

Twinning edition N° 5



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Place: Lisbon (Portugal)

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CONCEPT

The Joint Action on Increasing the Capacity of National Focal Points (NFP) (NFP4Health) is a 40-months action by the European Commission with the main objective of creating and maintaining an innovative ecosystem to facilitate and support European countries in achieving health objectives priorities established for the period 2021-2027. By developing and strengthening the National Focal Points (NFPs) capacities of European Countries, the Joint Action aims to provide quality access to the new EU4HEALTH Programme and to assure the complementarity with other regional, national and EU policies, funds and programmes. This action will allow maximizing efforts to leverage all available health funding, to guarantee the accessibility and sustainability of healthcare systems. NFP4Health project will contribute to create an innovative, sustainable and coherent network of NFPs that will increase the capacity of the Member States to design and create sustainable implementation actions that will boost the achievement of health objectives for the period 2021-2027.

As part NFP4Health, Task 6.3 “NFPs Twinning Programme” will be organised to share in a structured and output-oriented way approaches, good practices and tools between/among NFPs.

Eight editions of the Twinning programme are foreseen for NFPs, focusing on countries with low participation rates or newly nominated NFPs, in order to provide opportunities for exchange of experiences and good practices, and to improve successful national NFP services. Sharing experiences, skills and ideas enables NFPs and NFP networks to develop and scale-up approaches, services and tools targeting stakeholders. This exchange might be more important due to the beginning of the new Programme and will be managed by virtual interaction (Zoom, Skype) and site visits, to meet the team and learn about a specific set of activities/tools.

Thematic focus for this edition:

1. *Synergies between EU4Health and Horizon Europe (Health Cluster and Mission on Cancer)*
2. *Competent Authorities nomination in Joint Actions*
3. *Stakeholders' Mapping & Engagement: from WP2023 to WP2024*
4. *Unit Costs*

AGENDA

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9.30	Welcome Coffee
10.00	Welcome and opening of the Twinning session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ana Pedroso – Secretary-General of the General Secretariat of the Portuguese Ministry of Health ▪ Francisco Pavão – Head of Cooperation Division of the General Secretariat of the Portuguese Ministry of Health, Portugal National Focal Point
10.10	Presentation of the Portuguese NFP Team: mission, strategies and plans for 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inês Tavares Ferreira, EU4Health NFP, Ministry of Health of Portugal ▪ Miguel José Caetano, EU4Health NFP, Ministry of Health of Portugal
10.20	Importance of European Funding in the Promotion of Healthy Lifestyles and Healthy Eating at National and European Levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maria João Gregório, Directorate-General of Health, Ministry of Health of Portugal
10.30	TOUR DE TABLE
10.30	Tour de table among Twinning participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All participants
10.55	Laying the ground for exchange and sharing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mathilde De Bonis, APRE - Agenzia per la Promozione della Ricerca Europea
11.00	SHARING REAL EXPERIENCE AND PRACTICES
11.00	Topic 1: Synergies between EU4Health & Horizon Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Irene Mikulcik, GÖG- Austrian National Public Health Institute, Austria ▪ Isabel Carvalho-Oliveira, AICIB - Agência de Investigação Clínica e Inovação Biomédica, Portugal Topic 2: Competent Authorities nomination in Joint Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vincent Buhagiar, Ministry of Health (DIP), Malta Topic 3: Stakeholders' Mapping & Engagement: from WP2023 to WP2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jost de Bruin, Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO), Netherlands Topic 4: Open Discussion on Unit Costs
11.30	OPEN DISCUSSION...with Coffee break!
11.45	WRAP UP
11.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Topic 1 - Irene Mikulcik, GOG - Austrian National Public Health Institute, Austria ▪ Topic 2 – Vincent Buhagiar, Ministry of Health (DIP), Malta ▪ Topic 3 – Jost de Bruin, Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO), Netherlands ▪ Topic 4 – Artur Iwanek, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Health (MoH – PL), Poland
12.00	CLOSURE
12.00	Lunch