

Concerns over the lack of information on the publication of the 2025 calls for operating grants under the EU4Health programme

The EU4Health Civil Society Alliance, gathering more than 30 health civil society organisations (CSOs), expresses strong concerns regarding the lack of information on the EU4Health work programme 2025. As of today, nearly three months into 2025, there is still no information on the EU4Health work programme and the operating grants for 2025, nor is there a timeline available regarding their publication and retroactivity.

This creates significant financial difficulties for CSOs in planning their activities for 2025. Operating grants are an essential funding mechanism, enabling CSOs in implementing their role in an independent and meaningful way, by participating in the EU policy processes. CSOs must already seek new funding sources to cover the gaps.

The late publication of the Work Programme means that a significant part of the year 2025 might not be covered, and that CSOs – and other organisations participating in the various workstreams of the Programme – will have less time to implement activities that would have normally taken place over an entire year.

The EU4Health Civil Society Alliance asks the European Commission:

- To publish the EU4Health working programme as soon as possible, including a substantial increase in Operating grants amounts given more CSOs received Framework Partnership Agreements.
- To implement a simplified and faster application process for CSOs that have received a Framework Partnership Agreement, given the amount of effort that has already gone into the application. CSOs invested significant time and resources in applying Framework Partnership Agreements.
- To implement operating grants *retroactively*, on an annual basis. The allocated grants for 2025 must cover activities implemented by health civil society organisations from January 2025, as the Framework Partnership Agreements cover the whole year.
- To propose additional funding opportunities for CSOs that were not eligible for the Framework Partnership Agreements or could not apply.
- To already prepare for the EU4H 2026 WP so CSOs are not placed in a similar situation in 2026.

The EU4Health Civil Society Alliance is ready to work proactively and constructively to ensure that the EU4Health programme effectively achieves its objectives with the support of CSOs.

Signatories

1. European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)
2. European Patients' Forum (EPF)
3. Alzheimer Europe
4. EURORDIS Rare Diseases Europe
5. Association of European Cancer Leagues (ECL)
6. Association of European Coeliac Societies (AOECS)
7. Digestive Cancers Europe
8. EUROCAM
9. European Alcohol Policy Alliance (Eurocare)
10. European Central Council of Homeopaths (ECCH)
11. European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients' Association (EFA)
12. European Federation of Neurological Associations (EFNA)
13. European Health Management Association (EHMA)
14. European Heart Network (EHN)
15. European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA)
16. European Liver Patients' Association (ELPA)
17. European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention (ENSP)
18. European Public Health Association (EUPHA)
19. European Respiratory Society (ERS)
20. Fertility Europe
21. Health Action International (HAI)
22. International Diabetes Federation (Europe)
23. International Sport and Culture Association
24. International Federation of Anthroposophical Medical Associations (IVAA)
25. Psychedelic Access and Research European Alliance (PAREA)
26. Smoke Free Partnership
27. TB Europe Coalition (TBEC)
28. SIOP Europe



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