

# JA NFP4Health

The role of National Focale Point  
and the EU 4Health programme:  
Introduction, Highlights and the last news

Twinning online edition n°7

25.09.2025



This presentation is part of the action "NFP4Health" which has received funding from the European Union's Health Programme (2014-2020) under grant agreement No 101035965.



# EU4Health work programmes – 4 strands of action + cancer

EU4Health supports a broad range of actions under four overarching “strands” with a cross-cutting focus on cancer

## POSSIBLE ELIGIBLE ACTIONS

CANCER 



### CRISIS PREPAREDNESS

- Protect citizens from serious cross-border health threats
- Strengthen health systems response
- Enhance coordination among Member States to cope with serious cross-border threats to health



### HEALTH PROMOTION & DISEASE PREVENTION

- Improve and foster health in the EU
- Reduce the burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases
- Support health promotion and disease prevention
- Reduce health inequalities
- Foster healthy lifestyles



### HEALTH SYSTEMS & HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE

- Improve availability, accessibility and affordability of medicinal products and medical devices, support their innovation
- Strengthen resilience and sustainability of health systems
- Reinforce healthcare workforce

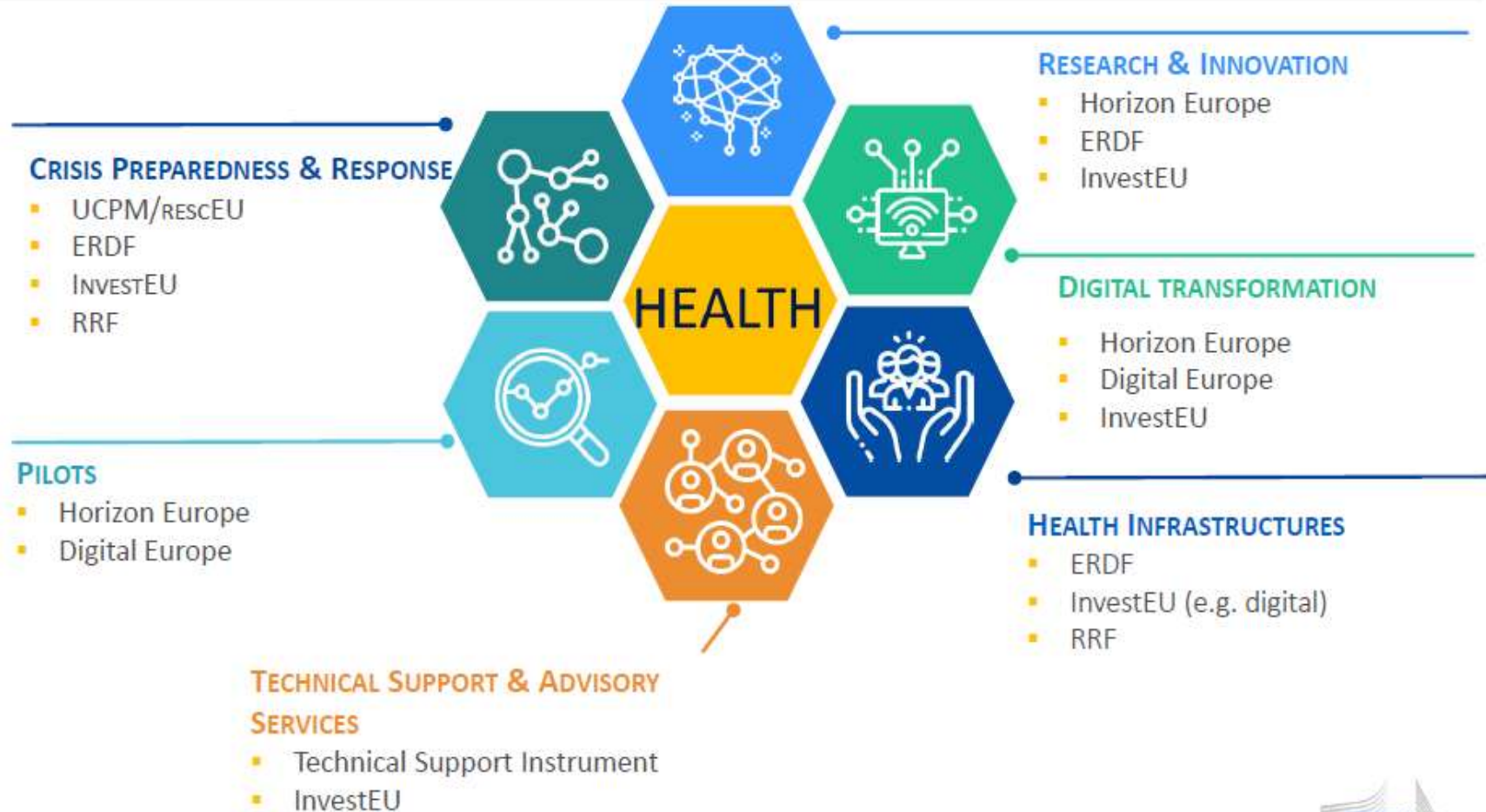


### DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

- Advance digital transformation of health systems
- Strengthen primary & secondary use of health data

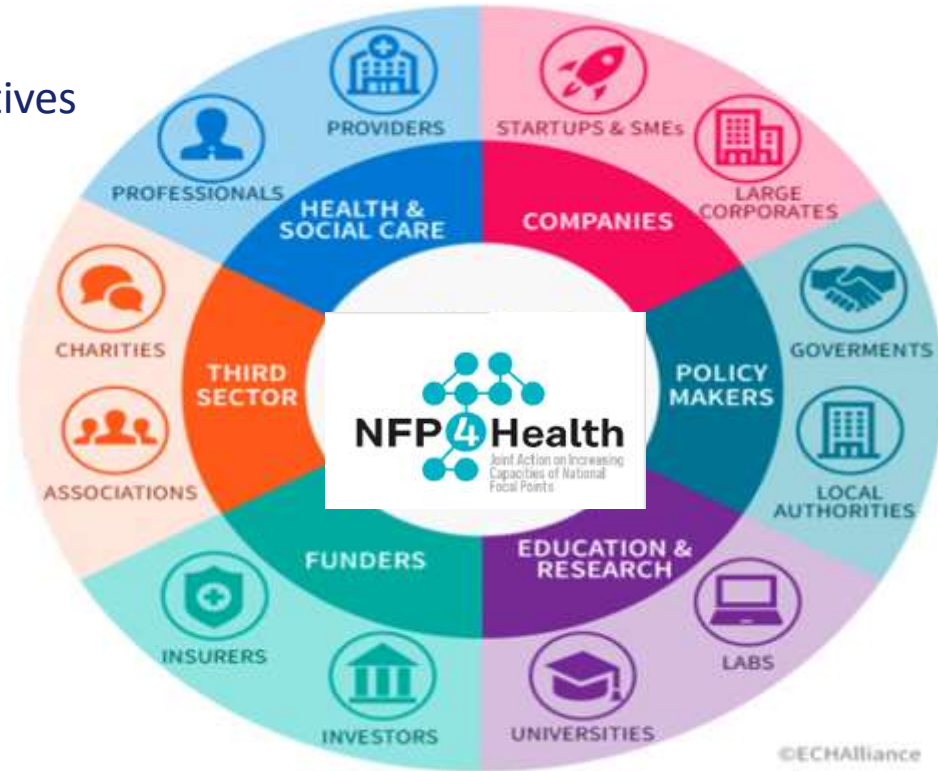
# EU4Health – Synergies & complementarities

An approach by policy area; many instruments contributing to the same objective: health



# NFP E STAKEHOLDERS

>> **Synergies** other EU initiatives  
( Horizon, Digital Eu, TSI )



