides, an exchange on potential financing and co-financing options under this programme in relation to EU4Health is desired.

Some participating NFPs reported being unaware of this programme's health-related aspects, and thus either see no current need for interaction or have yet to consider engaging in interactions with this programme.



3.1.6 European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

Figure 11 shows the types of interactions with the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) reported by the survey respondents. Results are presented in absolute numbers of countries that selected each interaction.

I am aware of health-related projects implemented in my country under 12 INTERREG's cross-border, transnational or interregional programmes. I am in contact with organisations or institutions coordinating (health-related) activities under INTERREG programmes in my country I inform EU4Health stakeholders about health-related activities under INTERREG in my country, and/or I inform EU4Health stakeholders in general about open calls for projects under INTERREG in my country. Information on health aspects of this programme is provided to the public in materials or activities by the national counterparts for this programme. In the information provided to potential EU4Health stakeholders by the EU4Health NFP (e.g. via mailings, website, info sessions), we inform stakeholders about the existence of this programme. There is a regular exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme in the scope of broader national networks for EU funds and programmes. There is a regular bilateral exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme. In the information provided to potential EU4Health stakeholders by the EU4Health NFP (e.g. via mailings, website, info sessions), we inform stakeholders about informational events organised in the scope of this programme. In the information provided to potential EU4Health stakeholders by the EU4Health NFP (e.g. via mailings, website, info sessions), we inform stakeholders how they may contact the national counterparts for this programme.

Reported Interactions - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

Figure 11: Reported interactions - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

In addition to the interactions presented above, in one participating country representatives of the EU4Health NFP attend meetings of the committee that coordinates prioritisation and implementation of this fund at the national level and acts as NCP for the fund.

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As the **most desired (future) interaction** with this programme, participating NFPs identified a closer alignment on opportunities for health topics and priorities under the programme at the national level. That includes forwarding information about calls and projects implemented under the programme in the field of health, and more information on opportunities for transnational collaboration through projects under this programme. Furthermore, many NFPs wished for a formal structure for communication with national

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counterparts for this programme, regular meetings, and updates on available support. One survey respondent also wished for the support of regions in developing intelligent specialisation strategies focusing on health.

Some participating NFPs reported being unaware of this programme's health-related aspects, and thus either see no current need for interaction or have yet to consider engaging in interactions with this programme.

The ERDF also contributes to programmes under the INTERREG instrument, which is aimed at supporting territorial cooperation and has the potential to transfer innovations to the local or regional level. Therefore, the NFPs for EU4Health were asked to further indicate their interaction with the INTERREG instrument and its regional cross-border programmes. Figure 12 presents the types of interactions with INTERREG reported by the survey respondents. Results are presented in absolute numbers of countries that selected each interaction.

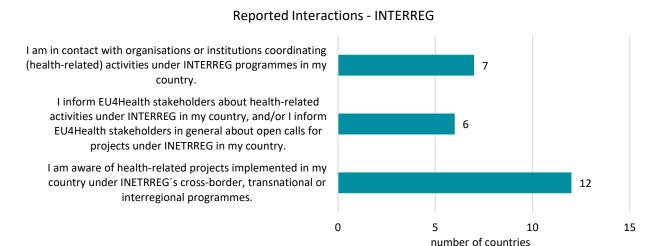


Figure 12: Reported interactions - INTERREG



3.1.7 Technical Support Instrument (TSI)

Figure 13 shows the types of interactions with the Technical Support Instrument reported by the survey respondents. Results are presented in absolute numbers of countries that selected each interaction.

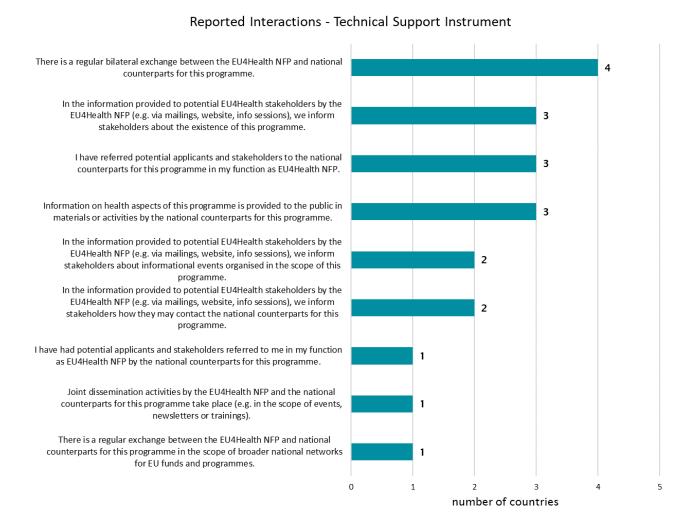


Figure 13: Reported Interactions - Technical Support Instrument

Besides the interactions presented above, some respondents mentioned their participation in informational events organised by the NCPs and national coordinating bodies for the TSI as an interaction that is already taking place.

Furthermore, one participating NFP plans to disseminate information on health-related activities and priorities under the instrument to EU4Health stakeholders more regularly and seek bilateral exchange on health-related synergies under the instrument with its national counterparts. Some NFPs also reported that their country has already participated in health-related projects supported by the TSI.



The **most desired interactions** with this programme are the bilateral exchange with national counterparts of the instrument on health-related synergies, the dissemination of information about available support for the programme, and the establishment of a formal structure of communication on the national level. Moreover, cross-referencing between the EU4Health NFPs and TSI counterparts was mentioned as a desirable interaction.

3.1.8 European Social Fund+

Figure 14 shows the types of interactions with the European Social Fund+ reported by the survey respondents. Results are presented in absolute numbers of countries that selected each interaction.

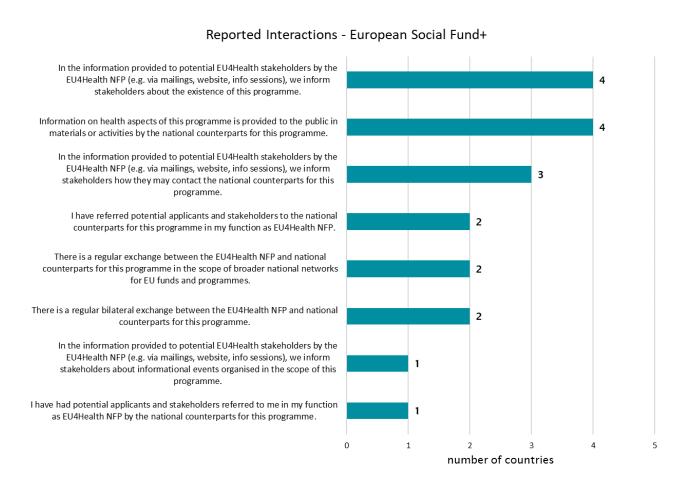


Figure 14: Reported interactions - European Social Fund+

In addition to the existing interactions, some participating countries plan a bilateral exchange with counterparts of the implementing bodies to gain a deeper understanding of the health-related activities and opportunities under the programme.



The **most desired (future) interactions** with this programme are bilateral exchanges to increase the capacity of NFPs to advise EU4Health stakeholders on this HREUFP, exchange of information on forthcoming open calls in the health field under the programme, a formal structure for communication, joint informational events, and targeted dissemination of relevant support on health topics under the programme.

Some participating NFPs reported being unaware of this programme's health-related aspects, and thus either see no current need for interaction or have yet to consider engaging in interactions with this programme.

3.1.9 **Erasmus+**

Figure 15 shows the types of interactions with Erasmus+ reported by the survey respondents. Results are presented in absolute numbers of countries that selected each interaction.

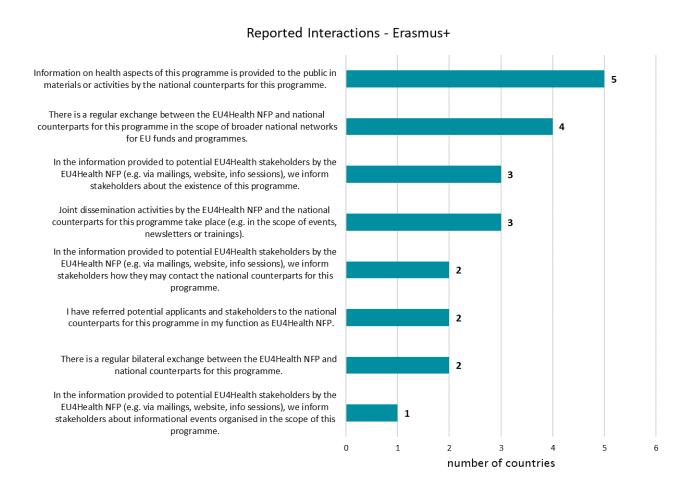


Figure 15: Reported Interactions - Erasmus+

Several participating NFPs reported being unaware of this programme's health-related aspects, and thus either see no current need for interaction or have yet to consider engaging in interactions with this programme.



However, some respondents also indicated that an exchange of information on opportunities for health-related activities under this programme, creating a formal structure for communication with counterparts of this programme, and the dissemination of information about possible synergies with EU4Health would be desirable interactions.

3.1.10 Union Civil Protection Mechanism (rescEU)

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Reported Interactions - Union Civil Protection Mechanism rescEU Information on health aspects of this programme is provided to the public in materials or activities by the national counterparts for this programme. In the information provided to potential EU4Health stakeholders by the EU4Health NFP (e.g. via mailings, website, info sessions), we inform stakeholders how they may contact the national counterparts for this programme. In the information provided to potential EU4Health stakeholders by the EU4Health NFP (e.g. via mailings, website, info sessions), we inform stakeholders about the existence of this programme. In the information provided to potential EU4Health stakeholders by the EU4Health NFP (e.g. via mailings, website, info sessions), we inform stakeholders about informational events organised in the scope of this programme. I have had potential applicants and stakeholders referred to me in my function as EU4Health NFP by the national counterparts for this programme. I have referred potential applicants and stakeholders to the national counterparts for this programme in my function as EU4Health NFP. Joint dissemination activities by the EU4Health NFP and the national counterparts for this programme take place (e.g. in the scope of events. newsletters or trainings). There is a regular exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme in the scope of broader national networks for EU funds and programmes. There is a regular bilateral exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme. 0 number of countries

Figure 16: Reported interactions - Union Civil Protection Mechanism rescEU

Besides the presented interactions, several participating countries stated that there is already a regular exchange of know-how and reporting between relevant (health-)stakeholders and the national counterparts for this programme at the national level. In addition, several national organisations facilitate interactions with this programme in one participating country, resulting in exchanges on multiple levels.



As the **most desired (future) interactions** with this programme, NFPs identified the exchange of information on synergies and the available support under this programme to better understand the range of support instruments and co-financing available in risk management. Several respondents expressed interest in implementing (national) networks with relevant stakeholders of this programme to facilitate access to the support instrument and mobilise actors in health preparedness.

