



EU4HEALTH + EUROPEAN HEALTH UNION

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THE MFF – « A SEVEN YEAR STRAITJACKET »»

- **MFF** = the **M**ultiannual **F**inancial **F**ramework = the Long-term EU financial outlook = **seven year budget ceilings**
- Amounts of funds dedicated to the different priorities, contributions, definition of different EU support programs and funding instruments
- **MFF 2021 – 2027**



Next Generation EU (recovery plan)

#EU4Health - Main Objectives

Building on the lessons learned from the COVID-19 crisis, EU4Health is an ambitious and dedicated funding programme for 2021-2027 to build resilient health systems in the EU to better equip us for the future. Through EU4Health, the EU will invest **€9.4 billion** in:



“EU4Health Programme will be a game changer, a real paradigm shift in how the EU deals with health, and a clear signal that the health of our citizens is more than ever before a priority for us”

1. protecting people in the EU from serious **cross-border health threats** and improving **crisis management** capacity;
2. making **medicines, medical devices** and other crisis relevant products, **available and affordable** and supporting innovation;
3. **strengthen health systems** and the health care workforce, including by investing in public health, for instance through health promotion and disease prevention programmes and improving access to healthcare



European Parliament ENVI report adopted

- 9.4 billion euros budget
- European Reference Networks strongly supported
- Orphanet specifically mentioned as a funding priority
- Introduction of Steering Group (civil society, explicitly for patient organisations)
- Consultation moments with patient organisations
- Funding for NGOs

BUT...

- Rare diseases as such not mentioned



To ERN coordinators and colleagues who supported this

12-13 November
EP Plenary

Council – 21 October agreement

- Focus on digital health & international collaboration
- ERNs are safe (clear added-value)
- No Orphanet
- Funding for NGOs? Unsustainable
- Consultation process?
- Member States dominant role in deciding funding priorities



What now?



Next Step

- Trialogues ongoing – next one on 30/11
- €5.07 billion (??)

ACTION POINTS

- Still some advocacy towards German Presidency, key MEPs and Commission

European Health Union



- Umbrella term to include:
 - Pharmaceutical strategy
 - Europe's Beating Cancer Plan
 - Preparation for any future pandemics
 - European Medicine Agency (EMA) and European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC) competence expansion
 - Require countries to provide more data about their healthcare system

- Much more ambitious goals!
 - Brussels health civil society alliance
 - Manifesto for a European Health Union (Andriukaitis)

