

# THE THIRD HEALTH PROGRAMME 2014-2020 FUNDING HEALTH INITIATIVES



**BUDGET:**  
**€449.4 million**  
(2014-2020) to support

- Cooperation projects at EU level
- Actions jointly undertaken by Member State health authorities
- The functioning of non-governmental bodies
- Cooperation with international organisations

## PROGRAMMING AND IMPLEMENTATION

on the basis of Annual Work Programmes through calls for grants and tenders\*

## MONITORING AND REPORTING

Annual implementation reports to European Parliament & Council; mid-term review in 2017

### Challenges

An increasingly challenging demographic context, threatening the sustainability of health systems

A fragile economic recovery, limiting the availability of resources to invest in healthcare

An increase of health inequalities between and within Member States

An Increase in the prevalence of chronic disease

### General objectives

Improve the health of EU citizens and reduce **health inequalities**

Encourage **innovation in health** and increase **sustainability of health systems**

Focus on themes that address **current health issues** across Member States

Support and encourage **cooperation between Member States**

### Specific objectives

Promote health, **prevent diseases**, and foster supportive environments for **healthy lifestyles**

Protect citizens from **serious cross-border health threats**

Contribute to innovative, efficient and **sustainable health systems**.

Facilitate access to **better and safer healthcare** for Union citizens

### Operational objectives

Identify, disseminate and promote the up-take of evidence-based and good practices for **cost-effective disease prevention** and health promotion activities

Identify and develop coherent approaches and implement for **better preparedness and coordination in health emergencies**

Identify and develop tools and mechanisms at Union level to **address shortages of resources**, both human and financial, and facilitate the voluntary up-take of innovation in public health intervention and prevention strategies

Increase access to **cross-border medical expertise** and information for medical conditions of low prevalence, high specialisation or rare diseases

Facilitate the application of research results and **developing tools towards** quality healthcare and patient safety

### Examples of expected results

Increased use of **evidence-based practices** in Member States

Integrated coherent approaches in Member States preparedness plan, **improved surveillance and response to cross-border health threats**

Increased **sustainability of health systems**

Creation of **European Reference Networks**, for example on rare diseases

## *Thematic Priorities\**

### **1. Promote health, prevent diseases and foster supportive environments for healthy lifestyles**

- 1.1** Risk factors such as use of tobacco and passive smoking, harmful use of alcohol, unhealthy dietary habits and physical inactivity
  - 1.2** Drugs-related health damage, including information and prevention
  - 1.3** HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and hepatitis
  - 1.4** Chronic diseases including cancer, age-related diseases and neurodegenerative diseases
  - 1.5** Tobacco legislation
  - 1.6** Health information and knowledge system to contribute to evidence-based decision-making
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### **2. Protect Union citizens from serious cross-border health threats**

- 2.1** Additional capacities of scientific expertise for risk assessment
  - 2.2** Capacity-building against health threats in Member States, including, where appropriate, cooperation with neighbouring countries
  - 2.3** Implementation of Union legislation on communicable diseases and other health threats, including those caused by biological and chemical incidents, environment and climate change
  - 2.4** Health information and knowledge system to contribute to evidence-based decision-making
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### **3. Contribute to innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems**

- 3.1** Health Technology Assessment
  - 3.2** Innovation and e-health
  - 3.3** Health workforce forecasting and planning
  - 3.4** Setting up a mechanism for pooling expertise at Union level
  - 3.5** European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing
  - 3.6** Implementation of Union legislation in the field of medical devices, medicinal products and cross-border healthcare
  - 3.7** Health information and knowledge system including support to the Scientific Committees set up in accordance with Commission Decision 2008/721/EC
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### **4. Facilitate access to better and safer healthcare for Union citizens**

- 4.1** European Reference Networks
  - 4.2** Rare diseases
  - 4.3** Patient safety and quality of healthcare
  - 4.4** Measures to prevent antimicrobial resistance and control healthcare-associated infections
  - 4.5** Implementation of Union legislation in the fields of tissues and cells, blood, organs
  - 4.6** Health information and knowledge system to contribute to evidence-based decision-making
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\* Full text of the Regulation and further information at:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy/index_en.htm)