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# EU Health Programme EU4Health 2021-27



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## Background

- It is a comprehensive response to the political demand to reflect the lessons learned from both the Covid-19 crisis and previous health programmes.
- The Commission proposes to allocate a budget of €9.4 billion for EU4Health – from the Multi Financial Framework (MFF) and the Recovery Fund (Next Generation EU).
- Will replace the health stand of European Social Fund Plus (ESF +) with a budget of € 413 million.



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## Three Main Priorities

- to protect people in the EU from serious cross-border health threats and improve crisis management capacity;
- to make medicines, medical devices and other relevant products available and affordable; and
- to strengthen health systems and the health care workforce, notably through health promotion and disease prevention.

*Beyond crisis preparedness and response, the programme will address other important long term challenges such as inequalities in health status, uneven distribution of health care or non-communicable diseases such as cancer.*



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## Discussed at the Meeting of Health Ministers 12 June

Ministers positive to the proposal, but some main comments:

- Governance and Member States involvement
- Synergies with other EU Programmes
- Preparedness is important, but also important with strong involvement in actions on public health
- Member States competence on public health must be respected



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## What will happen next?

- EPP MEP Cristian-Silviu Buşoi is rapporteur in the European Parliament – will issue a draft report on the EU4Health by the end of this week.
- The incoming German Presidency plans to have a common position on the proposal by the end of July. Most likely in the beginning of September.

- Trilogues



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