

# Stakeholders' Targeted Consultation

## EU4health and 2022 Work Programme

### *Consultation strategy*

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#### **1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Programme regulation (EU) 2021/522, in its recital (43) indicates that the implementation of the Programme should be supported by extensive outreach activities to ensure that the views and needs of civil society are duly represented and taken into account.

To this end, Article 16 states that the Commission shall consult with relevant stakeholders, including representatives of civil society and patient organisations, to seek their views on:

- (a) the priorities and strategic orientations of the annual work programme;
- (b) the needs to be addressed through the annual work programme and the results achieved through it.

The Commission shall organise the consultation and information of stakeholders at least once a year, in the six months preceding the presentation of the draft work programme.

Each year, prior to the last meeting of the EU4Health Steering Group, the Commission shall present to the European Parliament the outcomes of the proceedings of the EU4Health Steering Group and the consultation of stakeholders.

#### **2. OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTATION**

This targeted consultation is intended to seek feedback from stakeholders on the priorities and strategic orientations and on the needs to be addressed through EU4Health annual work programmes, in particular focusing on input that could facilitate reflection for the 2022 EU4Health Work Programme and beyond.

The consultation process does not start from zero; the Commission will base its work on the exchange of view with stakeholders that took place in two webinars in January and March 2021, which provided useful information on the priorities.

The objectives and the eligible actions listed in the survey refer to the Regulation (EU) 2021/522 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 2021 establishing a Programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health Programme') for the period 2021-2027.

#### **3. STAKEHOLDER MAPPING**

The EU4health programme involves a broad range of stakeholders. The main interest groups identified for this consultation are:

*Organisations representing patients, civil society, and other parties active in public health and social issues* - in addition to the general interests described above, they are specifically concerned about the contribution of funded intervention to tackle the health challenges across the EU. Their contributions are particularly important to inform the Commission's reflection in relation to 'unmet medical needs' and 'success stories'.

*Healthcare professionals and healthcare providers* - they are daily confronted with health challenges. They are interested in the contribution that the interventions funded can bring to address unmet medical needs.

*Researchers, academia and experts networks* - their contributions are particularly important regarding scientific

developments and in upscaling innovative solutions.

*Businesses and their associations* - contributions will be sought from small and medium-sized (SMEs) as well as from large companies, including pharmaceutical companies, medical devices manufacturers, digital companies, healthcare service providers, hospital and care deliverers, health insurances etc.

*Member States authorities* - authorities that are responsible for health at national, regional or local level.

A EU4Health community of stakeholders has been identified through the two webinars organised in 2021 and direct contacts with DG SANTE. Those stakeholders will be made aware of the possibility to participate to the consultation. The consultation will be publicly advertised and available, in order to ensure that other stakeholders can participate.

## **4. CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES AND TIMING**

The Commission will launch a 4-week targeted consultation on 2 July (only in English) to consult the general public and other stakeholders.

The targeted consultation will be conducted via a questionnaire (EU Survey) to be published online at 12am.

The outcome from the targeted consultation will be summarised and published on the dedicated EU4H web page. These results will feed into further work on the EU4H 2022 work programme, which will also include an online event that will be announced in due course.