3.1.11 European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund

Figure 17 shows the types of interactions with the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund reported by the survey respondents. Results are presented in absolute numbers of countries that selected each interaction.

Although none of the responding NFPs reported direct established contact with their national counterparts for this programme (see also Figure 3), there are still interactions concerning potential health aspects of this programme in the participating countries. Accordingly, Figure 17 shows the number of countries that reported the listed types of interaction with the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund.

Information on health aspects of this programme is provided to the public in materials or activities by the national counterparts for this programme. In the information provided to potential EU4Health stakeholders by the EU4Health NFP (e.g. via mailings, website, info sessions), we inform stakeholders about the existence of this programme. There is a regular exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme in the scope of broader national networks for EU funds and programmes. 0 1 2 3 4 number of countries

Figure 17: Reported interactions - European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund

Again, some participating NFPs reported being unaware of this programme's health-related aspects, and thus either see no current need for interaction or have yet to consider engaging in interactions with this programme. At the same time, some respondents are planning to cooperate more closely with counterparts of this fund or reported a desire for strengthened interaction.

The **most desired (future) interactions** with this fund are exchanging information on open calls in health ecology and water safety, the creation of a formal structure for communication between EU4Health and this fund, regular updates on relevant support instruments at the intersection of health and maritime topics, and meetings to discuss synergies with EU4Health.



3.1.12 Programme for Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

Figure 18 shows the types of interactions with the programme for Environment and Climate Action LIFE reported by the survey respondents. Results are presented in absolute numbers of countries that selected each interaction.

Information on health aspects of this programme is provided to the public in materials or activities by the national counterparts for this programme. In the information provided to potential EU4Health stakeholders by the EU4Health NFP (e.g. via mailings, website, info sessions), we inform stakeholders about informational events organised in the scope of this programme. In the information provided to potential EU4Health stakeholders by the EU4Health NFP (e.g. via mailings, website, info sessions), we inform stakeholders how they may contact the national counterparts for this programme. In the information provided to potential EU4Health stakeholders by the EU4Health NFP (e.g. via mailings, website, info sessions), we inform stakeholders about the existence of this programme. There is a regular exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme in the scope of broader national networks for EU funds and programmes. There is a regular bilateral exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme. I have had potential applicants and stakeholders referred to me in my function as EU4Health NFP by the national counterparts for this programme. I have referred potential applicants and stakeholders to the national counterparts for this programme in my function as EU4Health NFP. Joint dissemination activities by the EU4Health NFP and the national counterparts for this programme take place (e.g. in the scope of events, newsletters or trainings). 0 1

Reported Interactions - Programme on Environment and Climate Action LIFE

Figure 18: Reported interactions - Programme on Environment and Climate Action LIFE

In addition to existing interactions, several countries are planning bilateral exchanges with their national counterpart on the health aspects of this programme.

number of countries

The most desired (future) interactions are the bilateral exchange with national counterparts for this programme regarding health aspects of the LIFE programme, cross-referencing of EU4Health and LIFE in each other's informational activities, the dissemination of information on and instructions for the application for



relevant calls, and a formal communication structure between EU4Health NFPs and their counterparts for this programme.

Some participating NFPs reported being unaware of this programme's health-related aspects, and thus either see no current need for interaction or have yet to consider engaging in interactions with this programme.

3.1.13 Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund

Figure 19 shows the types of interactions with the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund reported by the survey respondents. Results are presented in absolute numbers of countries that selected each interaction.

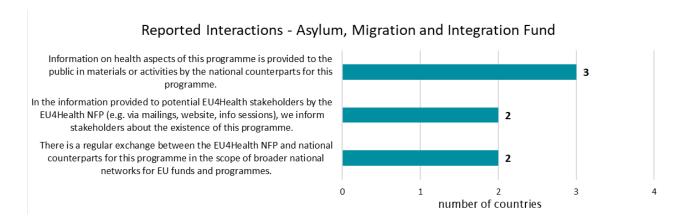


Figure 19: Reported Interactions - Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund

Besides the presented interactions, some countries report establishing limited interactions with this fund specifically in relevant cases.

The **most desired (future) interactions** with this programme are exchanging information regarding open calls focused on vulnerable groups, a formal communication structure with national counterparts, and discussing possible synergies between this fund and EU4Health.

Some participating countries reported being unaware of this programme's health-related aspects, and thus either see no current need for interaction or have yet to consider engaging in interactions with this fund.



3.2 Most frequent interactions and additional funds and programmes

After specifying their current interactions with each selected HREUFP, the participating NFPs were asked to indicate which two programmes they interact with most frequently, or which two are the most explored at national level in their country. In addition, they were asked to add keywords describing topics of (health-related) collaboration with the chosen programmes. Seventeen out of 22 survey respondents responded to this question. Table 1 shows the HREUFPs with which the participating NFPs interact most frequently in descending order.

FUND/PROGRAMME

KEYWORDS/TOPICS OF COLLABORATION

HORIZON EUROPE (15 MENTIONS)	research in the strand health, funding possibilities for companies and academia, investments in health, digital health, digitalisation, medicinal products, NCDs, cancer, disease prevention, planetary health, mental health, HTA, information on the structure of national participation in the programme, marketing for health innovations
EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND+ (4 MENTIONS)	Equality, vulnerable groups, social inclusion, health inequalities, health promotion and disease prevention, professional skills for health workers, health-related poverty
DIGITAL EUROPE PROGRAMME (3 MENTIONS)	digitalisation, European Health Data Space, artificial intelligence (including TEFs), information on the structure of the national participation in the programme
TECHNICAL SUPPORT INSTRUMENT (2 MENTIONS)	project management and advisory in the health area, access to medicinal products, economic and social resilience, person-centred integrated care
EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (2 MENTIONS)	funding of investments in health care institutions, cooperation on projects
ERASMUS+ (1 MENTION)	education, health promotion
CONNECTING EUROPE FACILITY (1 MENTION)	digitalisation
RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FUND (1 MENTION)	digitalisation, health research

Table 1: HREUFPs with the most frequent interactions by EU4Health NFPs (n=17)



Survey respondents were also encouraged to indicate any additional funds and programmes they deemed key HREUFPs that were not initially included in the survey. Although the question was mainly targeted at further European funds and programmes under the EU MFF 2021-2027, some survey respondents also pointed out national or regional funds and programmes relevant to EU4Health stakeholders in their country. All responses are summarised in Table 2.

COUNTRY	FUND/PROGRAMME	INDICATED RELEVANCE
AUSTRIA	Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)	Possible thematic overlap for activities promoting citizen engagement and participation in (public) health, and addressing inequalities in the field of health
FRANCE	European Support Instrument (ESI)	Activities (i.e. wastewater analysis capacity) in line with COVID-19 disease management
LATVIA	European Equity Fund	-
	Norway Fund for Bilateral Relations	
THE NETHERLANDS	ZonMW (national subsidy provider on health)	Overlap with EU4Health topics
	NOW (national science subsidy organisation)	
	KWF (national organisation for the subsidy and promotion of cancer research)	

Table 2: Additional relevant HR(EU)FPs identified by EU4Health NFPs (n=4)

3.3 EU4Health national representation

To examine characteristics of EU4Health NFPs that may help or hinder the feasibility of establishing effective national networks for the promotion of cross-programme synergies, participating NFPs were also asked to describe their relationship with their country's national EU4Health representatives.

Section 3 of the survey to assess national networks asked respondents to indicate whether the function of EU4Health NFP and membership of the EU4Health Steering Group and Programme Committee are situated within the same institution in their country. If not, they were asked to indicate which other institution holds membership in the Steering Group and Programme Committee. In addition, NFPs who do not themselves also carry out national representation for EU4Health were asked to indicate whether there is a regular exchange between them and their EU4Health national representatives.



As shown in Figure 21, 12 NFPs or their hosting organisations among the 22 respondents hold a seat on the Steering Group and Programme Committee (approx. 55 % of respondents). In nine countries (41 %), the Steering Group and Programme Committee membership is held by a different institution than the NFP's host organisation. In the case of one NFP (4 %), a unique situation is applicable, whereby the host organisation of the NFP is represented in the Steering Group together with their Ministry of Health, but only the latter is represented in the Programme Committee.

Are the EU4Health NFP function and membership of the EU4Health Steering Group and Programme Committee held by the same institution?

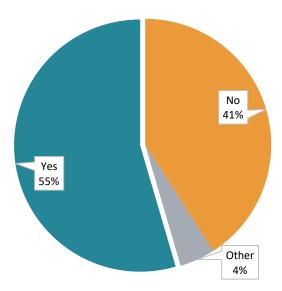


Figure 21: Location of NFPs and EU4Health national representation in percentage of total respondents (n=22)

If No, is there a regular exchange between the EU4Health NFP and Member(s) of the EU4Health Steering Group and Programme Committee?

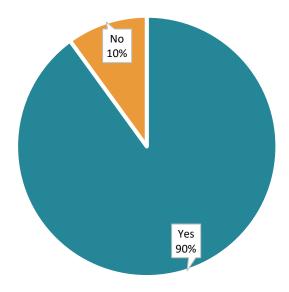


Figure 20: Exchange between NFPs and EU4Health national representation in percentage of total respondents (n=10)

As illustrated in Figure 20, out of the ten respondents who indicated that the NFP function and membership of the Steering Group and Programme Committee are not, or not fully, situated within the same institution, 9 (90 %) indicated that a regular exchange between the NFP and their national EU4Health representatives takes place. Only one respondent (10 %) indicated this is not the case.

Table 3 provides an overview of the organisations hosting EU4Health NFPs and enacting EU4Health representation in the respondents' countries.



