

1.2.2.7 Increasing the capacity of national focal points (NFPs) to provide guidance, information and assistance to national applicants on the implementation of the ESF+ health strand and possible support for health-related actions under other EU funding instruments

THEMATIC PRIORITY

All priorities of ANNEX I to the Programme Regulation

TYPE OF APPLICANT²²

Countries participating in the health programme (competent authorities).

OBJECTIVES

To have well-trained national focal points (NFPs) who understand the health objectives, priorities, procedures and rules, and can interact with other NFPs, EU programmes, stakeholders, etc.

The specific aims are to:

- improve understanding of the possibilities offered by different programmes;
- develop cooperation with NFPs for other EU funding programmes (e.g. Horizon Europe, the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme, etc.) and cohesion funds managing authorities in order to spread information about EU health funding and its impact;
- organise national knowledge-sharing activities on the results of co-funded actions to raise awareness and take-up of evidence-based practices and increase their impact; and
- help Member States build their capacity to design sustainable implementation actions, irrespective of the source of funding – European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) health strand or other EU funding instruments.

EXPECTED RESULTS

NFPs, Member State authorities and other stakeholders are better able to identify funding instruments. They are also more aware of how best to implement the key recommendations of a given action and how to bridge any gaps.

Improved priority-setting under, and use of, other EU funding mechanisms for health purposes, e.g. Horizon Europe, the EaSI health strand, the cohesion fund, Structural Reform

²² Grant to be awarded without a call for proposals under article 195c of the Financial Regulation

Support Service technical assistance projects, etc.

ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED

Support for the health programme NFPs' capacity-building activities, to ensure they are ready to implement the ESF+ health strand, in cooperation with the NFPs for other EU funds.

Identification of mechanisms that will support better coordination between national competent authorities, EU funds (e.g. for research), the EaSI NFP network(s) and the Commission. This could entail joint planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation at national level.

The activities will focus on:

- information/promotion of EU funding;
- disseminating the results of co-funded actions; and
- feedback to the Commission on the evaluation of the programme, the use of results and the assessment of impact.

The health programme NFPs will complement the SGPP. Their role is defined in Article 15, which provides a legal framework for this action.

IMPLEMENTATION

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EU ADDED VALUE

Supporting networks for knowledge-sharing or peer learning.