

Public consultation on the next MFF: Implementing EU funding with Member States and regions

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Introduction

The current multiannual financial framework (MFF) – the EU's long-term budget – runs until the end of 2027. In 2025, the Commission will adopt comprehensive proposals for the post-2027 multiannual financial framework and for the next generation of funding programmes. These programmes provide financial support to a wide range of beneficiaries across the EU - including universities, regions, towns, civil society organisations, businesses, farmers, students, scientists and many others.

Following President von der Leyen's [Political Guidelines for the 2024-2029 European Commission](#), the Commission will work together for a simpler, more focused and responsive long-term budget that reflects the European strategic priorities with the ambition to be an 'Investment Commission', while moving towards. The next long-term budget will be simpler in the way it works – with fewer programmes and a plan for each country linking key reforms with investment, and focusing on our joint priorities, including promoting economic, social and territorial cohesion. The multiannual financial framework for the period after 2027 must reflect this.

The Commission's proposals will be designed to make it possible for the EU to deliver on the things that matter most, in areas where it can achieve more than Member States acting alone. This requires a careful assessment both of what has worked well in the past and what could be improved in the future. The next EU long-term budget will draw lessons from the current one – notably in terms of simplicity and flexibility, speed and strategic focus.

To gather evidence to support the preparation of these proposals, the Commission is launching a series of public consultations to gather views from all interested parties on how to make the very most of every euro of the EU budget.

To deliver on these objectives, this consultation covers EU funding implemented with Members States and regions in the following policy areas: cohesion policy, common agricultural policy, fisheries and maritime policies, home affairs and Trans-European Networks. The decision to cluster issues serves to support the preparatory work and does not pre-empt the architecture of future programmes.

This questionnaire consists of three parts. Part 1 collects some information about you, while Part 2 contains questions related to the EU funds. Section 3 contains two closing questions.

It should take about 9 minutes to complete the survey. You can save your replies as a draft and finish them later. Please be concise when providing additional comments on the questions with a free text box. You can upload a document stating your views at the end of the survey.

Part 1

About you

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* Organisation name

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European Public Health Alliance

* Organisation size

- ☐ Micro (1 to 9 employees)
- ☒ Small (10 to 49 employees)
- ☐ Medium (50 to 249 employees)
- ☐ Large (250 or more)

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- Christmas Island
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- Cocos (Keeling) Islands
- Colombia
- Comoros
- Congo
- Cook Islands
- Costa Rica
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Croatia
- Cuba
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- Norway
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- Peru
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- Saint Helena Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
- Tonga
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Tunisia
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- Uganda
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- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- United States
- United States Minor Outlying Islands
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Part 2 - Questions related to EU funds implemented with Member States and regions

How important are the following policy challenges to you?

	Very important	Important	Moderately important	Not at all important	Don't know/not applicable

Limited public investment capacities to meet the needs of EU priorities (e.g. green and digital transitions, security, competitiveness)					
Persisting social, economic, regional and territorial disparities					
Limited capacity of regions and communities to benefit from the single market and new economic opportunities					
Demographic challenges					
Labour and skills shortages, need for upskilling and reskilling, and unpreparedness of education and training systems for the 21st century					
Decline in labour productivity and competitiveness					
Lack of progress in addressing poverty and social exclusion					
Barriers to the access to essential services, health, quality care, housing and social protection					
Digitalisation of the public administration, including public services and the justice systems					
Digital transformation in key sectors					
Lack of connectivity in Member States and regions (e.g. transport, energy and digital)					
Challenges related to the respect of the rule of law (e.g. independence of the judiciary, right to a fair trial, fight against corruption)					
Challenges related to the effective protection of EU funds against fraud, corruption and other illegal activity					

Security threats such as organised crime	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Challenges related to ensuring a complete and fully functioning Schengen area with the free movement of people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Challenges related to migration and asylum management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Increasing impacts of climate change and environmental degradation (e.g. natural disasters, loss of biodiversity)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Decarbonising the economy	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Securing an affordable, sustainable and secure energy supply	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Maximising the potential of the circular economy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Securing a stable supply of high-quality food at all times at reasonable prices	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic disparities and crises faced by the agricultural and fishery sectors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Struggling cultural and creative sectors, precarity of artists, limited access to culture and preservation of heritage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you have identified other policy challenges or would like to elaborate on the challenges above, please specify (mentioning the policy area to which you refer in the latter case):

500 character(s) maximum

Strengthening healthcare systems and preparing them for future crises

To what extent do you consider the following factors as obstacles to the EU budget achieving its objectives?

	To a large extent	Somewhat	Very little	Not at all	Don't know/ not applicable
Too many funds with overlapping objectives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Different and often complex fund-specific rules on access to funding and compliance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Administrative capacity at national, regional and local level	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Administrative burden for beneficiaries, regional and national authorities	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overly complicated governance and distribution of funds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Lack of flexibility to adapt to new and unforeseen developments	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of consistency and effectiveness to deliver on EU policy priorities	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Insufficient alignment with national policies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Low absorption of funds and insufficient number of high-quality projects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Insufficient focus on projects with the highest EU added value (e.g. multi-country projects)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Insufficient focus on achieving results	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Insufficient mobilisation of private financing (e.g. by de-risking private investment)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
National regulatory environment makes EU funding less effective	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Fraud, corruption and other illegal activities targeting EU funds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

To what extent do you agree that the below objectives are supported by EU policies - for Cohesion Policy?