COUNTRY	NFP HOST ORGANISATION	EU4HEALTH NATIONAL REPRESENTA- TION
AUSTRIA	Gesundheit Österreich GmbH, the Austrian National Public Health Institute	Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health Care and Consumer Protec- tion
BELGIUM	Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Envi- ronment	Same as NFP
CROATIA	Croatian Institute of Public Health	Ministry of Health
CZECH REPUBLIC	Department of European Funds and Investment Development, Ministry of Health	Same as NFP
DENMARK	Danish Health Authority	Ministry of Health
FINLAND	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Department for Com- munities and Functional Ca- pacity	Same as NFP
FRANCE	Ministry for Health and Pre- vention	Same as NFP
GERMANY	PD – Berater der öffentlichen Hand GmbH (Public Sector Consultancy)	Federal Ministry of Health
HUNGARY	Ministry of Interior	Same as NFP
ICELAND	Directorate of Health	Ministry of Health
IRELAND	Health Research Board	Ministry of Health
ITALY	Ministry of Health, Depart- ment of Prevention and Com- munication	Same as NFP
LATVIA	Ministry of Health	Same as NFP
LITHUANIA	Ministry of Health, Health Pro- motion Department	Same as NFP
NETHERLANDS	Netherlands Enterprise Agency	Ministry of Health
NORWAY	Directorate for Health, De- partment of Global Health	The Directorate of Health is represented in the Steering Group together with the Ministry of Health and Care Services, but only the latter is represented in the Programme Committee.
POLAND	Ministry of Health, Depart- ment of International Cooper- ation	Same as NFP



PORTUGAL	Ministry of Health, Direc- torate-General of Health, Cen- tral Administration of the Health System	Same as NFP
SERBIA	Ministry of Health	No Membership in the EU4Health Steering Group or Programme Com- mittee
SLOVAKIA	Ministry of Health	Same as NFP
SLOVENIA	Ministry of Health	Same as NFP
SPAIN	International Research Pro- grammes, Instituto de Salud Carlos III	Ministry of Health

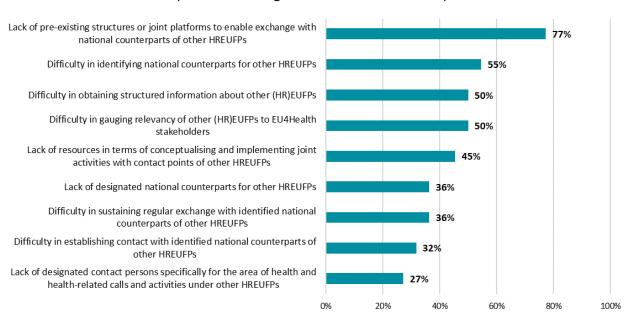
Table 3: NFP host organisations and EU4Health national representation

3.4 Challenges and opportunities

To identify challenges in strengthening interactions between EU4Health NFPs and national counterparts of other HREUFPs, respondents were given a list of options describing potential challenges in section 2 of the survey to assess national networks. Additionally, participating NFPs had the opportunity to indicate further challenges not covered by the list of options. To identify opportunities in promoting synergies and extending collaborations with other HREUFPs at national level, respondents were asked to describe strengths and favourable conditions present in their country regarding interactions between EU4Health and other HREUFPs.

Figure 22 summarises the challenges reported by participating NFPs out of the list of options provided in the survey.





Reported Challenges in Interaction and Cooperation

Figure 22: Reported challenges in interaction and cooperation in percentage of total respondents (n=22)

Besides the challenges reported above, respondents identified further challenges not covered by the list of options provided in the questionnaire. The **main additional challenges** mentioned by respondents were a lack of resources and continuity in NFP strategy and personnel over time as well as frequent institutional changes, resulting in difficulties for NFPs to perform their tasks consistently and to establish contact with other relevant programmes. Respondents also reported challenges in obtaining timely information on other HREUFPs. Although there are websites and events providing information on the individual programmes, joint informational events as well as platforms for structured cross-programme exchange with NFPs/NCPs and other counterparts at national and European levels would be desirable to address this challenge.

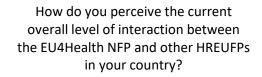
Participating NFPs also reported the occurrence of challenges in obtaining timely information regarding EU4Health, impacting their ability to provide such information to national counterparts of other programmes. Some respondents indicated that as relevant information on EU4Health sometimes only becomes available to them at short notice, this presents a hindrance to informing and collaborating with counterparts of other programmes. Another challenge identified by many participating countries is a need for more visibility of EU4Health and its NFPs at the national level, as a currently low national visibility of the programme and its NFP limits opportunities for interaction with other HREUFPs.

One of the main strengths identified by respondents of the survey centres on good practice examples of utilising synergies between the EU health programmes and other HREUFPs to address national and European health priorities. Existing projects that have successfully utilised synergies at implementation level in the past may serve to inform interactions between NFPs and their counterparts of other programmes and improve national strategies to promote synergies.

Additionally, in several participating countries some institutions already provide early information and advice on open calls of several different HREUFPs, which supports a national exchange of information and facilitates



identification of counterparts in other programmes by the EU4Health NFP. Besides, joint administrative infrastructures and institutional frameworks were identified as strengths by respondents, as joint administrational structures can facilitate collaboration across the EU MFF 2021-2027 at national level. Finally, the capacity to include health research institutions that are already used to operating within the Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe programmes in the national administration and dissemination of EU4Health was identified as a valuable opportunity.



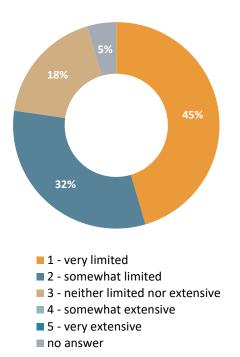


Figure 23: Perception of the current level of interactions between EU4Health NFPs and counterparts of other HREUFPs in percentage of total respondents (n=22)

How do you perceive the current feasibility of sustaining or strengthening interactions with other HREUFPs in your country?

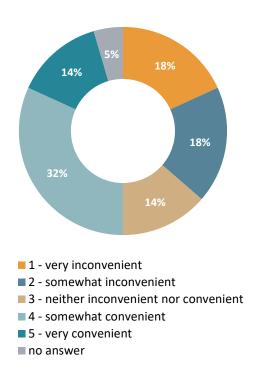


Figure 24: Perception of the current feasibility of sustaining and strengthening interactions between EU4Health NFPs and counterparts of other HREUFPs in percentage of total respondents (n=22)

Respondents were also asked to rate their perception of the current overall level of interactions and cooperation between the EU4Health NFP and other HREUFPs in their country on a 5-level Likert scale from 1 - very limited to 5 – very extensive.

Figure 23 shows that most participants (45 %) perceived the overall current level of interactions and cooperation between the EU4Health NFP and other HREUFPs in their country as very limited, while another significant share of respondents (32 %) found the overall level of interactions and cooperation somewhat limited.



Finally, 18 % of the participating NFPs considered the overall level of interactions and cooperation as neither limited nor extensive. Five percent of survey respondents did not select an answer to this question.

Moreover, respondents were asked to rate their perception of the current feasibility of sustaining and strengthening interactions with other HREUFPs on a 5-level Likert scale from 1 – very inconvenient to 5 – very convenient. As presented in Figure 24, most respondents (32 %) perceived the feasibility of sustaining and strengthening current interactions with other HREUFPs as somewhat convenient. Furthermore, 18 % of the participating NFPs each perceived this as very or somewhat inconvenient. A smaller share of the respondents (14 %) considered the current feasibility neither inconvenient nor convenient, while another 14 % perceived it as very convenient. Again, 5 % of the participating countries did not select an answer to this question.

3.5 SWOT Analysis

The following section presents outcomes of the SWOT analysis performed based on the survey results. Its methodology and definitions of the terms 'strength', 'weakness', 'opportunity', and 'threat' as they apply in the context of this report are described in chapter 2.2. Finally, the results of the SWOT analysis are summarised in Table 4.

Strengths

The survey results presented in chapter 3.1 show a strong connection between EU4Health and the Horizon Europe programme at the national level in most participating countries. Not only does the overwhelming majority of survey respondents report established contact with their national counterparts for this programme, but a wide variety of different interactions are already taking place. Health-related aspects and calls of the current European research and innovation programme are described as well-known to EU4Health NFPs and well-documented and disseminated by the relevant national counterparts.

Moreover, Horizon Europe is prominently represented in mentions of the most frequent interactions by EU4Health NFPs, as summarised in chapter 3.2. Participating NFPs reported a broad scope of topics for collaboration and exploration at the national level with this programme. Successful interactions between EU4Health NFPs and Horizon Europe NCPs have the potential to serve as a blueprint for establishing interactions with other HREUFPs and may form the seed of larger national networks for health-related EU programme synergies. Additionally, a few participating NFPs reported that cross-sectoral exchanges in the scope of broader national fora around EU funds and programmes are already in place or in planning in their countries. Some respondents indicated the establishment of joint info hubs or stakeholder exchanges with other HREUFPs, such as Digital Europe or the Union Civil Protection Mechanism.

Although the identification of national counterparts for other HREUFPs was reported as a significant challenge by survey respondents, many NFPs were able to identify a broad range of counterparts in their countries, as summarised in **Annex III**. Figure 4 shows that there is **substantial**, **yet-untapped potential to expand national contacts for HREUFPs**, since participating NFPs identified relevant counterparts for many more programmes than they were already in contact with at the time of the survey.

Furthermore, as summarised in Figure 24, most respondents perceived the feasibility of sustaining and strengthening interactions with other counterparts at the national level as somewhat or very convenient. This result paints an optimistic picture regarding the future realisation of new contacts and joint activities, which may increase the understanding and visibility of health aspects of other HREUFPs within national networks.



Finally, as analysed in chapter 3.3, the majority of participating NFPs share a strength by either holding both the roles of NFP and national representation to the EU4Health programme at the same time, or maintaining strong relationships and regular exchange with their national EU4Health representative(s). This enables NFPs to gain insight into the strategic and programming aspects of synergies between EU4Health and other funds and programmes, which, in turn, helps recognise and promote opportunities for synergies at the implementation level.

Weaknesses

Presently, relatively few established contacts and low levels of interactions can be observed between EU4Health NFPs and national counterparts for most other HREUFPs, with the notable exception of the Horizon Europe programme. As presented in chapters 3.1 and 3.2, most survey respondents currently maintain regular contact with only two or fewer national counterparts (see Figure 5). Furthermore, as demonstrated in chapter 3.4, most respondents consider their current overall level of interaction with other HREUFPs at the national level to be very limited (see Figure 23).

Another weakness lies in insufficient resources reported by many participating NFPs, hindering the timely establishment or upkeep of contacts with other national counterparts and the implementation of joint activities. Moreover, as mentioned by several respondents, resource scarcity may be compounded by recent or frequent institutional and personnel changes around the NFP function and a resulting lack of continuity.

In some cases, designated NCPs or further relevant advising national entities for other HREUFPs could not be identified by the participating EU4Health NFPs. This lack of national counterparts or difficulty identifying them presents a further weakness of current national networks.

In addition, a low level of information available from and visibility created by national counterparts regarding the health-related aspects, calls, and activities of other funds and programmes was often reported as a difficulty in current national contexts. Many NFPs would greatly appreciate a structured exchange of information, particularly on synergies for health, with their counterparts of other programmes.

Opportunities

Looking at the strengths identified in individual NFPs and their national networks, it is apparent that some NFPs already have a broader range of contacts with their national counterparts of other programmes. Italy, for example, stands out with the largest number of established contacts among respondents. Some NFPs also indicated the existence or planning of broader national fora for exchange on (HR)EUFPS in their countries.

In addition, existing good practice examples of joint information hubs with individual programmes and health projects harnessing synergistic support from several EU funds and programmes were mentioned.

Under the Joint Action, these individual strengths create a clear opportunity for all participating NFPs to learn from each other beyond their national context. Sharing good practice examples from countries with a well-developed knowledge base and experience in building national networks for implementation synergies may aid the entire network to strengthen national interactions for health with other EU programmes.

