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SUMMARY

Health Programme — Work Programme for 2017

The annexes to Commission Implementing Decision C(2017) 316 of 26 January 2017, set out the priorities and actions to be undertaken, in the framework of the work programme 2017 of the third Programme of the Union's actions in the field of health (2014-2020), established under Regulation (EU) No 282/2014. **Annex I** presents the allocation of resources. **Annexes II-VIII** cover the criteria for grants for projects, operating grants, grants co-financed with Member States (Joint Actions), as well as the criteria for independence from industry, exceptional utility and prizes.

According to Article 11 of the third Programme of the Union's actions in the field of health (Regulation (EU) No 282/2014), 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:

1. Promoting health, preventing diseases and fostering supportive environments for healthy lifestyles taking into account the 'health in all policies' principle;
2. Protecting Union citizens from serious cross-border threats to health;
3. Contributing to innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems;
4. Facilitating access to better and safer healthcare for Union citizens.

The allocation of **resources** for 2017 is as follows:

- for **grants** (implemented under direct management): EUR 38 850 000
- for **prizes** (implemented under direct management): EUR 60 000
- for **procurement** (implemented under direct management): EUR 14 341 585
- for **other actions**: EUR 7 152 500

The **total amount** available is EUR 60 404 085 for 2017.

The budget line for all activities is 17.03.01.

The full version of the annexes after adoption of the Work Programme 2017 will be available only in English and accessible at http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy/index_en.htm.

Actions Proposed for funding - Annex I

GRANTS

Grants for projects

Under the overall operational budget reserved for grants, EUR 4 850 000 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 1

- Supporting Member States in mainstreaming health promotion and disease prevention in health and educational settings

Actions under objective 4

- European Reference Networks (ERN)

Grants for actions co-financed with Member State authorities

Under the overall operational budget reserved for grants, **EUR 19 700 000** 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 Health Inequalities
- Joint Action — Innovative Partnership on Action against Cancer

Actions under objective 2

- Joint Action on Vaccination
- Joint Action on preparedness and action at points of entry (air, maritime and ground crossing)

Actions under objective 3

- Joint Action supporting the eHealth Network
- Joint Action on Health Information towards a sustainable EU health information system that supports country knowledge, health research and policy-making.

Financial contribution to the functioning of non-governmental bodies (operating grants) (related to all programme objectives)

Under the overall operational budget 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.

In 2017, a call for proposals will be organised for the conclusion of four-year framework partnership agreements (FPA) covering years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, in particular, but not limited to, the following priority areas: Prevention and health determinants, chronic diseases, cancer, dementia, rare diseases, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Hepatitis, access to healthcare, and substances of human origin.

Direct grant agreements with international organisations

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for actions implemented via direct grants to international organisations amounts to **EUR 9 300 000**.

Actions under objective 1

- Support to IOM for the Implementation of the Personal health Record as a tool for integration of refugees in EU health systems
- State of Health in the EU — World Health Organization as the host of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
- State of Health in the EU cycle (OECD)

Actions under objective 3

- European Pharmacopoeia– Grant to Council of Europe — European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and Healthcare (EDQM)
- Support to the OECD to develop patient-reported measures
- Support OECD’s work on building trust and strengthening cooperation for addressing the challenges of access to medicines
- Support OECD work on Trends and Policies affecting the international migration of doctors and nurses

Actions under objective 4

- Support to implementation of national action plans on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) — World Health Organisation

PRIZES

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for prizes amounts to **EUR 60 000**. In the context of the Health Policy Forum,

- a Health Award (related to all four programme objectives)

will be organized. The overall objective is to raise awareness of the vital role non-governmental bodies play in strengthening participative democracy and active citizenship for a healthier EU and fairer access to healthcare.

PROCUREMENT

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2017 amounts to **EUR 14 341 585**. These activities are implemented through service contracts based on existing framework contracts, service contracts or new framework contracts.