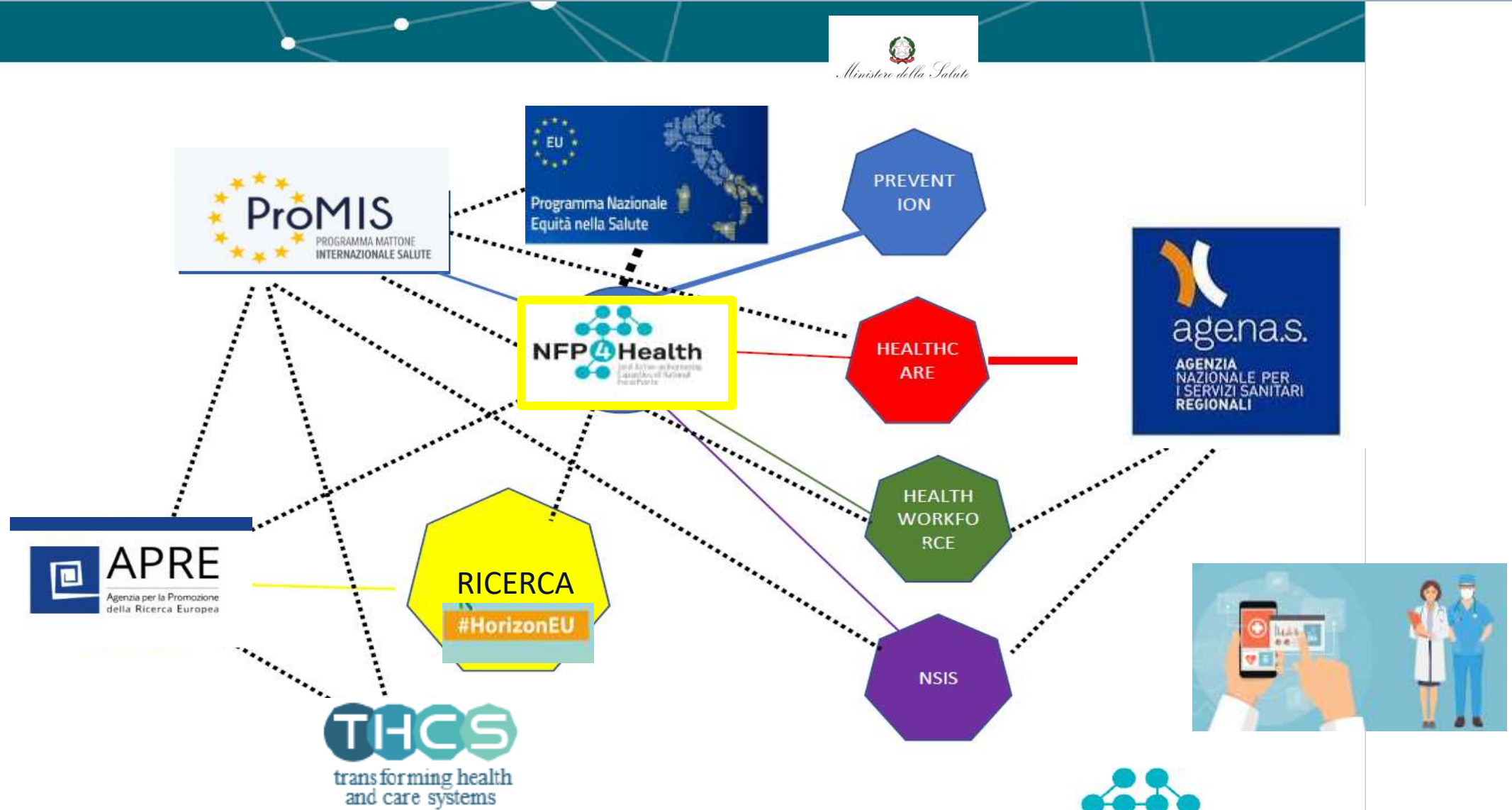
❖ **INFODAYS**

❖ **WORKSHOPS**

>>>> **NETWORKs NFPs**



s  
y  
n  
e  
r  
g  
y  
e  
s



This presentation is part of the action "NFP4Health" which has received funding from the European Union's Health Programme (2014-2020) under grant agreement No 101035965.