Finally, strong interactions by NFPs with European Commission services in the scope of the JA NFP4Health open the opportunity to enhance understanding of concrete possibilities for implementation synergies and thus address some of the factors identified as threats in the scope of this analysis.

Threats

As shown in chapter 3.4 and chapter 3.1, many commonly reported challenges to strengthening interactions between HREUFPs lie outside of the control of individual NFPs and the national contexts in which they operate.



Most notably, with exception of the Horizon Europe programme, respondents pointed out significant challenges in obtaining structured information about health aspects and health-related calls or activities of other (HR)EUFPs. These challenges result in difficulties when gauging the real-life relevancy of other funds and programmes to EU4Health stakeholders, and pinpointing concrete opportunities for implementation-level synergies between programmes.

On the one hand, this speaks to characteristics of national networks and the potential for more health-related information to be shared directly by national counterparts of other HREUFPs, as mentioned under *weaknesses*. On the other hand, many NFPs would greatly appreciate pan-European platforms for structured cross-sectoral information exchange around all EU funds and programmes, facilitated for instance by relevant executive agencies on EU level, such as HaDEA and REA.

Table 4: SWOT Analysis

Strengths **Opportunities** Well-established interactions by NFPs with Horizon Eu-Exchange between NFPs under the Joint Action for rope Programme counterparts as a blueprint for natransfer of knowledge, methods, and experiences by tional networks. countries with well-established national interactions between (HR)EUFPs. Multi-programme exchanges or info hubs between HREUFP counterparts established or planned in some Good practice examples of projects utilising synergies participating countries. and complementarities between HREUFPs for long-term implementation. A large number of identified national counterparts for other HREUFPs by NFPs in the scope of the survey. Strong interaction by NFPs with European Commission services under the Joint Action to enhance understand-Strong insight into strategic and programmatic levels ing of implementation synergies. of synergies through relationships with EU4Health national representatives. Weaknesses **Threats** Few established contacts between EU4Health NFPs Weak insight into the potential for concrete implemenand national counterparts of most other HREUFPs; tation-level synergies in health with other programmes; narrow range of interactions taking place. lack of systematic mapping of this dimension for other HREUFPs. Lack of resources to establish/sustain contacts and implement joint activities with counterparts; personnel, Difficulty in obtaining structured information about and institutional changes within NFP teams/their host other (HR)EUFPs and gauging the relevancy of other (HR)EUFPs to EU4Health stakeholders. organisations. Lack of pre-existing structures or joint platforms to en-Lack of pre-existing pan-European platforms for strucable exchange with national counterparts of other tured exchange between national counterparts of all EU HREUFPs in most countries. funds and programmes, or the health dimension of programmes specifically. Lack of designated national counterparts for other HREUFPs in some instances, or lack of health-relevant information on other programmes from national counterparts.



4 Limitations

There are several limitations to this report. Firstly, the strength of potential implementation synergies with EU4Health for the included funds and programmes varies, with some strongly connected to health issues and priorities, while others are more indirectly linked to actions in the field of health.

Correspondingly, not all selected HREUFPs included in the survey to assess national networks hold the same relevance for EU4Health stakeholders, and the significance of identified current, planned, and desired interactions between EU4Health NFPs and their national counterparts differs between selected funds and programmes. No weighted analysis of the survey results per programme has been performed to address this limitation, and no attempt has been made to quantify the relative strength of potential implementation synergies with EU4Health per included HREUFP in this context.

In the scope of this report, only the present strength of interactions between E4Health NFPs and their counterparts of other HREUFPs based on perceived thematic synergies between programmes is analysed. Further activities in the work package will build on this assessment to focus on concrete national strategies for cross-programme implementation and a working definition of synergies in this context.

Moreover, the authors of this report experienced challenges in selecting the programmes to be included in the survey due to a lack of prior systematic mappings of all existing health-related funds and programmes under the MFF 2021-2027, particularly in regard to descriptions of each programme's concrete potential for implementation synergies in the area of health. Accordingly, the programme selection in the scope of the conducted survey was based on the Work Package 5 team's own research, as well as feedback by partners of the JA NFP4Health, as described in chapter 2.

Therefore, the selection may not be exhaustive or include funds and programmes whose real-life relevancy to EU4Health stakeholders at the national level can be judged as low. To address this limitation, survey respondents were also given the opportunity to report their perception of synergies with additional funds and programmes not initially included in the survey, and to point out if no need for further interactions was currently perceived in regards to some of the included HREUFPs.

Furthermore, only 22 of the 31 EU4Health NFPs that were contacted responded to the survey, partly limiting the representative value of the results. However, as the NFPs who participated in the survey represent Member States and associated countries across all European regions, the results still represent a relevant reflection of the current state-of-play regarding interactions between EU4Health NFPs and their national counterparts of other HREUFPs.



5 Conclusion

In summary, the results of the survey and SWOT analysis demonstrate an as-of-yet low level of interactions and few contacts between EU4Health NFPs and their national counterparts for most other health-related funds and programmes. At the same time, they indicate significant potential for national networks around EU funds and programmes to expand and strengthen.

Many participating NFPs indicated initial or lasting challenges in identifying relevant counterparts. However, many also reported engaging in the exercise of researching contacts of their national counterparts for other HREUFPs for the first time in the scope of their survey response, raising the opportunity for this activity to serve as a starting point for further exploration and collaboration in the participating countries.

The highest number and largest thematic scope of NFP interactions are currently observed with the Horizon Europe Programme. Additionally, Digital Europe, the European Social Fund+, and the Technical Support Instrument stand out to a lesser degree. Successful interactions by EU4Health NFPs already taking place with individual programmes and their counterparts may serve as seeds to grow larger national ecosystems for synergies.

Given the diversity of national profiles, the knowledge transfer and best practice exchange between countries that is possible in scope of the JA NFP4Health present a significant opportunity. Further activities under Work Package 5 will build on insights gained from the survey, and endeavour to present good practice examples by NFPs and other relevant stakeholders with experience establishing national interactions between (HR)EUFPs to the NFP network, e.g. in the scope of upcoming webinars and conference sessions.

A lack of resources to implement joint activities with counterparts of other programmes as well as a lack of pre-existing structures for exchange between contact points at national level were identified by survey respondents as significant weaknesses of NFPs and their national networks. An allocation of increased resources and dedicated funding to foster national platforms for exchange may serve to address this, and upcoming Deliverables under Work Package 5 will elaborate on recommendations for national strategies to increase (HR)EUFP interactions and enhance synergies at implementation level.

At the same time, it is apparent that EU4Health NFPs and their stakeholders can only succeed if they are bolstered by connection and exchange at the EU level. Such an exchange is crucial to aid national actors in identifying concrete opportunities for health-related synergies between programmes during implementation. A continuous exchange with European Commission services on these points, as feasible in the Joint Action, will be precious for the NFP network in this context. A cross-sectoral platform for exchange between national counterparts of all (health-related) EU funds and programmes, for instance orchestrated by EU executive agencies, could be a further relevant mechanism that many participating NFPs would greatly appreciate

With significant thematic synergies for health between different EU funds and programmes comes a need to support EU4Health NFPs in building knowledge and interactions around other programmes, and to strengthen the national ecosystems for HREUFP synergies that are still only beginning to develop in scope of the current MFF. Future activities under Work Package 5 will endeavour to contribute to this aim with assessments and recommendations as well as facilitation of exchange and joint growth within the NFP network.



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Annex I – Survey to assess national networks

Survey to assess national networks

This survey is conducted in context of the Joint Action on Increasing Capacities of National Focal Points (JANFP4HEALTH, Grant Agreement no. 101035965).

It constitutes in particular one of the core activities under WP5, with the goal to strengthen synergies between EU4Health NFPs and other health-related EU funds and programmes at national and implementation level, and support the establishment or expansion of national networks linking EU4Health NFPs with counterparts of other key health-related EU funds and programmes (HREUFPs).

The survey aims to:

- map current interactions between EU4Health NFPs and national counterparts (NFPs/NCPs/other designated points of contact) of key HREUFPs at national level
- identify strengths and weaknesses of current national networks in terms of interactions and cooperation between EU4Health and key HREUFPs, with a view to promoting the establishment or strengthening of respective networks

The findings of this survey will be presented in a report, highlighting current interactions on national level as well as emerging strengths and weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

Instructions for filling

This survey shall be filled in separately by the EU4Health NFP of each participating country. The completion of the survey should be coordinated within each NFP team and with the NFPs hosting organisation, so that only one survey is submitted per NFP per country participating in the survey.

The survey is divided into 3 sections, while funds and programmes included under Section 1 are further organised by thematic <u>Heading</u>. Please access Sections, Headings, and individual programmes by calling up the survey's table of contents via *View > Navigation Pane > Headings*. The survey consists of closed and openended questions.

In accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679, by filling in this form, the respondent consents to the processing of the personal data provided for the purposes of pursuing the objectives of the JA NFP4HEALTH project (Grant Agreement no. 101035965).

Due date: 28. June 2022

Contact email for request of support: NFP.EU4Health@goeg.at



Country: type answer here

Name of the hosting organisation of the EU4Health NFP	type answer here
Email address of the EU4Health NFP	type answer here
Website address of the EU4Health NFP (if applicable)	type answer here
Name and surname of the person responsible for completing this survey	type answer here
Email address of the person responsi- ble for completing this survey	type answer here

SECTION 1 – CURRENT INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER HREUPFS

HEADING 1: SINGLE MARKET, INNOVATION AND DIGITAL

Horizon Europe

Is there a designated national counterpart for this programme in your country (NCP/NFP, or other contact point of national or regional managing authority for this programme)?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am not aware whether this is the case
O If Yes, which organisation hosts the designated national counterpart in your country for this programme?	type answer here
O Please specify the website address of the designated national counterpart for this programme (if applicable).	type answer here
O In your function as EU4Health NFP, are you in contact with the designated national counterpart for this programme?	☐ Yes ☐ No



If there is no designated national counterpart for this programme in your country, is there any other national entity providing advice and information to stakeholders on this programme?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am not aware if this is the case ☐ This question does not apply since there is a designated national counterpart	
O If Yes, please specify the name of the entity providing advice and information on this programme in your country.	type answer here	
O Please specify the website address of the national entity providing advice and information on this programme (if applicable).	type answer here	
Please select all options that apply to your curre your interaction with its national counterparts.	nt interaction with this programme, and/or to	
☐ There is a regular bilateral exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme.		
☐ There is a regular exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme in the scope of broader national networks for EU funds and programmes.		
\Box Information on health aspects of this programme is provided to the public in materials or activities by the national counterparts for this programme.		
\Box Joint dissemination activities by the EU4Health NFP and the national counterparts for this programme take place (e.g. in the scope of events, newsletters, or trainings).		
☐ I have referred potential applicants and stakeholders to the national counterparts for this programme in my function as EU4Health NFP.		
☐ I have had potential applicants and stakeholders referred to me in my function as EU4Health NFP by the national counterparts for this programme.		
In the information provided to potential EU4Health stakeholders by the EU4Health NFP (e.g. via mailings, website, info sessions), we:		
\square inform stakeholders about the existence of this programme.		
$\hfill\square$ inform stakeholders how they may contact the national counterparts for this programme.		
☐inform stakeholders about informational events organised in the scope of this programme.		



