

# European Commission funding opportunities in support of health

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This document is meant to provide an overview on European Commission funding in support of health. The website of the European Commission should always be consulted, as opportunities evolve over time. Information included was collected from different European Commission websites. Where available contact information has been included.

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## EU4Health

The EU4Health programme was adopted as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to reinforce crisis preparedness in the EU. The pandemic highlighted the fragility of national health systems. The EU4Health programme will bring a contribution to the long-term health challenges by building stronger, more resilient and more accessible health systems.

The EU4Health Programme has four general objectives representing the ambitions of the programme and ten specific objectives representing the areas of intervention:

### Improve and foster health

- Health promotion and disease prevention, in particular cancer
- International health initiatives and cooperation.

### Protect people

- Prevention, preparedness and response to cross-border health threats
- Complementing national stockpiling of essential crisis-relevant products
- Establishing a reserve of medical, healthcare and support staff.

### Access to medicinal products, medical devices and crisis-relevant products

- Ensuring that these products are accessible, available and affordable.

### Strengthen health systems

- Reinforcing health data, digital tools and services, digital transformation of healthcare
- Enhancing access to healthcare
- Developing and implementing EU health legislation and evidence-based decision making
- Integrated work among national health systems.

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European Commission webpage EU4Health:

[https://health.ec.europa.eu/funding/eu4health-programme-2021-2027-vision-healthier-european-union\\_en](https://health.ec.europa.eu/funding/eu4health-programme-2021-2027-vision-healthier-european-union_en)

Link to all funding opportunities: [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

- EU4Health Best Practice Portal

Link to the website for the EU4Health Best Practice Portal: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/dyna/bp-portal/>

The European Commission's Best Practice Portal is designed to help find reliable and practical information on implemented practices recognised as best or promising in the area of public health.

Link to FAQ page of the EU4Health Best Practice Portal (Open Call): [Best Practice Portal - Best practices submit](#)

- The European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HADEA)

Link to website with contact information for EU4Health published on the website of HADEA:

[https://hadea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/eu4health/national-focal-points\\_en](https://hadea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/eu4health/national-focal-points_en)

Funding opportunities published on website HADEA:

- Tenders: [Calls for tenders \(europa.eu\)](#)
- Calls for Proposals: [Calls for proposals \(europa.eu\)](#)

## Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe facilitates collaboration and strengthens the impact of research and innovation in developing, supporting and implementing EU policies while tackling global challenges. It supports creating and better dispersing of excellent knowledge and technologies.

Horizon Europe is organised in different pillars, programmes, missions and partnerships.

Factsheet Horizon Europe:

[https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/document/9224c3b4-f529-4b48-b21b-879c442002a2\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/document/9224c3b4-f529-4b48-b21b-879c442002a2_en)

## Horizon Europe Pillar I

### Excellent Science

The first pillar of Horizon Europe - Excellent Science - supports frontier research and breakthrough scientific ideas, teams up the best researchers from Europe and beyond and equips them with skills and world-class research infrastructures.

- European Research Council (ERC)

Applications can be made in any field of research. The ERC's grants operate on a 'bottom-up' basis without predetermined priorities.

Link to all funding opportunities: [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

Overview different types of ERC grants: <https://erc.europa.eu/apply-grant>

European Research Council website: <https://erc.europa.eu/homepage>

- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

Funding for Doctoral Networks, Postdoctoral Fellowships, Staff Exchanges, Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND).

Link to all funding opportunities: [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

European Commission website on Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (including link funding opportunities):

<https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/>

Link to the website with contact details for Horizon Europe of national contact points EU Member States, associated countries, countries in the process to association and third countries:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/ncp;sortQuery=country;functions=7>

## Horizon Europe Pillar II

### Global Challenges and European Competitiveness

#### Cluster 1 Health

The pillar is established through clusters of research and innovation activities, in order to maximise integration and synergies across the respective thematic areas while securing high and sustainable levels of impact for the Union in relation to the resources that are expended.

Areas of intervention include among others:

- Infectious diseases including poverty-related and neglected diseases.
- Healthcare systems.

Expected impact linked to these areas of intervention:

- Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden.
- Pandemic preparedness.

