



Synergies across the EU funding programmes managed by the European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA)

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The European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA), in cooperation with the National Contact Point and National Focal Point networks, organised the event 'Synergies across the EU funding programmes managed by the European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA)'.

The event was held on 20 June 2023 with the aim of promoting the European Programmes implemented by HaDEA, in order to stimulate synergy and cooperation actions between the networks of the Horizon Europe Programmes (Cluster 1 'Health' and Cluster 4 'Digital Industry and Space'), EU4Health and Digital Europe and relevant Stakeholders at European level.

After the institutional greetings by ISS President Silvio Brusaferro, Marina Zanchi, as the President of HaDEA, introduced the agency, describing the multiple programs it manages in the fields of **Health, Food, Digital, Industry, and Space**, through the tools of **grants** and **procurements** with a total budget of **20 billion euros**. HaDEA interacts with several Directorates-General, such as **SANTE** (Health and Food Safety), **HERA** (European Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority), **GROW** (Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs), **RTD** (Research & Innovation), and **CNECT** (Communications Networks, Content & Technology). The subsequent speeches by Angelo Marino, Head of the Department for Health and Food (HaDEA), and Katleen Engelbosch, Head of the

Department for Digital, Industry, and Space (HaDEA), briefly delved into HaDEA's actions related to health, digitalization, industry, and space.

The second part of the event focused on presenting practical examples of successful management of European Projects in synergy with other programs, aiming to highlight the impact of participating in European processes. The following testimonials were provided:

- **Mauro Grigioni**, Director of the National Center for Innovative Technologies in Public Health, focused on the "Mistral" Project, developed through participation in the Horizon Europe 2021-2027 Program. This project is primarily based on a web platform that, through the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) process, provided an overview of the subject, from screening health risk factors to introducing new health policies and monitoring their effects.
- **Giovanni Apolone**, Director of the National Cancer Institute, illustrated the importance of strategies for preventing tumor diseases and emphasized their significance at the European level through participation in funding programs, highlighting bureaucratic and administrative challenges in the procedural process.
- **Harry Bikas**, Professor at the University of Patras, presented the results achieved by the "Arise" project and highlighted the shift in trends regarding artificial intelligence, which has become vital in developing solutions that can assist member states in facing new challenges.
- **Sergio Gusmeroli from Politecnico di Milano** presented the "AIREGIO 5.0" project, focusing mainly on the results and experiences in the fields of health and digitalization.
- **Giovanni Frattini** represented the experience of Engineering, focusing on the "DOME" project. The project aims to create a unified access portal for stakeholders in cloud and edge services, including providers and consumers, with a strong emphasis on usability, inclusion, and equality principles.

The final session of the event was dedicated to presentations by National Contact Points and National Focal Points of various programs and their networks, including HNN3.0, COSMOS4HE, IDEAL-IST, and NCP4INDUSTRY, which collectively presented the services and functions that NCPs and NFPs provide to potential beneficiaries:

- **Giovanni Nicoletti**, representative of NFP4HEALTH, focused on the key points and main objectives of the program, which can be summarized as

promoting and facilitating cooperation among EU member countries, fostering knowledge exchange, and implementing initiatives.

- **Caterina Buonocore**, representative of HNN3.0, the network of NCPs for Health, delved into the topics addressed by the cluster, including non-communicable diseases, mental health, lifestyle and quality of life promotion, and disease prevention.
- **Edina Nemeth**, representative of IDEAL-IST, the network of NCPs for Digital, emphasized the importance of innovation, competitiveness, and collaboration in the European industry within the health sector.
- **Serena Borgna**, representative of NCP4Industry, the association of NCPs for Industry, explained the role of this network in providing assistance and consultancy to SMEs and industries interested in participating in EU funding programs in the industrial sector.
- **Vaya Piteli**, representative of COSMOS4HE, the network of NCPs for SPACE, presented the work carried out by this network in promoting European collaboration in the health and digitalization sectors through specific networks and initiatives.

In conclusion, the event contributed to raising awareness about EU funding programs managed by HaDEA, facilitating collaboration and synergy among different sectors and stakeholders involved, and illustrating the potential services provided to potential beneficiaries by NCPs and NFPs.