Besides those mentioned above, are there any other interactions currently taking place - or in planning - between the EU4Health NFP and this programme, or its national counterparts?	☐ Yes ☐ No
O If Yes, please specify.	type answer here
What kind of interactions by the EU4Health NPF with this programme and its national counterparts are most desirable to be implemented, in your opinion? Please specify.	type answer here

Digital Europe Programme

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Is there a designated national counterpart for this programme in your country (NCP/NFP, or other contact point of national or regional managing authority for this programme)?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am not aware whether this is the case
O If Yes, which organisation hosts the designated national counterpart in your country for this programme?	type answer here
O Please specify the website address of the designated national counterpart for this programme (if applicable).	type answer here
O In your function as EU4Health NFP, are you in contact with the designated national counterpart for this programme?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If there is no designated national counterpart for this programme in your country, is there any other national entity providing advice and information to stakeholders on this programme?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am not aware if this is the case ☐ This question does not apply since there is a designated national counterpart



O If Yes, please specify the name of the entity providing advice and information on this programme in your country.	type answer here	
O Please specify the website address of the national entity providing advice and information on this programme (if applicable).	type answer here	
Please select all options that apply to your curre your interaction with its national counterparts.	nt interaction with this programme, and/or to	
\Box There is a regular bilateral exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme.		
☐ There is a regular exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme in the scope of broader national networks for EU funds and programmes.		
\Box Information on health aspects of this programme is provided to the public in materials or activities by the national counterparts for this programme.		
\Box Joint dissemination activities by the EU4Health NFP and the national counterparts for this programme take place (e.g. in the scope of events or newsletters).		
\Box I have referred potential applicants and stakeholders to the national counterparts for this programme in my function as EU4Health NFP.		
\Box I have had potential applicants and stakeholders referred to me in my function as EU4Health NFP by the national counterparts for this programme.		
In the information provided to potential EU4Health stakeholders by the EU4Health NFP (e.g. via mailings, website, info sessions), we:		
\square inform stakeholders about the existence of this programme.		
\square inform stakeholders how they may contact the national counterparts for this programme.		
☐inform stakeholders about informational events organised in the scope of this programme.		
Besides those mentioned above, are there any other interactions currently taking place - or in planning - between the EU4Health NFP and this programme, or its national counterparts?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
O If Yes, please specify.	type answer here	



Single Market Programme

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Is there a designated national counterpart for this programme in your country (NCP/NFP, or other contact point of national or regional managing authority for this programme)?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am not aware whether this is the case
O If Yes, which organisation hosts the designated national counterpart in your country for this programme?	type answer here
O Please specify the website address of the designated national counterpart for this programme (if applicable).	type answer here
O In your function as EU4Health NFP, are you in contact with the designated national counterpart for this programme?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If there is no designated national counterpart for this programme in your country, is there any other national entity providing advice and information to stakeholders on this programme?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am not aware if this is the case ☐ This question does not apply since there is a designated national counterpart
O If Yes, please specify the name of the entity providing advice and information on this programme in your country.	type answer here
O Please specify the website address of the national entity providing advice and information on this programme (if applicable).	type answer here



Please select all options that apply to your current interaction with this programme, and/or to your interaction with its national counterparts.	
☐ There is a regular bilateral exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme.	
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\Box Information on health aspects of this programme is provided to the public in materials or activities by the national counterparts for this programme.	
\Box Joint dissemination activities by the EU4Health NFP and the national counterparts for this programme take place (e.g. in the scope of events or newsletters).	
\Box I have referred potential applicants and stakeholders to the national counterparts for this programme in my function as EU4Health NFP.	
\square I have had potential applicants and stakeholders referred to me in my function as EU4Health NFP by the national counterparts for this programme.	
In the information provided to potential EU4Health stakeholders by the EU4Health NFP (e.g. via mailings, website, info sessions), we:	
\square inform stakeholders about the existence of this programme.	
\square inform stakeholders how they may contact the national counterparts for this programme.	
\square inform stakeholders about informational events organised in the scope of this programme.	
Besides those mentioned above, are there any	□Yes
other interactions currently taking place - or in planning - between the EU4Health NFP and	□No
this programme, or its national counterparts, in your country?	
O If Yes, please specify.	type answer here
What kind of interactions by the EU4Health NPF with this programme and its national counterparts are most desirable to be implemented, in your opinion? Please specify.	type answer here



InvestEU

Is there a designated national counterpart for this programme in your country (NCP/NFP, or other contact point of national or regional managing authority for this programme)?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am not aware whether this is the case	
O If Yes, which organisation hosts the designated national counterpart in your country for this programme?	type answer here	
O Please specify the website address of the designated national counterpart for this programme (if applicable).	type answer here	
O In your function as EU4Health NFP, are you in contact with the designated national counterpart for this programme?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
If there is no designated national counterpart for this programme in your country, is there any other national entity providing advice and information to stakeholders on this programme?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am not aware if this is the case ☐ This question does not apply since there is a designated national counterpart	
O If Yes, please specify the name of the entity providing advice and information on this programme in your country.	type answer here	
O Please specify the website address of the national entity providing advice and information on this programme (if applicable).	type answer here	
Please select all options that apply to your current interaction with this programme, and/or to your interaction with its national counterparts.		
\Box There is a regular bilateral exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme.		
☐ There is a regular exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme in the scope of broader national networks for EU funds and programmes.		
☐ Information on health aspects of this programme is provided to the public in materials or activities by the national counterparts for this programme.		



\Box Joint dissemination activities by the EU4Health NFP and the national counterparts for this programme take place (e.g. in the scope of events or newsletters).		
\Box I have referred potential applicants and stakeholders to the national counterparts for this programme in my function as EU4Health NFP.		
\Box I have had potential applicants and stakeholders referred to me in my function as EU4Health NFP by the national counterparts for this programme.		
□ have referred public or private project promoters to the <u>Information Desk of the European Investment Bank</u> to apply for financing under InvestEU, or have referred small- or medium-size enterprises to the <u>EIF website</u> or relevant InvestEU financial intermediaries to apply for financing under InvestEU.		
In the information provided to potential EU4Health stakeholders by the EU4Health NFP (e.g. via mailings, website, info sessions), we:		
\square inform stakeholders about the existence of this programme.		
\square inform stakeholders how they may contact the national counterparts for this programme.		
☐inform stakeholders about informational events organised in the scope of this programme.		
Besides those mentioned above, are there any other interactions currently taking place - or in planning - between the EU4Health NFP and this programme, or its national counterparts, in your country?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
O If Yes, please specify.	type answer here	
What kind of interactions by the EU4Health NPF with this programme and its national counterparts are most desirable to be imple- mented, in your opinion? Please specify.	type answer here	
Connecting Europe Facility		
Is there a designated national counterpart for this programme in your country (NCP/NFP, or other contact point of national or regional managing authority for this programme)?	□Yes	
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	☐ I am not aware whether this is the case	
O If Yes, which organisation hosts the designated national counterpart in your country for this programme?	type answer here	



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O Please specify the website address of the designated national counterpart for this programme (if applicable).	type answer here
O In your function as EU4Health NFP, are you in contact with the designated national counterpart for this programme?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If there is no designated national counterpart for this programme in your country, is there any other national entity providing advice and information to stakeholders on this programme?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am not aware if this is the case ☐ This question does not apply since there is a designated national counterpart
O If Yes, please specify the name of the entity providing advice and information on this programme in your country.	type answer here
O Please specify the website address of the national entity providing advice and information on this programme (if applicable).	type answer here
Please select all options that apply to your current interaction with this programme, and/or to your interaction with its national counterparts.	
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☐ There is a regular exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme in the scope of broader national networks for EU funds and programmes.	
☐ Information on health aspects of this programme is provided to the public in materials or activities by the national counterparts for this programme.	
☐ Joint dissemination activities by the EU4Health NFP and the national counterparts for this programme take place (e.g. in the scope of events or newsletters).	
\Box I have referred potential applicants and stakeholders to the national counterparts for this programme in my function as EU4Health NFP.	
\Box I have had potential applicants and stakeholders referred to me in my function as EU4Health NFP by the national counterparts for this programme.	
In the information provided to potential EU4Health stakeholders by the EU4Health NFP (e.g. via mailings, website, info sessions), we:	



 □inform stakeholders about the existence of this programme. □inform stakeholders how they may contact the national counterparts for this programme. 	
☐inform stakeholders about informational even	nts organised in the scope of this programme.
Besides those mentioned above, are there any other interactions currently taking place - or in planning - between the EU4Health NFP and this programme, or its national counterparts, in your country?	☐ Yes ☐ No
O If Yes, please specify.	type answer here
What kind of interactions by the EU4Health NPF with this programme and its national counterparts are most desirable to be implemented, in your opinion? Please specify.	type answer here

HEADING 2: COHESION AND VALUES

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

Is there a designated national counterpart for this programme in your country that disseminates information and/or coordinates distribution of funds to regional activities under this programme (NCP/NFP, or other contact point of national managing authority for this programme)?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am not aware whether this is the case
O If Yes, which organisation hosts the designated national counterpart in your country for this programme?	type answer here
O Please specify the website address of the designated national counterpart for this programme (if applicable).	type answer here
O In your function as EU4Health NFP, are you in contact with the designated national counterpart for this programme?	□ Yes □ No



O In your function as EU4Health NFP, have you had contact with regional authori-	□ Yes
ties implementing health-related pro- jects under this programme?	□ No
Please select all options that apply to your current interaction with this programme, and/or to your interaction with its national counterparts.	
\Box There is a regular bilateral exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme.	
\Box There is a regular exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme in the scope of broader national networks for EU funds and programmes.	
\Box Information on health aspects of this programme is provided to the public in materials or activities by the national counterparts for this programme.	
\square Joint dissemination activities by the EU4Health NFP and the national counterparts for this programme take place (e.g. in the scope of events or newsletters).	
In the information provided to potential EU4Health stakeholders by the EU4Health NFP (e.g. via mailings, website, info sessions), we:	
\square inform stakeholders about the existence of this programme.	
\square inform stakeholders how they may contact the national counterparts for this programme, or how they may contact regional authorities implementing activities under this programme.	
□inform stakeholders about informational events organised in the scope of this programme.	
The ERDF also contributes to programmes under the <u>INTERREG instrument</u> , which is aimed at supporting territorial cooperation and has the potential to transfer innovations to local or regional level. Please select all options that apply to your interactions with INTERREG in your function as EU4Health NFP:	
\square I am aware of health-related projects implemented in my country under INTERREG's cross-border, transnational or interregional programmes.	
\square I inform EU4Health stakeholders about health-related activities under INTERREG in my country, and/or I inform EU4Health stakeholders in general about open <u>calls for projects</u> under INTERREG in my country.	
\Box I am in contact with organisations or institutions coordinating (health-related) activities under INTERREG programmes in my country.	