Main areas for international cooperation and activities to be aligned with Research and Innovation of third countries/regions at major scale or to be carried out in cooperation with organisations in third countries:

- Infectious diseases, antimicrobial resistances and public health emergencies through dedicated actions and multilateral initiatives, including One Health approaches, such as the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trial Partnership (EDCTP), the Coalition of Epidemic Preparedness Innovation (CEPI), the Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness (GloPID-R) to prepare and respond quickly to public health emergencies in Europe and worldwide, and the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator to accelerate the development, production and equitable access to new COVID-19 diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines.

Cluster 1 Health list of Partnerships in Health include:

- European Partnership on Pandemic Preparedness
- Commission services: [RTD-COMBATTING-DISEASES@ec.europa.eu](mailto:RTD-COMBATTING-DISEASES@ec.europa.eu)
- European Partnership for One Health/AMR Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
- Commission services: [RTD-COMBATTING-DISEASES@ec.europa.eu](mailto:RTD-COMBATTING-DISEASES@ec.europa.eu)

Link to list with all partnership in health, partnership proposals and contact details:

[https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/european-partnerships-horizon-europe/health\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/european-partnerships-horizon-europe/health_en)

European Commission internet page on Cluster 1 Health:

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/cluster-1-health\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/cluster-1-health_en)

Link to Horizon Europe Work Programme (2025) – Cluster 1: [Cluster 1: Health - European Commission](#)

Link to website with contact details for Horizon Europe of national contact points EU Member States, associated countries, countries in the process to association and third countries: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/ncp;sortQuery=country;functions=7>

## Horizon Europe Pillar II

### Global Challenges and European Competitiveness

#### Cluster 3 – Civil Security for Society

This cluster responds to the challenges arising from persistent security threats, including cybercrime, as well as natural and man-made disasters. This might include opportunities related to CBRN.

Link to all funding opportunities: [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

Cluster 3 Civil security for society:

[https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/cluster-3-civil-security-society\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/cluster-3-civil-security-society_en)

Link to the website with contact details for Horizon Europe of national contact points EU Member States, associated countries, countries in the process to association and third countries: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/ncp/sortQuery=country;functions=7>

## Horizon Europe Pillar III European Innovation Council

Through Pillar III, the programme will focus on supporting the development of disruptive and market-creating innovations and on enhancing European innovation ecosystems. The European Institute for Innovation and Technology boosts innovation by increasing the collaboration between business, education and research organisation, public authorities and civil society.

One of the established Knowledge and Innovation Communities tackles health.

Link to all funding opportunities: [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

Website European Institute for Innovation and Technology: <https://eit.europa.eu/>

Website of the European Institute for Innovation and Technology on health innovation: <https://eit.europa.eu/our-communities/eit-health>

Link to the website with contact details for national contact points EU Member States, associated countries, countries in the process of association and third countries: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/ncp/sortQuery=country;functions=7>

## Technical Support Instrument

The Technical Support Instrument is the EU programme that provides tailor-made technical expertise to EU Member States to design and implement reforms. The support is demand driven and does not require co-financing from Member States. It is an important pillar of the EU's initiative to help Member States mitigate the economic and social consequences of the outbreak of the COVID-19 crisis.

The European Commission, via the Technical Support Instrument, has been helping Member States with the preparation and implementation of their national Recovery and Resilience Plans.

An EU Member State wishing to receive technical support submits a request to the Commission, via a national Coordinating Authority. A request must be submitted by 31 October of each year.

One of the areas supported is:

- Health and long-term care

Example:

- Public health, disease prevention and health promotion.

European Commission webpage on the Technical Support Instrument:

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/technical-support-instrument/technical-support-instrument-tsi\\_en#howdoesitwork](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/technical-support-instrument/technical-support-instrument-tsi_en#howdoesitwork)

Main contact points for the Technical Support Instrument for EU countries:

[TSI National Coordinating Authorities contacts - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

## Digital Europe Programme

The Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL) is an EU funding programme focused on bringing digital technology to businesses, citizens and public administrations. The programme includes an objective on Health, specifically: e-health, digital health.

