

## FUNDING UNDER THE 3<sup>RD</sup> HEALTH PROGRAMME 2014-2020



*Actions co-financed with  
Member State authorities  
(Joint Actions)*

The Health Programme is about fostering health in Europe by encouraging cooperation between Member States to improve the health policies that benefit their citizens. The programme aims to support and complement Member States health initiatives.

The Programme is translated into annual work programmes defining actions in priority areas set in the Programme Regulation (EU) No282/2014. On this basis the Consumer, Health and Food Executive Agency organises every year calls for proposals.

Joint Actions are one funding instrument under the third EU Health Programme 2014-2020.

### WHAT IS A JOINT ACTION?

Joint Actions have a clear EU added value and are co-financed either by competent authorities that are responsible for health in the Member States or in the third countries participating in the Programme, or by public sector bodies and non-governmental bodies mandated by those competent authorities.

Joint Actions' proposals should provide a genuine **European dimension** in order to make sense both technically and in terms of policy. Depending on the scope of the action previous Joint Actions involved on average 25 partners.

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

#### *Country eligibility*

To be a beneficiary of an EU grant for a Joint Actions, the competent authority needs to be legally established in:

The European Union (any of the 28 Member States), or

- An EFTA country, party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area that has confirmed
- participation in the Programme

In addition, competent authorities from the third countries can participate in the Health Programme if the necessary conditions are met.

Public sector bodies and non-governmental bodies from the above countries can participate in Joint Actions, if they are mandated by competent authorities through a transparent procedure.

## HOW MUCH CO-FUNDING?

For the Joint Actions, the EU contribution is 60% of the total eligible cost, in cases of exceptional utility may be up to 80%. The criteria for exceptional utility are defined in the annual work programme.

## GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The following general principles apply to funding for Joint Actions:

- Co-financing rule: you need to **have your own financial resources** or financial resources of third parties to contribute to the costs of the project
- Non-profit rule: the grant **may not have the purpose or effect of producing a profit** for your organisation
- Non-retroactivity rule: you **can get co-funding only for the costs incurred after the starting date** stipulated in the grant agreement
- Non-cumulative rule: each action may give rise to the award of **only one grant** to any one beneficiary (you cannot get paid twice for the same cost)

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

The Commission sends invitation letters to all EU Member States and other countries participating in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Health Programme, asking them to nominate the participants in the Joint Actions listed in the annual work programme.



### ABOUT CHAFEA

The Consumers, Health and Food Executive Agency (Chafea) is the successor of the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers (EAHC) to manage the technical and financial implementation of the Public Health Programme and also the Consumers Programme and the Better Training for Safer Food initiative.

### CONTACT

For more information about funding of projects in the field of health and about other funding possibilities, please visit the website of the Consumers, Health and Food Executive Agency

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