Actions under objective 1

- Pilot on reformulation support and monitoring
- Support to the design and implementation of public procurement guidelines for food
- Support to the design and implementation of measures to reduce the exposure of children to marketing of foods high in fat, sugar or salt
- The EU dimension of alcohol related harm (Lot 1)
- Action plan to fight inactivity and promote physical activity
- Feasibility of a European expert network for rare communicable diseases and other rare pathologies linked to globalisation/migration
- Analysis of collected health information regarding health status of refugees
- EU Health Policy Platform
- Provision of technical and scientific input to support the implementation of the new Tobacco Products Directive and further development of existing tobacco control measures on the EU level

Actions under objective 2

- Workshops and table-top exercises to support the implementation of Decision 1082/2013/EU on serious cross-border health threats and of the core capacities under international health regulations (IHR)
- Conduct of a comprehensive analysis of vaccination schedules and on the development of technical guidance on financial planning of national vaccination programmes
- Workshop on best practices on entry and exit screening

Actions under objective 3

- EU market access paths for medical technologies with a focus on health technology assessments (HTA)
- Stakeholders forum on EU cooperation on health technology assessment (HTA)
- Health innovation — eHealth
- Scientific and technical assistance for the Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health
- Development of the future EUDAMED, the European medical devices database, following the adoption of new Regulations on medical devices and in-vitro diagnostic medical devices by the legislators
- Maintenance and required developments of the existing Eudamed
- Translations, info campaigns, publications — on medical devices
- Clinical Trial EU Portal and Database
- Study on the impact of the incentives provided in the EU legislation on innovation — accessibility of medicinal products

- Study of centralised and decentralised procedures for pharmaceutical products
- Support to the Implementation of health systems performance assessment (HSPA)
- Scientific Committees (scientific and technical assistance)

Actions under objective 4

- ERN capacity building and implementation, including communication, coordination and other support actions
- Assessment of healthcare providers wishing to join established European Reference Networks (ERN) by Independent Assessment Bodies

Horizontal action

- Implementation assessment on uptake of recommendations (on cancer, and rare diseases) and their implementation in the Member States
- Communication, promotion and dissemination of information on EU health policies and the results of the Health Programmes
- Health reports and economic analysis
- Evaluation of the Chafea Agency
- Impact assessment of the Health Programme
- Information Technologies in support of public health policies

OTHER ACTIONS

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for other actions in 2017 amounts to **EUR 7 152 500**. Other actions cover contributions paid by the EU as subscriptions to bodies of which it is a member, administrative agreements with the Joint Research Centre, system inspections on medicinal products, and special indemnities paid to experts for participating in meetings and for work on scientific opinions and advice on health systems.

Actions under objective 1

- Administrative Agreement with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) regarding the development and maintenance of the European Platform on Rare Diseases Registration, European Guidelines for Quality Assurance in Cancer Screening and Diagnosis and scientific evidence on chronic diseases
- JRC Administrative Agreement (Laboratory work)
- Cross sub-delegation to Eurostat implemented through grants procedures for pre-testing of new variables for future European Health Interview Survey

Actions under objective 2

- Provide targeted risk assessment in case of a chemical and environmental incident of cross border relevance – expert expenses

Actions under objective 3

- Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in Health — Special indemnities paid to experts
- Meetings of the Medical Device Coordination Group (MDCG) and its subgroups, following the adoption of new Regulations on medical devices and in-vitro diagnostic medical devices by the legislators
- Reimbursement of experts' expenses for joint assessments carried out by several Member State authorities and the Commission services
- Technical and scientific opinions and advices
- International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products (VICH) and VICH Outreach Forum (VOF)
- Active pharmaceutical ingredients: system inspections in third countries
- International Council on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH) and International Pharmaceutical Regulators Forum (IRPF)
- Joint Audit Programme (JAP) on Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) inspections and Transatlantic Trade Investment Partnership (TTIP)
- Annual Commission membership fee to the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
- Scientific Committees

Transversal action

- Evaluators of calls for proposals
- Presidency conference grants to Member States holding the Presidency of the European Union in the second semester of 2017 and 1st semester 2018.
These conferences are: a conference on *Cross-Border aspects in alcohol policy – Tackling harmful use of alcohol* and a conference on *Health in digital society. Digital Society for Health* planned under the Estonian Presidency, as well as a conference on *Pharmaceutical Products*, and a conference on *Healthy Nutrition* under the Bulgarian Presidency.