Besides those mentioned above, are there any other interactions currently taking place - or in planning - between the EU4Health NFP and this programme, or its national counterparts?	□ Yes □ No
O If Yes, please specify.	type answer here
What kind of interactions by the EU4Health NPF with this programme and its national counterparts are most desirable to be implemented, in your opinion? Please specify.	type answer here

Technical Support Instrument

Is there a designated national counterpart for this programme in your country (NCP/NFP, or other contact point of national or regional managing authority for this programme)?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am not aware whether this is the case
O If Yes, which organisation hosts the designated national counterpart in your country for this programme?	type answer here
O Please specify the website address of the designated national counterpart for this programme (if applicable).	type answer here
O In your function as EU4Health NFP, are you in contact with the designated national counterpart for this programme?	□ Yes □ No
If there is no designated national counterpart for this programme in your country, is there any other national entity providing advice and information to stakeholders on this programme?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am not aware if this is the case ☐ This question does not apply since there is a designated national counterpart



O If Yes, please specify the name of the entity providing advice and information on this programme in your country.	type answer here
O Please specify the website address of the national entity providing advice and information on this programme (if applicable).	type answer here
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\Box There is a regular bilateral exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme.	
☐ There is a regular exchange between the EU4Health NFP and national counterparts for this programme in the scope of broader national networks for EU funds and programmes.	
\Box Information on health aspects of this programme is provided to the public in materials or activities by the national counterparts for this programme.	
☐ Joint dissemination activities by the EU4Health NFP and the national counterparts for this programme take place (e.g. in the scope of events or newsletters).	
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\square I have had potential applicants and stakeholders referred to me in my function as EU4Health NFP by the national counterparts for this programme.	
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\square inform stakeholders how they may contact the national counterparts for this programme.	
☐inform stakeholders about informational events organised in the scope of this programme.	
Besides those mentioned above, are there any other interactions currently taking place - or in planning - between the EU4Health NFP and this programme, or its national counterparts?	☐ Yes ☐ No
O If Yes, please specify.	type answer here



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mented, in your opinion? Please specify.	

European Social Fund+

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am not aware whether this is the case
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☐ Yes ☐ No
 ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am not aware if this is the case ☐ This question does not apply since there is a designated national counterpart
type answer here
type answer here

Please select all options that apply to your current interaction with this programme, and/or to your interaction with its national counterparts.



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Is there a designated national counterpart for this programme in your country (NCP/NFP, or other contact point of national or regional managing authority for this programme)?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am not aware whether this is the case
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O Please specify the website address of the designated national counterpart for this programme (if applicable).	type answer here
O In your function as EU4Health NFP, are you in contact with the designated national counterpart for this programme?	☐ Yes ☐ No
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Union Civil Protection Mechanism (rescEU)



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Besides those mentioned above, are there any other interactions currently taking place - or in planning - between the EU4Health NFP and this programme, or its national counterparts?	☐ Yes☐ No
O If Yes, please specify.	type answer here
Are there existing structures or networks on national/regional level in your country to facilitate exchange of stakeholders specifically on European emergency preparedness and response mechanisms, including the UCPM/rescEU and/or other relevant programmes such as the	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am not aware whether this is the case
Emergency Response Instrument?	
O If yes, please specify.	type answer here
What kind of interactions by the EU4Health NPF with this programme and its national counterparts are most desirable to be implemented, in your opinion? Please specify.	type answer here



HEADING 3: NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund

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Programme for Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)	
Is there a designated national counterpart for this programme in your country (NCP/NFP, or other contact point of national or regional managing authority for this programme)?	□Yes
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Is there a designated national counterpart for	□Yes

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MOST FREQUENT INTERACTIONS AND ADDITIONALFUNDS AND PROGRAMMES

Are there any funds and programmes with whom the EU4Health NFP has interactions at national level in your country, or which you would deem to be key HREUFPs, but which have not been included in the above section of this survey?

Please specify and provide your reasoning.

type answer here

Out of all EUFPs, which <u>two programmes</u> do you most frequently interact with as EU4Health NFP/which two are the <u>most commonly explored at national level</u> in your country?

Name of the Programme/Fund	Keywords/topics of collaboration between this programme and the EU4Health NFP
	(e.g. digitalisation, health research, climate, social inclusion, etc.)
1. type answer here	type answer here
2. type answer here	type answer here

SECTION 2 – CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Please select the most prevalent challenges that you can identify in your country when trying to interact or cooperate with other HREUFPs.







On a scale from 1 – not at all convenient to 5 – very convenient, how do you perceive the current feasibility of sustaining or strengthening interactions and cooperation with other HREUFPs in your country?						
Please grade your answer on a Likert scale from 1-5 as follows:						
1		very inconvenient				
2		somewhat inconvenient				
3		neither inconvenient nor convenient				
4	١.	somewhat convenient				
5		very co	nvenient			
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SECTION 3 – EU4HEALTH NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

Is the function of EU4Health NFP and member- ship of the EU4Health Steering Group and Pro- gramme Committee held by the same institu- tion in your country?	□ Yes □ No
O If No, which institution holds member- ship of the EU4Health Steering Group and Programme Committee in your country?	type answer here
O If No, is there a regular exchange be- tween the EU4Health NFP and Mem- ber(s) of the EU4Health Steering Group and Programme Committee in your country?	□ Yes □ No



Annex II – Overview of selected HREUFPs

The following section provides further information on the selected health-related EU Funds and Programmes that were identified as potentially relevant to EU4Health stakeholders in the process of developing the survey to assess national networks. Programmes are organized by Heading and Subheading, and for each selected programme, key information about is aims, topics and instruments is cited in this Annex based on information made available by the European Commission (European Commission, 2021b).

Heading 1: Single Market, Innovation and Digital

Research & Innovation

Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe is the EU's central funding programme for research and innovation. It serves to combat climate change, achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and promote EU's competitiveness and growth. The programme has a scientific, technological, economic, environmental, and societal impact. By supporting the creation and better diffusion of excellent knowledge and technologies the programme facilitates collaboration and strengthens the impact of research and innovation. Legal entities from the EU and associated countries can participate in the funding opportunities of the programme.

European Strategic Investments

InvestEU

The InvestEU programme provides long-term funding in line with EU policy objectives to help the economy recover. It covers the policy areas of sustainable infrastructure, research, innovation and digitalization, small and medium-sized enterprises, social investment, and skills. The funding programme finances projects in those four Policy Windows via selected financial partners or "implementing partners" throughout the EU.

Connecting Europe Facility

The Connecting Europe Facility programme serves to promote growth, employment, and competitiveness through targeted infrastructure investments at European level. It supports the development of sustainable, efficiently interconnected trans-European high-performance networks in the areas of transport, energy, and digital services. "Connecting Europe"-investments will close the gaps in the European's energy, transport, and digital networks. The Connecting Europe Facility is divided into the three sectors Transport, Energy and Digital and it aims to enable, strengthen, and promote synergies between them.

Digital Europe Programme

The Digital Europe Programme is the first EU programme aimed at bridging the gap between digital technology research and market deployment. The programme covers the five areas high-performance computing, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, advanced digital literacy and ensuring the widespread use of digital technology across the economy and society and provides strategic funding to projects located in them.

Single Market

Single Market Programme

Within the framework of the Single Market programme, objectives are pursued in the area of the internal market with regard to market surveillance, competition policy, the development of standards and other economic areas. The focus is on strengthening and protecting consumers, ensuring food safety, and creating



conditions for thriving Small and Medium Enterprises in the EU. The main activities of the programme cover data management and analysis, capacity-building activities and joint actions between EU countries, financing of the contribution to decision-making processes, strengthening the exchange and dissemination of expertise and knowledge and the setting of common Europe standards.

Space

No health-related funds and programmes were identified under this subheading in the scope of the survey design.

Heading 2: Cohesion and Values

Regional Development & Cohesion

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

The European Regional Development Fund provides financial support to both public and private entities to reduce economic, social, and territorial disparities. The fund supports investments within the framework of national or regional programmes. The focus is on strengthening economic, social, and territorial cohesion by reducing regional imbalances with the help of local programmes. The fund provides funding in shared responsibility with the European Commission and Member States´ national and regional authorities. The selection of projects that receive funding lies in the responsibility of the Member States.

Recovery and Resilience

Technical Support Instrument

The Technical Support Instrument provides expertise to national authorities to design and implement resilience-building reforms. The support is provided on demand and by a wide range of providers, including the Commission's in-house expertise, experts from EU Member States' national administrations, international organisations, private firms and consultancies and individual experts from the private sector. The support services provided comprise policy and legal advice, studies, training, and expert visits in a range of policy areas including climate action, digital transition, and health. To receive support under the Technical Support Instrument EU Member States can submit a request via a national Coordinating Authority.

European Union Civil Protection Mechanism (rescEU)

The objective of the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism (rescEU) is to strengthen cooperation in the field of civil protection by ensuring the improvement of prevention, preparedness, and response through enhanced networks between EU Member States and seven other participating countries. When an emergency occurs and overwhelms the response capabilities of a country in Europe, it can request assistance through the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism. The Commission with the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) inhabits the key role in coordinating the disaster response and the mobilization of assistance and expertise and contributes to at least 75% of the transport and/or operational costs of deployments.

Investing in People, Social Cohesion & Values

European Social Fund+

The European Social Fund+ aims to support Member States overcome the Corona crisis, strengthen, and protect the social sector. It promotes the support of social rights, as well as actions in the areas of employment, education and skills, and social inclusion. The focus is on creating a more social and inclusive Europe by achieving high employment levels and fair protection and investing in a skilled and resilient workforce.



The ESF+ brings together four funding instruments that were separate programmes in the previous programming period, which include the European Social Fund (ESF), the Fund for European Aid to the most Deprived (FEAD) the Youth Employment Initiative and the European programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI). The projects supported under de ESF+ can be implemented by public administrations, workers' and employers' organisations, NGOs, charities, and companies.

Erasmus+

Erasmus+ is the EU programme for the promotion of education, training, youth, and sport in Europe. It aims to support the educational, professional, and personal development of people in the European Union. The European Commission offers a wide variety of funding opportunities for individuals and organisations through the programme and enhances international networks in the educational field.