Showcase event

**“Synergies for integrated care”**

28-29 October 2024

Spazio Europa, Via Quattro Novembre, 149, 00187 Rome (IT)

On 28 and 29 October, The European Health and Digital Executive Agency (**HaDEA**) is co-organising a showcase event on **“Synergies for integrated care”** in collaboration with the Joint Action on increasing Capacity building for National Focal Points – [JA NFP4Health](#), the Horizon Europe Partnership for Transforming HealthCare Systems - [THCS](#), the Joint Action on cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) and diabetes – [JACARDI](#) and the Horizon Europe Health National Contact Points [HNN3.0](#).



## Pre-conference: Best practices in EU-wide projects contributing to achieving the objectives of EU Health policies

Tuesday 12 November, 13:30 – 17:00 Lisbon time (starting with network lunch at 12:30)

Organised by

European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA) and Joint Action on increasing the capacity of National Focal Points (NFPs) – NFP4Health

# JA NFP4Health towards 2025

- DP-g-24-34 Call Supporting National Focal Points (NFPs) in providing guidance, information and assistance related to the promotion and implementation of the EU4Health Programme and other relevant legislation (rif.Pag.54 AWP 2024)
- Call Opening: 17 September 2024
- Call Closing: 22 January 2024
- Budget: EUR 2 000 000
- IMPORTANT: *Preparatory activity in the framework of the JA NFP4Health*



This presentation is part of the action "NFP4Health" which has received funding from the European Union's Health Programme (2014-2020) under grant agreement No 101035965.







*Ministero della Salute*

---

**Thank you for attention!**



## 8 Twinning Editions 2022 - 2024

Eight editions of the Twinning programme are foreseen for NFPs, focusing on **countries with low participation rates or newly nominated NFPs**, in order to **provide opportunities for exchange of experiences and good practices, and to improve successful national NFP services.**

*Sharing experiences, skills and ideas enables NFPs and NFP networks to **develop and scale-up approaches, services and tools targeting stakeholders.** This exchange might be more important due to the beginning of the new Programme and will be managed by **virtual interaction** (Zoom, Skype) and **site visits**, to meet the team and learn about a specific set of activities/tools.*

As part NFP4Health, Task 6.3 “NFPs Twinning Programme” APRE will organize the Twinning Programme to **share in a structured and output-oriented way approaches, good practices and tools between/among NFPs.**



**1°**  
Rome, OCT 2022

- **Stakeholders' Engagement** at national level
- **Joint Actions:** state of national participation and how to maximize the MoH participation

**2°**  
Prague, March 2023

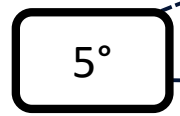
- **NFP role, activities and soft skills**
- **Data collection** on national participation and performance.
- **Co-funding mechanism**

**3°**  
Online, AUG 2023

- How to facilitate synergies with HE **Mission on Cancer**
- **Organizing Info Days Vs Thematic Workshops** (showcasing projects)

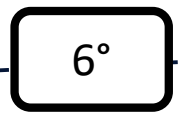
**4°**  
Online, SEP 2023

- **Partner search**
- **Coordinator capacity building**
- **Affiliated Entities**
- Co-funding



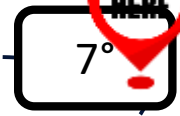
**5°**  
Lisbon, JAN 2024

- **Synergies** with Horizon Europe
- **Competent Authorities** nomination in JA
- **Stakeholders' Mapping & Engagement:** from WP2023 to WP2024
- Open Discussion on **Unit Costs**



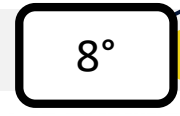
**6°**  
Lithuania, APR 2024

- **FOCUS | Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine...:** exploring similarities of Health Systems in the perspective of the opportunities offered by the Programme



