

# EPHA workplan 2025: Cross-cluster priorities

*December 2024*

The following pages/slides provide an overview of EPHA's **10 overarching priorities for 2025**. Each objective is accompanied by more concrete actions.

The selection of these priorities is **the result of an iterative process with members** that included a survey in the run-up to the all-members meeting on 3 October 2024, further deliberation at that meeting, and additional fine-tuning and defining of more concrete actions during the Policy Cluster meetings.

The **objective of the EPHA workplan 2025 Meeting on 4 December**, is to present these priorities to all members, and to **collate both further feedback and members' interest in concrete collaboration** on these projects.

The document also includes an overview of **EU-funded (Horizon Europe & EU4Health) projects**, and **projects funded by Foundations/Philanthropic organisations**. The activities under these projects are defined under contractual agreements and cannot be amended. Hence, these will not be discussed on 4 December.



# EPHA's 10 overarching priorities for 2025





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Relevant, but can't commit now

Not a priority for us (at the moment)



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**To ensure health is high on the agenda, by advocating for a strong budget for health and ensuring enhanced civil society engagement**

**Specific actions**

- To advocate for health to be high on the agenda and for a strong EU4Health programme
- To develop advocacy around the multiannual financial framework, to secure funding for health policy and civil society organisations
- To engage with other civil society organisations to call for a strengthened civic space and enhanced civil society engagement in the future of EU policymaking

**Comments**  
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## To realise health equity in Europe by mainstreaming the social determinants of health (SDoH) across EU policy

### Specific actions

- To consistently contribute the equity perspective across EPHA's outputs and clusters
- To provide the crucial health equity argument for climate change mitigation policy by advocating on the Just Transition with a particular focus on climate justice and energy poverty
- To combat the causes of cardiovascular health inequities with a particular focus on screening for specific conditions

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## To drive action against racism and discrimination as fundamental determinants of health through advocacy in the EU's Union of Equality Strategies

### Specific actions

- To coordinate and expand the DisQo Stakeholder network, leveraging the strong partnerships with OHCHR and the European Commission
- To advocate for an EU Women's Health Strategy targeting input through the Roadmap for Women's Rights, the Gender Equality Strategy, and LGBTIQ Equality Strategy
- To address antigypsism and health through coordination of the Roma Health Network, advocating for health measures in the context of the EU Roma Strategic Framework

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**To facilitate the digital inclusion of vulnerable and marginalised groups across Europe, by analysing and addressing key barriers and facilitators.**

### Specific actions

- To advocate for effective strategies to strengthen trust in healthcare systems in the digital transformation.
- To generate spaces to inform our members about the implications of the implementation of the EHDS and the AI Act for the civil society.
- To secure funding for HiYouAll, a project proposal aiming to address the Digital Determinants of Health among marginalised communities in the Western Balkans.

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**To promote the mental health, wellbeing and emotional resilience of European societies.**

### Specific actions

- To co-create, together with other strategic stakeholders in the WHO Europe SPI-DDH, a toolkit to address the mental health needs of the health workforce.
- To design and launch a campaign to promote the uptake of the mental health indicators proposed as a result of the 2024 focus group
- To publish guidelines and best practices for the prevention of cyberbullying, convening experts across Europe (e.g. through the Delphi method or a focus group).

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**To enhance prevention policies and promote healthier environments across Europe, aligning with the priorities of the new political mandate.**

### Specific actions

- Advocate for the full implementation of the prevention pillar of the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan (alcohol-, tobacco-, unhealthy food-related provisions).
- Support the crafting of a Prevention Pillar of the upcoming "Europe's Cardiovascular Disease Plan", including comprehensive preventive measures focusing on NCD risk factors.
- Increase cooperation with the Parliamentarian SANT committee to advocate for better science-based prevention policies free from conflicts of interest.

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**To establish a task force to address Commercial Determinants of Health, including NCD risk factors and practices from their health-harming industries.**

### Specific actions

- Assemble a diverse group of members from different clusters and external stakeholders with expertise in health-harming industry practices (i.e. marketing and lobbying)
- Outline the task force's mission to combat conflicts of interest and promote the structured inclusion of civil society in policy drafting processes, emphasizing transparency and independence from conflict of interest.
- Organise an event to officially launch the task force's call to action and outline our mission developed during 2025.

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## To strengthen our activities and advocacy on health and climate

### Specific actions

- To collaborate with members to advance discussions and joint advocacy on fossil fuels as Commercial Determinants of Health.
- To facilitate knowledge sharing and coordination in view of COP 30.
- To establish a joint position in relation to at least one key EU climate policy initiative, advocating for the integration of a public health perspective.

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## To continue to mainstream health arguments in key EU environmental and zero pollution policies

### Specific actions

- To support the transposition and ensure the full implementation of the revised Ambient Air Quality Directive.
- To establish a joint position in relation to at least one key EU policy initiative connected to the Zero Pollution Action Plan, advocating for a health-centred approach (e.g., NECD if re-opened).
- To facilitate the timely inclusion of pollution-related considerations in EPHA's advocacy on NCDs, health systems and digitalisation.

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**EU (Horizon Europe &  
EU4Health) / Foundations /  
Philanthropic organisations  
funded projects**



## Antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

### Objective

To use evidence to shape policy and practice by influencing national, regional, and global partners through a One Health approach, while advocating for stronger, more equitable AMR strategies; raising awareness of AMR as a key challenge to health; and building capacity for effective stewardship to ensure sustainable solutions.

### Ongoing Projects



*Starting  
Apr/May  
2025*

**OH AMR** - To support the implementation of the OH AMR partnership, including the lead of the Stakeholder Forum

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[AMR Stakeholder Network](#) - Bringing together over 60 leading organizations and experts dedicated to combating AMR



[AMR MEP Interest Group](#) - Unites policymakers to advance urgent, multi-sectoral EU action on AMR

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[One Health In Action](#) - Network encouraging One Health collaboration and reducing antibiotic misuse in farming

**NodeConnect (Proposal in process)** - Driving systems change for AMR & One Health.

## Other projects



[PLAN'EAT](#) - To better understand how environmental, social, cultural and individual factors affect people's food choices.



[ROBUST](#) - To better prepare health systems governance to face crises



[Zero Hidden Hunger](#) - To combat micronutrients deficiency in Europe

*Starting Jan  
2025*

**Food4Health** - To addresses the intertwined challenges NCDs and climate change through alignment of research & innovation

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[BRAVEST](#) - To increase the accessibility to transplantation for all patients with end-stage organ disease



[PERFECTO](#) - To encourage wider paediatric screening for Familial Hypercholesterolaemia focussing on marginalised groups

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[Healthy Air Coalition](#) - To unite for science-based policies to prevent air pollution