Link to all funding opportunities: [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

European Commission webpage on the Digital Europe Programme including links to among others National Contact Points for DIGITAL and Work Programmes:

<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/activities/digital-programme>

## Recovery and Resilience Facility

The Facility entered into force on 19 February 2021. It finances reforms and investments in EU Member States made from the start of the pandemic in February 2020 until 31 December 2026. Countries can receive financing up to a previously agreed maximum amount. The facility is structured around six pillars, one of which is titled 'health, economic, social and institutional resilience', with the aim of, inter alia, increasing crisis preparedness and crisis response capacity.

To benefit from support under the Facility, EU governments have submitted national recovery and resilience plans, outlining the reforms and investments they will implement by end-2026, with clear milestones and targets.

European Commission website Recovery and Resilience Facility: [https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/recovery-and-resilience-facility\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/recovery-and-resilience-facility_en)

Information on the Recovery and Resilience Plans from the EU Member States:

[https://commission.europa.eu/business-economy-euro/economic-recovery/recovery-and-resilience-facility/country-pages\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/business-economy-euro/economic-recovery/recovery-and-resilience-facility/country-pages_en)

Operational arrangements for the Recovery and Resilience Plans signed between the Commission and the EU Member States are published for most of the EU Member States on the country specific page.

The Commission established a Recovery and Resilience Tasks force (RECOVER) in charge of coordinating and implementing the Recovery and Resilience Facility. The Recovery and Resilience Task Force was operational until 1 February 2025. The Reform and Investment Task Force has taken over its responsibilities:

[https://commission.europa.eu/about/departments-and-executive-agencies/reform-and-investment-task-force\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/about/departments-and-executive-agencies/reform-and-investment-task-force_en)

## Cohesion Policy European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) European Social Fund + (ESF+) Cohesion Fund

EU Cohesion Policy contributes to strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion in the European Union. It aims to correct imbalances between countries and regions. EU Cohesion Policy invests in health, a key asset for regional development and competitiveness, to reduce economic and social disparities. Investment may address several different areas such as Europe's ageing population, healthcare infrastructure and sustainable systems, e-health, affordable access to quality health services, health promotion programmes and cross-border cooperation.

European Commission website on the Cohesion Policy 2021 - 2027:

[https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/2021-2027\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/2021-2027_en)

Link to the publication of the Partnerships Agreements or press releases on agreed Partnership between the Commission and the EUMS. Select heading Partnership agreement: [https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/2021-2027\\_en#inline-nav-12](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/2021-2027_en#inline-nav-12)

The Cohesion Policy consist of several funds, see for more information the link below:

[https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/funding/available-budget\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/funding/available-budget_en)

National Portals are websites set-up by the EU Member States to inform their citizens on the implementation of Union funds in their countries. Link to the National Portals from EU Member States:

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/find-funding/funding-management-mode/national-single-portals\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/find-funding/funding-management-mode/national-single-portals_en)

Question and Answer page on accessing the funds: [https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/funding/accessing-funds\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/funding/accessing-funds_en)

Contact information Cohesion Policy in EU countries:

[https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/in-your-country/managing-authorities\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/in-your-country/managing-authorities_en)

## Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund

The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund aims to further boost national capacities and improve procedures for migration management, as well as to enhance solidarity and responsibility sharing between Member States, in particular, through emergency assistance and the relocation mechanism.

Example action:

- supporting infrastructures for the reception of third country nationals, including the possible joint use of such facilities by more than one Member State.

Link to all funding opportunities: [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

European Commission webpage on Asylum Migration and Integration Fund: [https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/funding/asylum-migration-and-integration-funds/asylum-migration-and-integration-fund-2021-2027\\_en](https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/funding/asylum-migration-and-integration-funds/asylum-migration-and-integration-fund-2021-2027_en)

Internet page on funding for Migration and Home Affairs: [https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/funding\\_en](https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/funding_en)

Link to the website with funding contacts for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund of the EU Member States (includes years 2021 – 2027): [https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-contacts\\_en](https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-contacts_en)

## Website funding opportunities

Link to European Commission website homepage where funding opportunities are published:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

Link to a publication of the EU Budget including priorities and allocations per heading titled The EU's 2021-2027 long-term budget and NextGenerationEU.

[The EU's 2021-2027 long-term budget and NextGenerationEU - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)

Link to webpage with the proposal from the European Commission for the next long-term budget 2028 – 2034:

[https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget/long-term-eu-budget/eu-budget-2028-2034\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget/long-term-eu-budget/eu-budget-2028-2034_en)