



## European Public Health Alliance

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## WHO ARE WE?

The European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) is a **Brussels-based network** representing the public health community throughout Europe.

We cover EU Member States, applicant and candidate countries and beyond.



## WHAT IS OUR VISION?

- An equitable European society where all individuals enjoy good health and wellbeing regardless of their socio-economic status.
- European institutions that are accountable and accessible.
- Policy-making that is transparent and with real opportunities for stakeholder input.
- Public health as a priority for all actors and addressed rigorously across all policy areas and legislation.



## WHO ARE OUR MEMBERS?



Organisations



Voluntary groups



European Level

Associations



National level



Regional Level



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- One of our major assets! Our membership represents the interests of a wide range of civil society and public health needs, topics and target groups.



## WHAT IS THE MULTI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK?

The multiannual financial framework is a mechanism for ensuring that EU spending is predictable and at the same time subject to strict budgetary discipline.

It outlines the maximum amounts ('ceilings') available for each major spending area ('heading') of the Union's budget.

The MFF de facto sets political priorities for future years and constitutes therefore a political as well as budgetary framework ('in which areas should the EU invest more or less in the future?').



## The MFF in numbers?

The overall commitment ceiling proposed by the Commission for the 2014-2020 period is EUR 1 025 billion amounting to 1.05 % of expected EU gross national income (GNI).

Heading	Amount Euro Billion in 2011 prices	percentage
1. Smart and Inclusive Growth	490.9	48%
Competitiveness	114.9	
Infrastructure	40	
cohesion policy	336	
2. Sustainable Growth	382.9	37%
3. Security and Citizenship	18.5	2%
Freedom, Security and Justice	11.6	
Citizenship	6.9	
4. Global Europe	70	7%
5. Administration	62.6	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 025</b>	



## WHAT DOES THE MFF SAY ABOUT HEALTH?

Health for growth programme 2014-2020 will:

- be oriented towards actions with clear EU added-value
- be in line with the Europe 2020 priorities
- assist Member States to protect citizens from cross-border health threats,
- aim to increase the sustainability of health services and to improve the health of the population
- promote for innovation in health
- be comprised of 396 Million EUR
- spend 11 Cents per citizen per year



## Four Priorities for third programme in Community action in Health

### 1. To contribute to the creation of innovative and sustainable health systems 48% of budget

- HTA,
- eHealth,
- healthcare reforms,
- forecasting demand for health professionals and efficient recruitment and retention strategies,

### 2. To increase access to better and safer healthcare for all EU citizens 22% of budget

- developing solutions and guidelines to improve the quality of healthcare and patient safety
- establish centres of excellence to support patients' rights in cross-border healthcare,
- creation of European Reference Networks, information and registries based on the common criteria for accreditation rare diseases,
- standards for the use of antibiotics



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### 3. To promote good health and prevent diseases by addressing the key risk factors of most diseases, namely smoking, alcohol abuse and obesity, as well as HIV/AIDS of 21% of budget

- Exchange best practices on key health issues
- Cancer prevention and control, through EU-wide screening guidelines and through exchange of knowledge and best practice on cancer prevention, research and care.
- Foster a health knowledge system, to contribute to evidence-based decision making,
- supporting joint activities on the prevention of chronic diseases

### 4. To protect people from cross-border health threats 9% of budget

- Strengthen preparedness and response for serious cross border health threats
- Improve risk assessment capacity by providing additional capacities for scientific expertise and map existing assessments;
- Support capacity building against health threats in Member States by developing common approaches to vaccination, developing guidelines for joint procurement of medical countermeasures



## EPHA advocacy activities:

European Parliament initial report on priorities for EU Spending 2014-2020, EPHA encouraged MEPs to support a future public health programme

EPHA-EPF letter to EC President Barroso on the importance of health spending to economic prosperity and wellbeing, and to involve civil society in May 2011

As DG SANCO was drafting the legal basis, EPHA released initial priorities focusing on health equity, health promotion, disease management, mental health, an ageing population, and involving NGOs in funding



## Key Messages:

- The Public Health Programme will be key to meeting Europe 2020 objectives, and benefits the European population.
- The Public Health Programme has the potential to strengthen the "New Skills for New Jobs," "Innovation Union", "Digital Agenda," EU Platform Against Poverty, and the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing.
- Many challenges that people living in Europe face now deal with health
- Diseases and health inequalities represent a burden to society and the economy, level of chronic disease in Europe growing
- Health promotion and disease prevention is cost effective and prevents human suffering
- Support civil society, as civic participation helps bring the EU closer to people.



## Key Players

- Commission: proposes  
9 November release health for growth programme
  - Parliament: consulted
- Have a EP Report on the Multiannual Financial Framework (ENVI Committee rapporteur Marisa Mattias)  
Has co-decision and report on "Health for Growth" Programme
- Council: adopts unanimously
- General Affairs Council discusses MFF  
EPSCO Council to discuss Health for Growth Programme (exchange of views 1 Dec)  
Rotating Presidency leads on negotiations, January Danish Presidency, July Cypriot Presidency



## Time Line:

- EP Report on MFF April or May 2012 (Budget Committee will lead )
- Danish Presidency to reach tentative compromise on MFF before June Council (Decisions will be taken at the level of the General Affairs Council )
- Cypriot Presidency in July to start negotiation on programmes (60 Legislative acts including health programme)
- By 2013 EP and Council to reach agreement on all legal basis's



## For further information:

- Health for Growth programme published by the European Commission <http://www.epha.org/a/4825>
- EPHA Press Release - Health for growth programme : going beyond the promotion of economic growth to prioritising people's health ? <http://www.epha.org/a/4824>
- EPHA contribution to the Health for Growth programme ahead of its adoption <http://www.epha.org/a/4764>
- EPHA Press release - EU spending on health : 11 cents per year per person – is that really enough ? <http://www.epha.org/a/4653>
- 2014-2020 EU Budget : over a trillion Euros to be spent - and Health ? <http://www.epha.org/a/4655>
- Joint EPHA-EPF letter on the future EU Public Health Programme <http://www.epha.org/a/4624>
- health stakeholders develop common demands ahead of the Multi Annual Financial Framework <http://www.epha.org/a/4658>
- European Parliament discusses the EU budget - worrying developments for health <http://www.epha.org/a/4190>



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