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INTRODUCTION

Dear readers,

On behalf of the communication team, we are honoured to welcome you to the third issue of NFP4Health's newsletter!

The Joint Action on Increasing the Capacity of National Focal Points was created to enforce the network of National Focal Points (NFPs) and set up sustainable actions to promote the achievement of the health objectives for the period 2021-2027.

The Joint Action is intended to provide equal opportunities to access the EU4Health Programme and to ensure complementarity with other regional, national and EU policies, funds and programmes by developing and strengthening the capacities of NFPs in the participating countries.

In this issue of newsletter, we flash back to important events that took place recently.

In the Highlights section, you will learn about the 2024 EU4Health Work Programme and HERA 2024 Work Plan adoption, the newly associated country to the EU4Health programme, and a useful factsheet encompassing important health funding aspects and opportunities.

We will wrap up this issue with upcoming events so save the date!

Last but not least Thanks to all JA NFP4Health Consortium for their effort and hard work!

Enjoy the read, and do not forget to subscribe!

LATEST EVENTS



SESSION“(EU4)HEALTH IN ALL PROGRAMMES – HARNESSING SYNERGIES FOR A RESILIENT FUTURE AT THE EUROPEAN HEALTH FORUM GASTEIN

28 SEPTEMBER 2023 (BAD HOFGASTEIN, AUSTRIA)

The 26th European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG), titled “Health systems in crisis - countering shockwaves and fatigue”, brought together on-site and online participants to discuss how subsequent perma-crises can catalyse the development of new approaches to health system problems.

The hour long interactive session “(EU4)Health in all programmes – Harnessing synergies for a resilient future” organised by the EU4Health NFP Network, The Hungarian Ministry of Interior and the Austrian National Public Health Institute explored the role of EU4Health and its complementary programmes in advancing the realisation of a European Health Union, identifying areas that are ideal for synergistic efforts and actions to improve health and well-being, and discussing difficulties and barriers that must be overcome.



Speakers praised the coordinated efforts of several EU programmes and national budgets that resulted in "joint EU value creation." But they also identified several challenges to harnessing these synergies for a resilient future for health. One challenge was ensuring equity of access to EU funding programmes between and within Member States, as well as challenges in absorption capacities at EU level and in the Member States, at a time when the budget for EU health programmes has significantly increased.



With many opportunities missing visibility, it is still challenging for applicants to get a comprehensive understanding of all the various health financing opportunities and the synergies between funding sources. Speakers advised interested parties to get in touch with their national EU4Health focal point to address issue and seek assistance.

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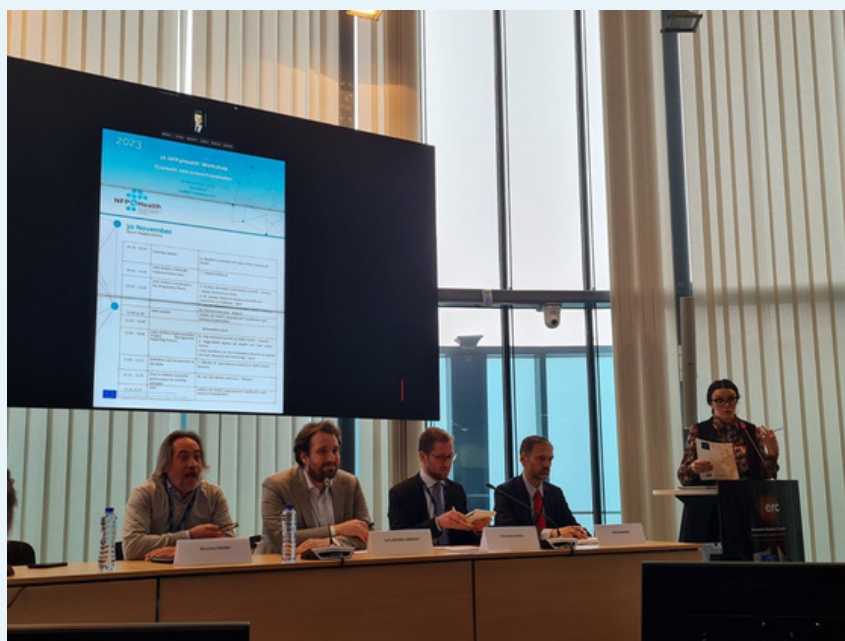


JA NFP4HEALTH WORKSHOP – EU4HEALTH JOINT ACTIONS COORDINATION

30 NOVEMBER 2023 (BRUSSELS, BELGIUM)

The hybrid workshop was conducted at the HaDEA headquarters in Brussels on November 30, 2023, in cooperation with HaDEA.

