

SUMMARY

Health Programme — Work Programme for 2019

The annex to Commission Implementing Decision C(2019) 2308 of 29 March 2019, sets out the priorities and actions to be undertaken for the year 2019, including the allocation of resources, to implement the Third Programme of the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020) established under Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 ('the Programme Regulation').

According to Article 11 of the Programme Regulation, the Commission is required to adopt, by means of implementing acts, annual work programmes to set out, in particular, actions to be undertaken, including the indicative allocation of financial resources. These actions should fall under the four objectives and 23 thematic priorities identified in Annex I to the Programme Regulation.

The allocation of resources for 2019 is as follows:

- for grants (implemented under direct management): EUR 31 750 000
 - Projects (chapter 2): EUR 5 800 000
 - Joint Actions (chapter 3): EUR 15 000 000
 - Operating Grants (chapter 4): EUR 5 000 000
 - Direct award of grants (International Organisations) (chapter 5): EUR 5 750 000
 - Other direct award of grants (chapter 6) EUR 200 000
- for prizes (implemented under direct management) (chapter 7): EUR 300 000
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (chapter 8): 24 000 560 EUR
- for other actions (chapter 9): 7 893 000 EUR

The main lines of the annual work programme 2019 are built around the following priority areas, while addressing the dimension of health inequalities as a cross-cutting issue:

- (1) Country specific and cross country knowledge;
- (2) Cross border health threats, preparedness and response, including antimicrobial resistance and vaccination;
- (3) Structural support to health systems and link to digital single market;
- (4) Promotion of health and prevention of non-communicable diseases.

The global budgetary envelope for 2019 amounts to **EUR 63 943 560**.

The full version of the annexes after adoption of the Work Programme 2019 will be available only in English and accessible at http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy/index_en.htm

Actions Proposed for funding

GRANTS

Grants for projects

Under the global budgetary envelope reserved for grants, EUR 5 800 000 will be reserved for projects. The maximum rate for EU co-financing is 60 %. However, this may be up to 80 % if a proposal meets the criteria for exceptional utility.

Actions under objective 4

- Rare disease registries for the European Reference Networks
- Stakeholder actions to implement the EU guidelines on prudent use of antimicrobials in human health

Grants for actions co-financed with Member State authorities

Under the overall operational budget reserved for grants, EUR 15 000 000 will be reserved for grants for actions co-financed with Member State authorities. The maximum rate for EU co-financing is 60 %. However, this may be up to 80 % if a proposal meets the criteria for exceptional utility.

Actions under objective 1

- Joint Action on implementation of validated best practices

Actions under objective 2

- Joint Action to strengthen health preparedness and response to biological and chemical terror attacks

Actions under objective 3

- Joint Action on implementation of digitally enabled integrated person-centred care

Financial contribution to the functioning of non-governmental bodies (operating grants)

(related to all programme objectives)

Under the global budgetary envelope reserved for grants, EUR 5 000 000 will be reserved for operating grants. The maximum rate for EU co-financing is 60 %. However, this may be up to 80 % if a proposal meets the criteria for exceptional utility.

Direct award of grants (International Organisations)

The global budgetary envelope reserved for actions implemented via direct award of grants to international organisations amounts to EUR 5 750 000.

Actions under objective 3

- State of Health in the EU cycle - direct grant for the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies to the World Health Organisation (host of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies)
- State of Health in the EU cycle – direct grant to the OECD
- Support to OECD to develop and implement patient-reported measures

Transversal Actions

- Direct grant to UNICEF. Support to children migrant populations in front line and transit countries

Other Direct Grants

The global budgetary envelope reserved for actions implemented via other direct award of grants amounts to EUR 200 000. The maximum rate of EU co-financing is 50 % of eligible costs incurred per conference.

Transversal

- Presidency conference grants — De jure monopoly

PRIZES

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for prizes amounts to EUR 300 000.

PROCUREMENT

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2019 amounts to EUR 24 000 560. These activities are implemented through service contracts based on existing framework contracts, service contracts or new framework contracts.

Actions under objective 1

- Studies supporting the Commission report on the application of Directive 2014/40 on tobacco products (TPD)
- Work carried out under the framework contract to provide services to support the assessment of flavours in tobacco products
- The EU tracking and tracing system for tobacco products – Member State training
- Support to Member States in reducing alcohol related harm
- Mapping Member States' fiscal measures and pricing policies applied to food, non-alcoholic drinks and alcoholic beverages

Actions under objective 2

- Activities for tackling vaccine hesitancy
- Options for the development of a common EU citizens vaccination card
- Report on the feasibility of options for physical stockpiling
- Global Summit on vaccination

Actions under objective 3

- EU Health Technology Assessment (HTA) cooperation
- Actions in support of the implementation of Communication 233(2018) on enabling the Digital Transformation of Health and Care in the Digital Single Market (objective 3 and 4)
- Accessibility of pharmaceutical care and trends in pharmaceutical spending: an analysis of pharmaceutical sales data for 2008-2018 (objective 3 and 4)
- Scientific and technical assistance for the Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health
- Support to the implementation of HSPA at national level
- Clinical Trial EU portal and database
- Data gathering for EMA fee system and evaluation of orphan and paediatric legislation

- Development of the future EUDAMED
- IT audit of EUDAMED under article 34 of the Regulation (2017/745) on medical devices
- Translations, info campaigns, publications etc. related to medical devices
- Maintenance and required developments of the existing EUDAMED
- Scientific Committees (objective 2 and 3)

Actions under objective 4

- European Reference Networks capacity and knowledge sharing through short term mobility and exchanges of healthcare professionals
- Assessment of healthcare providers wishing to join established ERNs
- Development of an integrated assessment, monitoring, evaluation and quality improvement system (AMEQIS) for the European Reference Networks
- European Reference Networks workshops, seminars, studies
- Patient Safety: 10 years following the Council Recommendation on Patient Safety, taking stock and moving forward
- EU networking and support for reference laboratory functions for antimicrobial resistance

Transversal

- Communication (cross-cutting activities)
- Communication activities in support of health policy priorities
- Dissemination
- Management of Expert Groups
- Health Policy Platform
- Information technologies in support of public health policies

OTHER ACTIONS

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for other actions in 2019 amounts to EUR 7 893 000.

Actions under objective 1

- Joint Research Centre (objective 1 and 4)
- Joint Research Centre – e-cigarettes, ingredients and security features
- Support for methodological work and statistical analysis on the health-related information collected in various EU surveys and modules / Support for development of diagnosis-based morbidity statistics (objective 1 and 3)

Actions under objective 3

- Expert Panel on investing in health – special indemnities paid to experts
- Active pharmaceutical ingredients – system inspections in third countries
- International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH) and International Pharmaceutical Regulators Programme (IPRP)
- Joint Audit Programme (JAP) on Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) inspections for Mutual Recognition Agreement on GMP inspection between the EU and the US and other strategic partners

- Annual Commission Membership fee to the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
- Scientific Committees and Rapid Risk Assessment (objective 2 and 3)
- International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products (VICH) and VICH outreach forum (VOF)
- Medical devices: reimbursement of experts' expenses for joint assessments
- Organisation and management of the meetings of the Medical Device Coordination Group (MDCG)

Transversal

- Health Award and Health Policy Platform meetings – payment and reimbursements of the participants and jury and materials
- Expert evaluators