**7°**  
Online, SEP 2024

- **FOCUS | Newcomer NFPs** (E.g. Montenegro)
- **MULTILATERAL:** topics to be defined



**8°**  
Online, OCT 2024

**FOLLOW-UP (Spain, Open Lab on mixed fund):**  
Synergies with the Mission on Cancer  
- MULTILATERAL



NFPs Twinning Programme





## Online Twinning programme | September 2024



Moderation: APRE

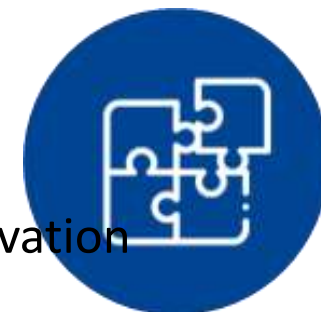
CEST	7 <sup>th</sup> Twinning Edition   AGENDA	
11.05	Welcome	Giovanni Nicoletti, Ministry of Health, Italy
11.10	EU4Health Programme: introduction, highlights and latest news	Giovanni Nicoletti, Ministry of Health, Italy
11.20	NFP4Health project: services and resources available for NFPs	Pietro Pomella, JA NFP4Health Coordination Italian Team, ProMIS
11.35	The role of National Focal Points: building on the experience of Horizon Europe NCPs	Caterina Buonocore, APRE Mathilde De Bonis, APRE
11.45	Joint Actions: peculiarities and opportunities for national health systems	Hanna Shchetynina, Public Health Center of the MOH of Ukraine
12.00	<b>Open discussion &amp; Conclusions</b>	<b>All</b>







## What is the role of NCPs/NFPs?



- NCPs/NFPs are the **link between** the EU Programme and the local research and innovation community
- NCPs/NFPs provide **guidance, information and spread awareness** about the Programme and funding opportunities (incl. on legal and financial issues) to increase the participation of their country in the Programme ( but also **quality** of the participation!).
- NCPs/NFPs are **'ambassadors' of HE/EU4Health** in their home countries
- NCPs/NFPs have a **direct contact with the Commission/HaDEA** officials, as the main interface between the Commission/HaDEA and potential applicants, giving feedback e.g. on any problems and difficulties in implementing and participating in the Programme



# NCPs/NFPs ACTIVITIES



## INFORMATION

- **Drafting** of informative materials to raise awareness on HE
- **Disseminating** information from the Commission and by your NFP thematic network
- **Sharing** informative and networking events through **national channels. Engage with all national multipliers that can help you to reach applicants.**



## ASSISTANCE

- **Explaining** the scope and the modalities of the available funding schemes for programme calls
- **Advising, guiding and supporting** potential applicants through documents, templates, and
- **Providing** information on the administrative, management and legal requirements.



## TRAINING

Free **training opportunities** on Horizon Europe based on the specific thematic and/or regional needs of each Partner Country.



# What Assistance ?

- ❑ Personalised advice, guidance and support for applicants through face-to-face meetings, telephone, webinars, TEAMS calls, email etc.
- ❑ Explain the scope and the modalities of the whole spectrum of **funding schemes (grants, JA, etc)** to be used
- ❑ Provide information and advise on the setting up of appropriate **administrative, management structures** in international and multidisciplinary projects; trying to increase in particular the participation of **smaller organisations, new comers and SMEs (private sector)**.

## **Other possibilities of assistance to your applicants:**

- ❑ Supporting project **coordinators and partners** in your country with dedicated events to "winners".
- ❑ IDEA: NCP-forum gathering all NCPs in meetings with EU Project coordinators from universities and higher education establishments, hospitals, companies..**to reinforce the community feeling and your visibility**
- ❑ **Assist in partner search:**

activities among academic and private sectors (networking events, bilateral meetings)



## What Trainings?

- ❑ Organise training sessions on health related programmes for **intermediaries** and for information **multipliers** to ensure high quality of advice.
  