The workshop's objective was to draw attention to how crucial EU4Health Joint Action Coordination is as a typology and an effective tool for implementing the EU4Health programme and to increase the level of available knowledge and capacities, and thus the number of Organizations available to take on important roles in Joint Actions and therefore the number of Member States responsible for at least one Joint Action Coordination.



DEEP DIVE: “PROJECT SHOWCASE – ACTIONS ON CANCER ACROSS EU FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES”

11 DECEMBER 2023 (AUSTRIA)

The event provided information about projects financed via multiple synergistic programmes like EU4Health and Horizon Europe. The event was jointly organised by the Horizon Europe Health National Contact Point at the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) and the EU4Health National Focal Point at the Austrian National Public Health Institute (GÖG).

The current EU financial framework offers financing choices for cancer-related activities across a range of programmes and techniques, from research to implementation. Colleagues from Austria examined the ways in which European policies, funding, and programmes interact to promote cancer action during this session, and they presented projects that deal with various aspects of cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, and care.

11 December 2023

**Deep Dive: Project showcase -
Actions on cancer across EU
funds and programmes**

LATEST EVENTS



NFP4HEALTH TRAINING MOD 2 & TWINNING

25-26 JANUARY 2024 (LISBON, PORTUGAL)

The JA NFP4Health Mod 2. onsite training “EU4Health Project Design & Management” and Twinning Edition has been an unique edition combining training activities and twinning with the involvement of all EU4Health NFPs and Carl Larsson Lindqvist, the representative of the European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA). The event was organized by ProMIS - Programma Mattone Internazionale Salute and hosted in person by the Ministry of Health of Portugal.

The twinning edition's theme focus were synergies between EU4Health and Horizon Europe (Health Cluster and Mission on Cancer), nomination of Competent Authorities in Joint Actions, stakeholders' Mapping & Engagement: from WP2023 to WP2024 and Unit Costs.



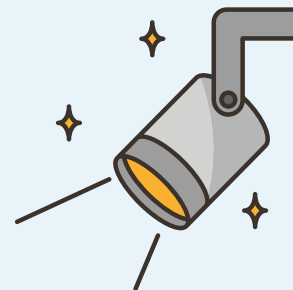
The objective of the training session was to actively work on the management of European projects, strengthen the NFPs Network, and share and exchange best practices and tools among NFPs.

The topics covered in detail through informative and interactive session throughout both training days were following: Funding & Tenders Portal eligibility criteria, selection, and award ; project design using Logical Framework, needs and objectives analysis, SMART methodology, impact, sustainability, implementation; Project cycle management; Grant Agreement, Consortium activities, and the process of evaluation and monitoring of project proposals.

On the second training day, participants were engaged in interactive group exercises simulating and replicating the initial stages of the participation process in specific calls and had the opportunity to present their work and receive feedback.



HIGHLIGHTS



2024 EU4HEALTH WORK PROGRAMME ADOPTED!

On 5th December, the 2024 EU4Health work programme was adopted by the European Commission.

The objectives of the EU4Health work plan for 2024 are as follows:

- Crisis preparedness (budget: € 485 517 000);
- Health promotion & disease prevention (budget: € 70 900 000);
- Health systems & healthcare workforce (budget: € 41 404 000);
- Digital (budget: € 25 750 000).
- Cancer (€ 117 600 000)

WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2024



The 2024 EU4Health work programme, which has a budget of € 752.4 million, will address health-related challenges resulting from the COVID-19 epidemic and Russia's aggressive conflict against Ukraine, supporting persons displaced. It will also assist new policy initiatives, focusing on mental health, global health, digital health, pharmaceutical innovations, and cancer screening. The work programme will also deal with the need to increase Europe's capacity to produce and innovate in manufacturing critical medicines and ingredients.