Heading 3: Natural Resources & Environment

Agriculture & Maritime Policy

European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund

The European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund supports companies in the fisheries sector and promotes sustainable aquaculture. It also promotes the creation of new jobs and the improvement of the quality of life on coasts. The fund supports the transition to sustainable fishing, the diversification of the economy in coastal communities, the creation of new jobs and the development and implementation of maritime policies. The fund particularly supports small-scale coastal fisheries, young fishers, and outermost regions, as well as the promotion of sustainable aquaculture. By supporting sustainable fisheries the fund helps to secure healthy and safe seas and oceans.

Environment & Climate Action

Programme for Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

The programme for Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) supports and funds projects in the areas of renewable energy, climate-smart economies, protecting, restoring, and enhancing the quality of the environment, reversing biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation. The programme is divided into the four subprogrammes Nature and Biodiversity, Circular Economy and Quality of Life, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation and Clean Energy Transition. Funded projects include demonstration projects, best practices, coordination and support activities, capacity building, and governance projects.

Heading 4: Migration & Border Management

Migration

Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund

The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund aims at an improvement of management procedures in migration policies, the implementation, strengthening and further development of the common asylum policy and the common immigration policy. The Fund aims to further boost national capacities and enhance solidarity and responsibility sharing between Member States, in particular through emergency assistance and the relocation mechanism.

Border Management

No health-related funds and programmes were identified under this subheading in the scope of the survey design.



Heading 5: Security & Defence

No health-related funds and programmes were identified under this heading and its subheadings in the scope of the survey design.

Heading 6: Neighbourhood & the World

No health-related funds and programmes were identified under this heading and its subheadings in the scope of the survey design.

Heading 7: European Public Administration

This heading holds no funds or programmes and covers mainly the administrative expenditure of all EU institutions, as well as the pensions of retired EU officials.



Annex III – Overview of national counterparts for HREUFPs in the participating countries

The following tables provide an overview of designated NFPs/NCPs as well as other relevant national counterparts and advising entities for health-related EU funds and programmes, as reported by EU4Health NFPs in the scope of the survey to assess national networks. Please note that the overview below reflects solely the information provided by respondents in the scope of this assessment activity under Work Package 5 of the JANFP4Health, and no additional desk research on the information provided by the participating NFPs was performed by the authors of this report. The overview represents the current European landscape of designated NFPs/NCPs or other relevant national counterparts for HREUFPs in the participating countries at the time of circulation of the survey to assess national networks, which was launched in May 2022.

HORIZON EUROPE National Counterparts

AUSTRIA	FFG (The Austrian Research Promotion Agency) https://www.ffg.at/europa/ncp
BELGIUM	EWI - Flanders https://www.ewi-vlaanderen.be
CROATIA	Ministry of Science and Education https://mzo.gov.hr/en
CZECH REPUBLIC	Technology Centre CAS https://www.tc.cz/en
DENMARK	Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science https://ufm.dk/forskning-og-innovation/tilskud-til-forskning-og-innovation/eu-og-internationale-programmer/horizon-europe EU-DK Support https://eusupport.dk/da
FINLAND	Business Finland (The Finnish Innovation Funder Agency) or Academy of Finland (The Funding Agency for Basic Research) https://www.businessfinland.fi/suomalaisilleasiakkaille/palvelut/rahoi-tus/horisonttieurooppa/miten-voimme-auttaa
FRANCE	Ministry for Higher Education, Research and Innovation https://www.horizon-europe.gouv.fr/les-points-de-contact-nationaux-24230
GERMANY	DLR Projektträger https://www.nksgesundheit.de



HUNGARY	Nemzeti Kutatási, Fejlesztési és Innovációs Hivatal https://nkfih.gov.hu/hivatalrol/nemzetkozi-kapcsolatok/horizont-europa/nemzeti-kapcsolattarto-pontok
ICELAND	Icelandic Center for Research https://www.rannis.is
IRELAND	Health research Board and Other (Enterprise Ireland, Science Foundation Ireland, Irish Universities Association) https://www.hrb.ie/funding/eu-funding-support/contact-us
ITALY	Agenzia Per la Promozione della Ricerca Europea https://apre.it
LATVIA	Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia, Latvian Council of Science https://www.izm.gov.lv/en/subordinate-bodies
LITHUANIA	Research Council of Lithuania https://www.lmt.lt/lt/europos-horizontas/programmea-europos-horizontas/3636
THE NETHER- LANDS	Netherlands Enterprise Agency https://www.RVO.nl
NORWAY	Norwegian Research Council https://www.forskningsradet.no
POLAND	The National Centre for Research and Develompment https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr-en/national-contact-point https://www.kpk.gov.pl
PORTUGAL	Agency for Clinical Research and Biomedical Innovation https://aicib.pt
SERBIA	Ministry of Health https://www.zdravlje.gov.rs
SLOVAKIA	Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information https://eraportal.sk/horizont-europa/
SPAIN	CDTI-The Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology. ISCIII-Institute of Health Carlos III. (Cluster Health) https://www.horizonteeuropa.es



DIGITAL EUROPE PROGRAMME National Counterparts

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AUSTRIA	FFG (The Austrian Research Promotion Agency) https://www.ffg.at/europa/digital
BELGIUM	The national coordination is placed in different institutions.
CROATIA	Central State Office for the Development of the Digital Society https://rdd.gov.hr
CZECH REPUBLIC	Ministry of Industry and Trade https://www.mpo.cz
DENMARK	Danish Business Authority https://erhvervsstyrelsen.dk/digital-europe-programmet
FINLAND	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment https://tem.fi/en/frontpage
GERMANY	Project Management Organisation Jülich (PtJ), the DLR Project Management Organisation (DLR PT), the VDI Technology Centre (VDI TZ) and the Project Management Organisation Karlsruhe (PTKA) https://www.nks-dit.de
HUNGARY	Digitalis Kormányzati Ügynökség https://dkuzrt.hu
ICELAND	Icelandic Center for Research https://www.rannis.is
IRELAND	Horizon Europe NCPs for Health https://horizoneurope.ie/ncp/martha-cahill
ITALY	Agenzia Per la Promozione della Ricerca Europea https://apre.it/
LATVIA	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia https://www.varam.gov.lv/en
THE NETHER- LANDS	Netherlands Enterprise Agency https://www.RVO.nl
NORWAY	Norwegian Digitalization Agency, Norwegian Research Council, Innovation Norway https://www.digitaliseringsdirektoratet.no



	https://www.Forskningsradet.no https://www.innovasjonnorge.no
PORTUGAL	Agency for Clinical Research and Biomedical Innovation https://aicib.pt
SLOVAKIA	Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic https://eraportal.sk/eraportal/ine-europske-programmey/digital-europe-programme/#tabs_desc_68216_4
SLOVENIA	Governmental Office for Digital Transformation https://www.gov.si/en/state-authorities/government-offices/government-office-for-digital-transformation/

SINGLE MARKET PROGRAMME National Counterparts

AUSTRIA	FFG (The Austrian Research Promotion Agency) https://www.ffg.at/europa/bmp
CROATIA	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Agriculture and State Bureau of Statistics https://mingor.gov.hr https://poljoprivreda.gov.hr https://dzs.gov.hr
DENMARK	EU-DK Support https://eusupport.dk/da https://erhvervsstyrelsen.dk/ The Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs and the Danish Business Authority is responsible for the SMV part of the programme. The rest is placed within: Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries; Danish Competition and Consumer Authority; Statistics Denmark.
FINLAND	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment https://tem.fi/en/frontpage
ITALY	European Enterprises Network Italia https://www.een-italia.eu
LITHUANIA	Lithuanian Standards Board http://www.lsd.lt
THE NETHER- LANDS	Netherlands Enterprise Agency https://www.RVO.nl



POLAND National Contact Point for Financial Instruments of the European Union Programmes

https://instrumentyfinansoweue.gov.pl/kontakt/

INVESTEU National Counterparts

GERMANY	NFP Horizont Europa (by DLR Projektträger) https://www.horizont-europa.de/de/Synergien-mit-InvestEU-1774.html
ITALY	Cassa Depositi e Prestiti https://www.cdp.it/sitointernet/it/in- vest_eu.page
LITHUANIA	Ministry of Finance of Republic of Lithuania https://finmin.lrv.lt
POLAND	National Contact Point for Financial Instruments of the European Union Programmes https://instrumentyfinansoweue.gov.pl/kontakt/
SLOVAKIA	Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information https://eraportal.sk/eraportal/ine-europske-programmey/inves-teu/#tabs_desc_68224_1

CONNECTING EUROPE FACILITY National Counterparts

AUSTRIA	The Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology are designated hosts of the contact point for CEF Energy and CEF Transport https://www.bmk.gv.at/themen/mobilitaet/transport/international_eu/eu/ten.html
DENMARK	EU-DK Support https://eusupport.dk/da Danish Civil Aviation and Railway Authority & Ministry of Transport https://www.trafikstyrelsen.dk/da/Kollektiv-trafik/L%C3%B8bende-tilskud-og-puljer/Om-CEF https://www.trm.dk/temaer/eu-puljer-paa-transportomraadet/eu-puljer-arti-kler/transeuropaeiske-transportnet-ten-t-og-connecting-europe-facility-cef
FINLAND	Ministry of Transport and Communications and Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment https://www.lvm.fi/en/home https://tem.fi/en/frontpage



GERMANY	Bundesministerium für Digitales und Verkehr https://www.bmvi.de/SharedDocs/DE/Artikel/DG/connecting-europe-facility-2-digital.html
LATVIA	Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia https://www.sam.gov.lv/en
THE NETHER- LANDS	Netherlands Enterprise Agency https://www.RVO.nl
NORWAY	Norwegian Digitalisation Agency https://www.digdir.no
POLAND	Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy https://www.funduszeeuropejskie.gov.pl/strony/o-funduszach/zasady-dzialania-funduszy/programme-laczac-europe/
SLOVAKIA	Slovak centre of scientific and technical information https://eraportal.sk

EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF) National Counterparts

AUSTRIA	The Austrian Conference on Spatial Planning (ÖROK), chaired by the Federal Chancellor, serves as national contact point. Members include all federal ministers and heads of federal states, the presidents of the Austrian Association of Cities and Towns, and the Austrian Association of Municipalities as well as heads of the social and economic partners with a consulting vote. https://www.oerok.gv.at
CROATIA	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development https://mingor.gov.hr
DENMARK	Danish Business Authority https://udviklingidanmark.erhvervsstyrelsen.dk/EU-regionalfond
FINLAND	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment https://tem.fi/en/frontpage
HUNGARY	The managing authorities were set up in the individual ministries, the Prime Minister's Cabinet Office, and the Prime Minister's Office. The certifying authority operates within the organisation of the Hungarian State Treasury. The tasks of the audit authority are performed by the Directorate General for Auditing European Grants, which is supervised by the Ministry of Finance. The duties of the coordinating organisation are performed by the Prime Minister's Office. An organisational



	transformation is currently taking place in this area. https://www.palyazat.gov.hu/a-programmeok-intzmnyrendszere https://www.palyazat.gov.hu/interreg kozossegi kezdemenyezes
IRELAND	SEUBP https://seupb.eu/seupb-home
ITALY	Agenzia per la Coesione Territoriale https://www.agenziacoesione.gov.it/?lang=en
LATVIA	Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Latvia https://www.fm.gov.lv/en/eu-funds
THE NETHERLANDS	Netherlands Enterprise Agency supports the INTERREG instrument, to which ERDF contributes https://www.RVO.nl/
POLAND	Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy https://www.funduszeeuropejskie.gov.pl
SLOVAKIA	Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic https://www.minedu.sk/european-fund-for-regional-development/
SLOVENIA	Governmental office for cohesion fund https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/vladne-sluzbe/sluzba-vlade-za-razvoj-in-evropsko-kohezijsko-politiko/