- ❑ Organise training seminars for
  - ❑ specific **target groups** (SMEs, universities, associations, healthworkers, clinicians, etc) or on **specific topics** (legal aspects, modalities for participation, health sectors covered by the different strands of EU4health (cancer, digital, preparedness etc); on ethical rules , innovation, business plans, Dissemination and communication of project results ,etc.)







## Some tips...

- **Keep you updated! Consult the online resources** coming from the EC/HaDEA ad follow all their social media accounts
- **Make the most of the NFP/NCP communities like EU4health** to use support materials, boost networking opportunities and stay updated on the upcoming events and activities:
  - Organising informative events and capacity building trainings and administrative procedures
  - Publishing factsheets, tutorials and guides for NFPs on their communication channels
  - Sharing expertise on how to provide assistance to applicants through Twinning or similar programmes
  - Organising pitching session to facilitate the setting up of consortia
- **Keep mapping local relevant stakeholders** in your relevant community who could benefit from the Programme
- **Disseminate information** on the programme through online channels (website, LinkedIn, Youtube etc.) and onsite events
- Monitor relevant EU Thematic networks or initiatives





# ABOUT HNN3.0

Coordinated by APRE

17 PARTNERS | 17 COUNTRIES



**HNN3.0 Mission**  
Making NCPs feel connected, well informed, trained and at home!

Trusting in a *Community of Practice* where to find the best tools and strategies to support R&I stakeholders participating in Horizon Europe.

- Services and products for NCPs
- Services and products for Applicants

Towards a consistent and harmonized level of NCP support




**HNN3.0**  
HEALTH-NCP-NET

**APRE**  
Agencia per la Promozione della Ricerca Europea

**AICIB**  
AGÈNCIA DE INVESTIGACIÓ CIENTÍFICA I INNOVACIÓ BIOMÈDICA

**hub.brussels**

**RESEARCH & INNOVATION FOUNDATION**

**DLR Projektträger**

**EKT** NATIONAL DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

**Estonian Research Council**

**NCBR**  
National Contact Point for EU Research Programmes

**HRB**  
Health Research Board

**ISC**  
Instituto de Salud Carlos III

**MINISTÈRE DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT SUPÉRIEUR ET DE LA RECHERCHE**  
Liberté Égalité Fraternité

**rannís**  
www.rannis.is

**TECHNOLOGY CENTRE CAS**

**eurerearch**  
Swiss guide to European research and innovation

**Research Council of Lithuania**

**UK Research and Innovation**

**Latvijas Zinātnes padome**

**Consortium**

**Duration: June 2022 - May 2029**

**Budget: 2,8 mill. Eur**

[www.healthncp.net](http://www.healthncp.net)

[www.healthncp.net](http://www.healthncp.net)



**Horizon  
Europe**



# NCP networks: European NCP Thematic networks

<https://horizoneuropencportal.eu/>

Cluster	Theme	Name of the network	Website
CL1	Health	HNN 3.0	<a href="https://www.healthncp.net/">https://www.healthncp.net/</a>
CL2	Culture & Society	NET4SOCIETY	<a href="https://horizoneuropencportal.eu/cluster-2">https://horizoneuropencportal.eu/cluster-2</a>
CL 3	Civil Security	SEREN5	<a href="https://www.seren-project.eu/">https://www.seren-project.eu/</a>
CL4	Industry	NCP4INDUSTRY	<a href="https://ncp4industry.eu/">https://ncp4industry.eu/</a>
CL4	Digital	IDEAL-IST	<a href="https://www.ideal-ist.eu/">https://www.ideal-ist.eu/</a>
CL5	Green	GREENET	<a href="https://horizoneuropencportal.eu/cluster-5">https://horizoneuropencportal.eu/cluster-5</a>
CL6	Bio-Economy	CARE4BIO	<a href="https://horizoneuropencportal.eu/cluster-6">https://horizoneuropencportal.eu/cluster-6</a>
Widera	Widening & ERA	NCP_WIDERA.NET	<a href="https://www.ncpwideranet.eu/">https://www.ncpwideranet.eu/</a>
MSCA	Marie-Curie Actions	MSCA-NET	<a href="https://msca-net.eu/">https://msca-net.eu/</a>
Infra	Research Infrastructures	RICH EUROPE	<a href="https://rich-europe.eu/">https://rich-europe.eu/</a>
EIC	European Innovation Council	ACCESS2EIC	<a href="https://horizoneuropencportal.eu/eic-eie">https://horizoneuropencportal.eu/eic-eie</a>