2024 HERA WORK PLAN

With a budget of more than €730 million, the European Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) approved its 2024 Work Plan. Of this amount, around €470 million came from the EU4Health programme and approximately €260 million from the Horizon Europe programme.

As stated in the 24 October 2023 Commission Communication on managing medicines shortages in the EU, HERA plans to focus its efforts in 2024 on further strengthening the EU's readiness and response capabilities to health emergencies, contributing to the robust supply of key medicines.

THE 2024 WORK PLAN



EU GRANTS ACCESS TO FUNDING FOR MONTENEGRO UNDER THE EU4HEALTH PROGRAMME

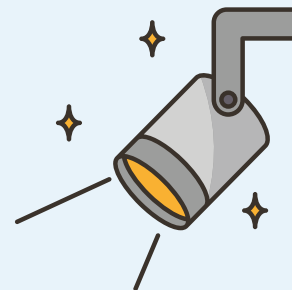
On 19 January, the European Commission signed an agreement associating Montenegro to the EU4Health programme. The agreement will be retroactive to 1 January 2024, allowing Montenegro to participate in the calls to be launched from January 2024. This agreement will open access for Montenegro to EU funding in the area of health. It will enable the Montenegrin health system to better respond to immediate needs and contribute to long-term recovery.

Through the association agreement, the health authorities and community actors of Montenegro will have equal access to EU4Health funds as those of the EU and its associate nations, which include Norway, Iceland, Moldova, and Ukraine.

Funding will be available to Montenegrin public and private entities through both competitive (open calls) and non-competitive (direct grants and joint actions) mechanisms.



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HEALTH FUNDING IN EU4HEALTH AND HORIZON EUROPE FACTSHEET

The network of EU4Health National Focal Points in collaboration with the network of Horizon Health National Contact Points jointly created a factsheet to give health stakeholders a side-by-side comparison of some of the most important aspects and opportunities of health funding under each programme such as areas of action, type of actions, target groups, eligible countries, call cycles, funding rate grants, links to useful documents and others.

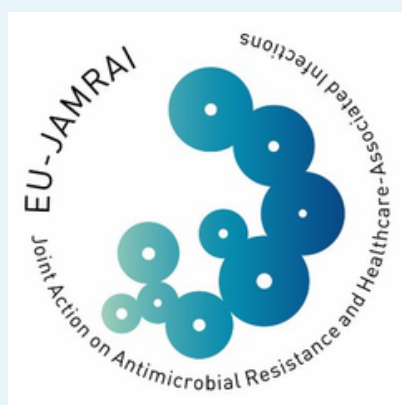


FACTSHEET



NEW JOINT ACTIONS KICKED-OFF !

In January, two new Joint Actions were launched by the Commission.



The first initiative, EU-JAMRAI 2, focuses on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and healthcare-associated infections, two of the major health risks of our day. The project is the largest EU-funded AMR initiative to date, with funding from the EU4Health programme totaling €50 million. Its aim is to lower the risk of citizens coming into contact with antibiotic-resistant bacteria. The action brings together all EU Member States as well as Iceland, Norway and Ukraine in order to collaborate on areas such as infection prevention and control, surveillance and monitoring, responsible use of antibiotics, awareness raising and innovation. The action also incorporated environmental and animal health-related actions in line with the One Health strategy.



The second Joint Action launched, JA PreventNCD, is focused on cancer prevention and other non-communicable diseases (NCDs), including diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and mental health issues. It brings together national authorities from 22 EU Member States, as well as Norway, Iceland, and Ukraine, with funding of €76 million from the EU4Health programme. The Joint Action JA PreventNCD will also establish a comprehensive European infrastructure to monitor factors related to cancer and other NCDs, as well as focussing on reducing social disparities.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Title	Date	Location	Description
Webinar Training Online for NFPs	16 April 2024	Online	The Communication Plan in the Joint Actions
Consortium Meeting & EU4Health Event Dissemination	27-28 May 2024	La Valleta Malta	JA NFP4Health Consortium Meeting&Event EU4Health Dissemination

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