TECHNICAL SUPPORT INSTRUMENT National Counterparts

AUSTRIA	Bundeskanzleramt/Federal Chancellery of Austria, Sektion IV: EU, Internationales und Grundsatzfragen https://www.bundeskanzleramt.gv.at/agenda/tsi.html
CROATIA	The Central Finance and Contracting Agency https://www.safu.hr
DENMARK	Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs https://eng.em.dk
FRANCE	General Secretariat for European Affairs (SGAE) https://sgae.gouv.fr/sites/SGAE/accueil.html
IRELAND	Department of Public Expenditure and Reform https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/83f0d-eu-commission-technical-support-



	<u>instrument-tsi-irelands-national-coordinating-authority/#irish-national-coordinat-ing-contact</u>
ITALY	Agenzia per la Coesione Territoriale https://www.agenziacoesione.gov.it/?lang=en
LITHUANIA	Office of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania https://lrvk.lrv.lt/
POLAND	Ministry of Development and Technology https://www.gov.pl/web/rozwoj-technologia/instrument-wsparcia-technicznego
SLOVAKIA	Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic https://www.mfsr.sk/sk/medzinarodne-vztahy/europske-zalezitosti/srsp-structural-reform-support-programme.html
SLOVENIA	Ministry of Finance https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-finance/

EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND+ National Counterparts

AUSTRIA	There are several implementing bodies for the programme in Austria at the level of federal and regional government that coordinate activities under the respective priority topics for the fund in AT. Among them, the Austrian MoH is implementing body and contact point for two health-related priority areas under the fund in AT. https://www.esf.at/en/funding-programme/implementing-bodies/
CROATIA	Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy https://mrosp.gov.hr
DENMARK	Danish Business Authority https://udviklingidanmark.erhvervsstyrelsen.dk/EU-socialfond-plus
FINLAND	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment https://tem.fi/en/frontpage
GERMANY	The Federal Government https://www.esf.de
HUNGARY	The managing authorities were set up in the individual ministries, the Prime Minister's Cabinet Office, and the Prime Minister's Office. The certifying authority operates within the organisation of the Hungarian State Treasury. The tasks of the audit authority are performed by the Directorate General for Auditing European Grants, which is supervised by the Ministry of Finance. The duties of the coordinating organisation are performed by the Prime Minister's Office. An organisational



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IRELAND	Pobal https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/ability-programme/
ITALY	Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali https://www.lavoro.gov.it/temi-e-priorita/europa-e-fondi-europei/focus-on/Fondo-sociale-europeo-2014-2020/Pagine/default.aspx
LATVIA	Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Latvia https://www.fm.gov.lv/en/eu-funds
LITHUANIA	European Social Fund Agency https://www.esf.lt/en/
POLAND	Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy https://www.gov.pl/web/funds-regional-policy
SLOVAKIA	Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic https://www.minedu.sk/european-social-fund/
SLOVENIA	Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/vladne-sluzbe/sluzba-vlade-za-razvoj-in-evropsko-kohezijsko-politiko/

ERASMUS+ National Counterparts

AUSTRIA	OeAD-GmbH — Agentur für Bildung und Internationalisierung https://oead.at/de/
CROATIA	Ministry of Science and Education, Central State Office for Demography and Youth and Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes https://demografijaimladi.gov.hr https://www.mobilnost.hr http://www.mzo.gov.hr
CZECH REPUBLIC	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports https://www.msmt.cz/?lang=2
DENMARK	Ministry of Higher Education and Science https://ufm.dk/uddannelse/tilskud-til-udveksling-og-internationale-projekter/eras-musplus



FINLAND	Finnish National Agency for Education https://www.oph.fi/en/education-development-and-internationalisation/erasmus-programme-finland-2021-2027
HUNGARY	Tempus Közalapítvány http://www.tpf.hu
GERMANY	National Agency for Erasmus+ University Cooperation at the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) https://www.erasmusplus.de
ICELAND	Icelandic Center for Research https://www.rannis.is
IRELAND	Leargas https://www.leargas.ie/erasmus-plus/
ITALY	Ministero dell'Istruzione e il Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca, Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri – Dipartimento per le Politiche Giovanili e il Servizio Civile Universale https://www.erasmusplus.it/
LATVIA	Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia https://www.izm.gov.lv/en
THE NETHER- LANDS	Netherlands Enterprise Agency https://www.RVO.nl
NORWAY	Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills. Youth, Norway https://diku.no/erasmuspluss https://www.aktivungdom.no https://www.diku.no/erasmuspluss
POLAND	Foundation for the Development of the Education System – Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps National Agency https://www.erasmusplus.org.pl
SERBIA	Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development Tempus Foundation https://mpn.gov.rs https://tempus.ac.rs
SLOVAKIA	SAAIC National Agency for Erasmus +programme https://www.erasmusplus.sk



UNION CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM (RESCEU) National Counterparts

AUSTRIA	The Austrian Federal Ministry of Interior coordinates civil protection activities in general, including international emergency aid and activities in scope of UPCM. https://bmi.gv.at/magazin/2022_05_06/08_Internationale_Katastrophenhilfe.aspx
HUNGARY	Belügyminisztérium Országos Katasztrófavédelmi Főigazgatóság https://www.katasztrofavedelem.hu/
ITALY	Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri – Dipartimento per la Protezione Civile https://relazioni-internazionali.protezionecivile.gov.it/en/eu-civil-protection-mechanism
LITHUANIA	Fire and Rescue Department https://pagd.lrv.lt/en/
NORWAY	Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection https://www.dsb.no
POLAND	National Headquarters of the State Fire Service (KG PSP) https://www.gov.pl/web/kgpsp/
PORTUGAL	National Authority of Emergency Civil Protection http://www.prociv.pt/pt-pt/Paginas/default.aspx
SERBIA	Ministry of Interior http://mup.gov.rs
SLOVAKIA	Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic https://www.minv.sk/?ministry-of-interior
SLOVENIA	Ministry of Defence https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-obrambo/

EUROPEAN MARITIME, FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE FUND National Counterparts

CROATIA	Ministry of Agriculture https://poljoprivreda.gov.hr
FINLAND	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry https://mmm.fi/en/frontpage



HUNGARY	Ministry of Agriculture/Agrárminisztérium Magyarország Kormánya https://kormany.hu
IRELAND	Marine Agencies &programmes Division Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine National Seafood Centre https://eufunds.ie/european-maritime-and-fisheries-fund/
ITALY	MIPAAF - Ministero delle politiche agricole alimentari e forestali PEMAC - Direzione generale per la pesca marittima e l'acquacoltura https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/8734
LATVIA	Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia https://www.zm.gov.lv/en/
LITHUANIA	Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania https://zum.lrv.lt/contacts
THE NETHER- LANDS	Netherlands Enterprise Agency https://www.RVO.nl
POLAND	Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development https://www.gov.pl/web/rolnictwo/
SLOVAKIA	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic https://www.mpsr.sk/en/
SLOVENIA	Ministry of Agriculture https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-kmetijstvo-goz-darstvo-in-prehrano/

PROGRAMME FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION (LIFE) National Counterparts

AUSTRIA	There is a general NCP at the FFG (Austrian Research Promotion Agency), and additional NCPs for the LIFE programme categorized by topic are located in the responsible ministries. Nature & Biodiversity: Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management Climate Change, as well as Circular Economy: Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology https://www.ffg.at/europa/life
CROATIA	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development https://mingor.gov.hr



CZECH REPUBLIC	The Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic https://www.programme-life.cz
DENMARK	EU-DK Support https://eusupport.dk/da Ministry of Environment of Denmark & Danish Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities, as well as regarding the implementation The Danish Environmental Protection Agency & Danish Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities https://mst.dk/natur-vand/natur/tilskud-til-skov-og-naturprojekter/eu-life/
FINLAND	Ministry of the Environment https://ym.fi/en/front-page
GERMANY	Zukunft – Umwelt – Gesellschaft (ZUG) gGmbH https://www.z-u-g.org
HUNGARY	LIFE NCP https://lifepalyazatok.eu
IRELAND	Department of Environment, Climate and Communication https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-the-environment-climate-and-communications/
ITALY	Ministry for Ecological Transition https://www.mite.gov.it
LITHUANIA	Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania https://am.lrv.lt
THE NETHER- LANDS	Netherlands Enterprise Agency https://www.RVO.nl
POLAND	National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management https://www.gov.pl/web/nfosigw/programme-life
SERBIA	Ministry of Environmental Protection http://www.natura2000.gov.rs/en/

ASYLUM, MIGRATION AND INTEGRATION FUND National Counterparts

AUSTRIA	Österreichischer Integrationsfonds ÖIF
	https://www.integrationsfonds.at/en/home/



CROATIA	Ministry of Interior https://eufondovi.mup.hr
FINLAND	Ministry of the Interior https://intermin.fi/en/frontpage
GERMANY	Federal Office for Migration and Refugees https://www.bamf.de/DE/Themen/Foerderangebote/AMIF21/amif21-node.html
HUNGARY	Országos Idegenrendészeti Főigazgatóság Under the surveillance of the Ministry of Interior https://www.bmbah.hu
IRELAND	Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Interaction and Youth https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/department-of-children-equality-disability-in-tegration-and-youth/
ITALY	Department for Civil Liberties and Immigration of the Ministry of the Interior https://www.interno.gov.it/it/temi/immigrazione-e-asilo/fondi-europei/fondo-asilo-migrazione-e-integrazione-fami
LITHUANIA	Ministry of Interior Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania https://vrm.lrv.lt
NETHERLANDS	The Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment https://www.government.nl/ministries/ministry-of-social-affairs-and-employment
POLAND	
I OLAND	Department for European Funds. Ministry of Interior and Administration. https://fundusze.mswia.gov.pl
PORTUGAL	
	https://fundusze.mswia.gov.pl General Secretariat of the Ministry of Home Affairs
PORTUGAL	https://fundusze.mswia.gov.pl General Secretariat of the Ministry of Home Affairs https://www.sg.mai.gov.pt/Paginas/default.aspx Commissariat for Refugees and Migration