## TOOLS FOR INCREASED PARTICIPATION AND QUALITY



### Tools for NCPs

#### Q&A documents

1. Blind Evaluation (EC Webinar for NCPs - 28 Feb 2023)

#### Annotated Templates

2. "Information on Clinical Studies" (NCP version with extra annotations)

#### NCPs Trainings / Webinars (Slides)

3. Webinar on the Annotated template 'Information on Clinical Studies'
4. Webinar in the Cancer Mission
5. Webinar on Proposal Preparation and Proposal template in Horizon Europe
6. Training on Evaluation process

7. NCPs' Experience Paper for EC & HaDEA (1° Mentoring Programme)

[www.healthncp.net](http://www.healthncp.net)



## TOOLS FOR INCREASED PARTICIPATION AND QUALITY



### Tools for Applicants

#### InfoDay Cluster 1 Q&A documents

1. Q&A on Calls 2023
2. Q&A on Calls 2024

#### Annotated Templates

3. "Information on Clinical Studies" →

Watch the Promo-Video



#### Guiding Documents

4. Partner Search Tricks – Basic „How to search partners and get noticed“
5. Factsheet on "Health funding in EU4Health and Horizon Europe"
6. Guidelines for Pitch Sessions for Institutions from Widening Countries
7. Hop-on Toolkit

#### Trainings / Webinars

8. Webinar on the Annotated template 'Information on Clinical Studies'

[www.healthncp.net](http://www.healthncp.net)



## Contacts

Caterina Buonocore, [buonocore@apre.it](mailto:buonocore@apre.it)

Mathilde De Bonis, [debonis@apre.it](mailto:debonis@apre.it)



PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER  
OF THE MOH OF UKRAINE

# Joint Actions: peculiarities and opportunities for national health systems

**Hanna Shchetynina**

Chief Specialist in Project Management and International Cooperation  
Public Health Center of the MOH of Ukraine  
NFP Ukraine

Twinning online edition n°7

2024



## Ukraine's Accession to the EU4Health Programme



**"On July 15, 2022, in Lviv, the Agreement between Ukraine and the European Union on Ukraine's Participation in the EU4Health Programme was signed."**

"The agreement was signed by Ukraine's Minister of Health, Viktor Liashko, and Stella Kyriakides, the European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety."



**"On January 12, 2023, the Verkhovna Rada (the Supreme Council) of Ukraine ratified the Agreement on Ukraine's accession to the EU4Health Programme. The agreement was given retroactive effect, allowing Ukraine to become a participant from January 1, 2022, and to receive immediate funding under the 2022 EU4Health work program."**

This agreement allows Ukraine to receive EU funding in the healthcare sector on equal terms with EU countries, Norway, Iceland, and Moldova.



# Impact of Funding Shortages in Healthcare

Since the war began, healthcare funding in Ukraine has significantly decreased, impacting the prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), cancer, antimicrobial resistance (AMR), and mental health:

- 1. Non-Communicable Diseases** Funding for NCD prevention programs has dropped, leading to worsening health outcomes as preventive measures are neglected.
- 2. Cancer:** Reduced funding for oncology services results in delays in diagnosis and treatment, with many patients unable to access necessary care.
- 3. Antimicrobial Resistance:** AMR prevention suffers due to a lack of funding for research and monitoring, increasing the risk of drug resistance.
- 4. Mental Health:** The psychological impact of war requires urgent funding for mental health support, but many programs remain underfunded, limiting access to care.

Overall, funding shortfalls in these areas range from 30% to 70%, highlighting the urgent need for resources to ensure adequate healthcare during the ongoing conflict.

