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EU4Health and EU funding opportunities for UEMS

CoVid-19 revealed the need to strengthen crisis managements and health systems, including at european level. The EU decided to invest in a €9.4 billion program, EU4Health, to boost EU's preparedness for major cross border health threats and to make sure that health systems can face epidemics as well as long-term challenges such as an ageing population and inequalities in health status.

This ambitious programme will focus on 4 main aspects:

- **Tackling cross-border health threats**, by developping reserves of medical supplies and a reserve of healthcare staff and experts that can be mobilised to respond to health crises throughout the EU, as well as increasing the surveillance of health threats.
- **Making medicines available and affordable** by ensuring the availability of medicines, medical devices and other critical health supplies and contributing to their affordability for patients ad health systems; advocating the prudent and efficient use of medicines; promoting medical and pharmaceutical innovation and greener manufacturing.
- **Being ready for the health challenges of tomorrow** by quality enhancement in medical education; working on disease prevention and health promotion; the digital transformation of health systems; improving access to health care including for vulnerable groups.
- **Continuing work on the Commission's health priorities** such as the fight against cancer; antimicrobial resistance and improving vaccination rates. The EU will also expand successful initiatives such as the European Reference Networks for rare diseases and further develop international cooperation on global health threats and challenges.

There will be funding opportunities for projects on these topics through the EU4Health programme, but there are **other funding possibilities for health policies** such as the [European Social Fund Plus](#) (ESF+) to support vulnerable groups in access to healthcare; [European Regional and Development Fund](#) to improve regional health infrastructure; [Horizon Europe](#) for health research; [Erasmus+](#) for projects related to education; and [Digital Europe](#) to develop digital health tools.

Examples of topics on which there are funding opportunities or received funding:

- Prevention and/or early diagnosis of cancer

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- Developing tools for supporting clinical decisions by integrating various diagnostic data
- Innovative solutions for diagnostics for infectious diseases
- Addressing low vaccine uptake
- New approaches for clinical management and prevention of resistant bacterial infections in high prevalence settings
- Medical treatments through Artificial Intelligence
- Medical education and health care delivery
- Medical education developments in the time of COVID-19 pandemic

The EU4Health Programme will create additional and unprecedented opportunities for healthcare sector by expanding funding beyond existing programmes. The Commission welcomes proposals from health professionals.

[Project proposals for EU4Health Programme could address very wide range of European activities in healthcare sector and at this planning stage the proposed activities don't need to be limited to the topics listed above. Contribution from European Medical Specialists may address training and education, interdisciplinary and interprofessional collaboration, continuing professional development etc. as long as these activities support the major goals of EU4Health Programme.](#)

National Medical Associations Members of UEMS and delegates to UEMS are welcome to send in their proposals by the end of August.

Proposals will be brought forward to the Commission in September.

More information on the new EU4Health Programme is available [here.](#)

The list of already existing funding opportunities is available at:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search;freeTextSearchKeyword=;typeCodes=1;statusCodes=31094501,31094502;programCode=H2020;programDivisionCode=31047894;focusAreaCode=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;callCode=Default;sortQuery=openingDate;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState>