

Health funding in Horizon Europe, EU4Health, and the Digital Europe Programme

Under the current Multi-annual Financial Framework of the European Union (MFF 2021 – 2027), actions that pertain to improving health and well-being in the EU and beyond are supported by multiple streams of funding, covering different dimensions of action, and working in synergy with each other.

Chief among them is Horizon Europe, the EU's current 9th research and innovation programme, as well as EU4Health, the Union's 4th programme for action specifically on health, taking a public health- and implementation-oriented outlook. The Digital Europe Programme aims to build the EU's strategic digital capacities and facilitate the deployment of digital technologies, including in the health sector.

Within Horizon Europe, health funding is provided under the Programme's Cluster 1, Health (one of 6 thematic Clusters) and under the Mission Cancer (one of 5 thematic Missions supported under Horizon Europe).

This fact sheet, developed jointly by **HNN3.0**, the network of Horizon Health National Contact Points (NCPs), **NFP4Health**, the network of EU4Health National Focal Points (NFPs), and **DEP4ALL**, the NCP network for the Digital Europe Programme, is intended to provide health stakeholders with a side-by-side comparison of some of the key features and possibilities of health funding under each programme.

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	Horizon Europe Cluster Health	Mission Cancer	EU4Health	Digital Europe Programme
Focus	Research and innovation		Implementation and scale-up	Large scale pilots, scale-up and deployment
Areas of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health throughout the life course Environmental and social health determinants Non-communicable and rare diseases Infectious diseases including poverty-related and neglected diseases Tools, technologies and digital solutions for health and care including personalised medicine Health care systems 	Addressing the entire cancer disease pathway: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevention Early detection Diagnosis and treatment Quality of life of cancer patients and survivors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crisis preparedness Health promotion & disease prevention Health systems & healthcare workforce Digital transformation Cross-cutting focus on cancer 	Specific objectives (SOs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SO1 - High performance computing SO2 - AI Continent SO3 - Cybersecurity SO4 - Advanced digital skills SO5 - Accelerating the best use of technologies SO6 - Semiconductors Topics thematically related to health are funded primarily under SO2, SO4, and SO5
Type of actions	Open competition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research & Innovation actions (RIA) Innovation actions (IA) Coordination & support actions (CSA) Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP) Public Procurement of Innovative Solutions (PPI) Targeted calls for funding authorities (funding agencies, Member States' authorities): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme co-fund actions (CoFund) 		Direct Grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to Member States' authorities (nomination needed), including Joint Actions to international organizations to other entities (e.g., European Reference Networks and EU Reference Laboratories) Grants with open competition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Grants Operating Grants to NGOs Tenders & Procurement	Open competition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination & support actions (DIGITAL-CSA) Simple grants (DIGITAL-SIMPLE) SME support actions (DIGITAL-SME) Grants for Procurement Grants for procurement of advanced capacities (PAC) Grant for financial support (DIGITAL-GFS) Lump sum grant (DIGITAL-LS) Framework partnership agreement (FPA) and specific grant agreement (SGA) Tenders & Procurements; Contribution agreements (e.g. ENISA); Direct grants to named beneficiaries
Target group	Academia with emphasis on the research community, NGOs, associations, healthcare providers, SMEs & industry, public authorities and -institutions		Public authorities and -institutions, academia, NGOs, associations, healthcare providers, private sector entities (to a smaller degree)	All legal entities, mainly: public authorities and -institutions, academia, SME & industry, research institutes, non-profit organisations, standardisation bodies, EDICs

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Eligible countries	EU Member States + Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) + associated countries to HE + low- to middle-income non-EU countries		EU Member States + OCTs + Iceland, Moldova, Norway, Ukraine and Montenegro (Eligible beneficiaries of Grants) All of the above + Georgia (Eligible tenderers of Procurements) Entities from other countries not listed here may participate as Associated Partners in an EU4Health action if appropriate but may not receive funding from the programme.	Full participation: EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)) + Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein + associated countries (participation to SO1, SO2, SO4 and SO5)
Call cycle	Bi-annual work programmes	Yearly Call for Proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual work programmes Yearly Call for Proposals: Operating Grants One or more wave(s) of Calls for Proposals per year for other Grants (Direct Grants incl. Joint Actions; Action Grants) Frequent Calls for Tenders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-annual work programmes for DEP Main (SO2, SO4, SO5) + DEP Cybersecurity (SO3) Annual work programmes for SO1 (HPC) and SO6 (Chips) 1-2 calls per SO per year
Funding rate grants	70% - 100%, 30% depending on type of action and type of organization	70% - 100% depending on type of action and type of organization	60% - 80% depending on consortium composition (countries)	50% - 100% depending on type of action and type of organisation
Managed by	HaDEA		HaDEA	SO1: EuroHPC Joint Undertaking SO2, SO4, SO5: EC, HaDEA SO3: ECCC SO6: Chips Joint Undertaking
Find a call	Horizon Europe on the F&T Portal https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/horizon		EU4Health on the F&T Portal https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/eu4h	Digital Europe Programme on the F&T Portal https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/digital
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Find resources via the contact point networks	HNN3.0 Website https://www.healthncp.net/		NFP4Health Website https://www.nfp4health.eu/	DEP4ALL on LinkedIn https://www.linkedin.com/company/dep4all