# Impact of Funding Shortages in Healthcare

## Key Points:

### Infrastructure Damage:

**1,637 healthcare facilities damaged**

**190 healthcare facilities destroyed**

### Financial Implications:

The estimated cost of restoring healthcare infrastructure is **~€9.5 billion** (approximately \$10 billion).

### Reason for Funding Shortages:

The need to redirect financial resources towards infrastructure recovery has resulted in reduced funding for critical health programs, including the prevention of non-communicable diseases, cancer care, antimicrobial resistance initiatives, and mental health support.



## Involvement of Ukraine in EU4Health projects

**JACARDI** Prevention of cardiovascular diseases and diabetes

**JAPreventNCD** Reducing Europe's cancer and NCD burden through coordinated strategies on health determinants. Focusing on effective policies, societal and personal risk factors.

**EU-JAMRAI 2** the second edition of the European Joint Action on Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-Associated Infections.

**JARDIN** The Joint Action on integration of ERNs into national healthcare Systems

**GAPP** Joint Action is aiming at facilitating the development of a common and optimal approach to assess and authorize preparation processes in blood and tissues establishments

**JA GHI** European Joint Action to maximise the impact of the EU global health strategy

**EU-WISH** Wastewater Integrated Surveillance for Public Health

**EUCanScreen**

**MENTOR** - Joint Action Mental Health Together

**JADE Health** EU4HEALTH DEMENTIA

**JANE2** Joint Action Networks of Expertise on cancer

**MISUPH** Modern improvement of epidemiologic surveillance for health care of Ukraine

•The project aims to enhance the efficiency and optimize the operation of the healthcare system by utilizing existing capabilities and current legislation through the implementation of new practices, methodologies, and tools.

### Focus Areas:

•**Reducing the negative impact of alcohol and tobacco on health**, including:

- Creating effective mechanisms to address violations of existing legislation (restrictions on the sale of alcohol and tobacco, advertising bans, etc.).
- Implementing new preventive practices aimed at reducing alcohol consumption (specifically, developing a training course for physicians on motivational interviewing and introducing a new counseling model using the AUDIT-C screening questionnaire and short-term intervention).

•**Conducting a study on medical literacy (M-POHL)** / Developing and implementing methods to improve medical literacy among the population and healthcare professionals at the regional level.

•**Creating a healthy environment free from tobacco and alcohol.**

•**Identifying and overcoming barriers and inequalities in accessing medical services**, particularly barriers to cancer screening services.

•**Establishing an effective system for epidemiological monitoring of risk factors and non-communicable diseases (NCDs).**

•**Improving breastfeeding support programs and fostering a child-friendly environment at the regional level.**

•**Conducting communication campaigns for the population** aimed at raising awareness about FASD and promoting zero tolerance for alcohol consumption during pregnancy, supporting breastfeeding, and advocating for regular medical check-ups for prevention and early detection of NCDs, including cancer.

- Strengthening national capacity, leadership, and partnerships to accelerate the country's development in the prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs)
- Optimization and improvement of tools for the prevention of cardiovascular diseases and type 2 diabetes at the primary healthcare level
- Testing and implementation of effective NCD prevention practices at the local level and the introduction of updated guidelines for healthcare professionals
- Promoting equity in access to healthcare services and information, ensuring that everyone has equal opportunities

## Definition of the Prevalence of HAIs (Healthcare-Associated Infections) and the Use of AMPs (Antimicrobial Agents) at the National Level

- Submission of a protocol to the ethics committee.
- Preparation and printing of materials.
- Approval of a list of healthcare facilities (approximately 64).
- Offline training sessions in Kyiv.
- Notification letters are sent to the participating healthcare institutions.
- Data collection will be conducted simultaneously across all designated hospitals (with a collection period not exceeding one month).
- Regional data collection
- Validation-level data collection (for a minimum of 32 hospitals, totaling at least 23).
- Data processing and report generation will occur after the completion of data collection.

# **Thank you for attention!**

