



Based in Luxembourg, Executive Agency for Health and Consumers (EAHC) implements the EU Health and Consumer Programmes and the BTSF initiative. Set up in 2005 as the Public Health Executive Agency, it was transformed into the EAHC in 2008.

National Contact Points

EAHC public health experts support applicants to the Health Programme by organising workshops, seminars and providing information online. Local input is also provided to participating organisations by National Focal Points (NFP), a European network of advice centres where applicants can collect information on application procedures and find potential project partners in other countries.



Further information:

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For more information, including details of the yearly work plan and the National Focal Points, please visit: <http://ec.europa.eu/eahc>

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Public Health



Health Programme 2008 – 2013

The Second Programme of Community Action in the Field of Health 2008-2013 finances projects that promote human health and safety in the European Union. The Health Programme is managed by the European Commission and the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers (EAHC).

Projects and activities funded by the Health Programme encompass the three key objectives of the Health Programme:

The Objectives	Examples of Projects
To improve citizens' health security.	Preparing for an influenza pandemic, ensuring safety of human tissues and blood products.
To promote health, including the reduction of health inequalities.	Prevention of drug addiction, AIDS, promotion of healthy lifestyles and mental health.
To generate and disseminate health information and knowledge.	Collect, analyse and disseminate health information, exchange knowledge and best practice, furthering a European Health Information System.

Funding



There are various types of funding schemes available, depending on the activity to be financed. The emphasis is on an even distribution of funds across the different objectives of the Health Programme.

With the exception of calls for tenders, the core principle of the Programme is co-financing; maximum reimbursement is usually up to 60%.

Work plans are published yearly which detail the priorities and criteria for funding the Programme's activities. Financial support is only given to projects and organisations that support the Health Programme's objectives.

<http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health>

Financing Mechanisms

- Calls for Projects** – Projects (or grants for action) are one of the key funding instruments. They should not exceed three years in duration. Applicants should take note that funding is highly competitive. All projects must provide European added value, be innovative in nature and involve organisations from across the EU and other participating countries.
- Operating Grants** – Financial support, in the form of core operating costs for one financial year, can be given to sustain European NGOs and specialised networks that promote the Health Programme's objectives.
- Calls for Conferences** – Funding is given to conferences organised by single organisations active in the field of public health and risk assessment.
- Calls for Tender** – Some of the objectives in the annual work plan are awarded by a call for tender. The specific objectives and award criteria are published for each tender individually. Please also visit Tenders Electronic Daily at ted.europa.eu
- Joint Actions** – this is a collaboration of the European Commission with Member States, represented by a public body or NGOs. Co-funding is normally 50% of the total cost of the action.
- International organisations** – that may have unique capacities, such as a global reputation and a high concentration of technical skills, may receive funding to tackle public health priority areas for the EU.



The Second Programme of Community Action in the Field of Health 2008–2013 came into force on 1 January 2008. This follows the first Programme of Community action in the field of public health (2003–2008) which financed over 300 projects and other actions.

Applying for Funding

- Procedure** – Before submitting a proposal, the lead applicant should consult the annual work plan published on the EAHC website. This site also provides guidelines for applicants and the rules of the EU Financial Regulation.
- Who can participate** – Organisations from EU member states, EEA countries, and some associated countries can participate in the Health Programme. Various organisations can apply, depending on the type of financial support. Most importantly, applications must encompass one of the Programme objectives and match priorities of annual work plan.
- Evaluation** – Proposals will be assessed, with the support of independent experts, on the basis of policy and contextual relevance, technical and management quality, as well as the budget, following the criteria set up in the annual work plan.