	To a large extent	Somewhat	Very little	Not at all	Don't know/ not applicable
Contribute to achieving EU objectives, including territorial, social and economic cohesion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Support EU public goods (e.g. cross-border / multi-country projects)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Address cross-border challenges (e.g. climate change)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

To what extent do you agree that the below objectives are supported by EU policies - for Common agriculture policy?

	To a large extent	Somewhat	Very little	Not at all	Don't know/not applicable
Contribute to achieving EU objectives, including a fair standard of living for the farming community) and to making the agricultural sector attractive to new entrants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support EU public goods (e.g. the provision of eco-system services, and cross-border cooperation)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Address cross-border challenges (e.g. climate change, food security)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

To what extent do you agree that the below objectives are supported by EU policies - for Fisheries and maritime policies?

	To a large extent	Somewhat	Very little	Not at all	Don't know/not applicable
Contribute to achieving EU objectives, including fostering sustainable fisheries, and restoring and conserving aquatic biological resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Support EU public goods (e.g. cross-border cooperation)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Address cross-border challenges (e.g. climate change)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

To what extent do you agree that the below objectives are supported by EU policies - for Home affairs?

	To a large extent	Somewhat	Very little	Not at all	Don't know/not applicable
Contribute to achieving EU objectives, including efficient management of migration, asylum and external borders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Support EU public goods (e.g. cross-border / multi-country projects)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Address cross-border challenges (e.g. security threats)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

To what extent do you agree that the below objectives are supported by EU policies - for Trans-European Networks?

	To a large extent	Somewhat	Very little	Not at all	Don't know/not applicable
Contribute to achieving EU objectives, including a smooth functioning single market, and territorial, social and economic cohesion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Support EU cross-border / multi-country infrastructure projects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Address cross-border challenges (e.g. military mobility and defence, climate change)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

To what extent do you agree that the following options could help the EU budget become more effective and efficient?

	To a large extent	Somewhat	Very little	Not at all	Don't know/not applicable
Applying common rules, timelines and eligibility criteria to all relevant EU funds	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fewer, clearer and simpler rules	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduce the number of EU funding programmes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Simplify the management of EU funding programmes at national and regional level	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prioritise projects with high EU added value, such as multi-country projects and projects that contribute to the EU's strategic priorities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Introduce more flexibility into resource allocation to react to crises and emerging needs	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use funds to promote both reforms and investments	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Simplify access to funding for beneficiaries	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Use more EU funds to stimulate private and national investment, including through financial instruments (e.g. loans, guarantees, equity)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Place greater focus on achieving results, including via performance-based funding (such as financing not linked to costs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prevent and combat fraud and corruption better, as well as other illegal activities targeting EU funds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you agree that the policies covered by the EU budget should continue to support all types of regions and communities in the future?

Maximum 1 selection(s)

☒ Yes

☐ No

If you selected 'yes', please explain why:

500 character(s) maximum

Supporting all types of regions and communities is essential to promote cohesion, reduce inequalities, and ensure that no one is left behind in the EU's recovery, health, and sustainability goals.

If you have any concrete suggestions for improvement, please specify:

500 character(s) maximum

EPHA has emphasized the importance of addressing health inequalities across all regions, especially through place-based approaches that consider socio-economic disparities and access to healthcare services. For instance, in its 2024 paper on energy poverty, EPHA underscores that vulnerable populations across both urban and rural settings must be equally supported by EU structural investments to reduce health disparities linked to inadequate housing and energy insecurity

If you think that these stakeholders could be involved more effectively, please specify:

500 character(s) maximum

It is paramount to strengthen meaningful involvement of affected communities and civil society throughout the policy cycle. As EPHA urges, participation must be non-tokenistic, with real influence in programme design, monitoring, and evaluation. This fosters culturally competent, equitable policies and aligns with WHO's recommendations on health equity.

Which of the following aspects do you consider the most important for improving the administrative and institutional capacity of public administrations in Member States?

- ☒ Predictability of the programming cycle associated with EU-funded investments
- ☐ Flexibility to address a wide variety of Member States' needs
- ☒ Focus on key EU priorities with more EU added value
- ☐ Helping Member States to identify the areas where technical support would be more impactful
- ☒ Sustainability of capacity over time
- ☐ Support a wide range of beneficiaries in public administrations at different levels
- ☒ Support and information about funding opportunities to potential beneficiaries /applicants
- ☐ Addressing skills needs of national, regional and local authorities
- ☐ Other (please specify below)
- ☐ Don't know / unable to answer

Part 3 - Closing questions

If you would like to add further information – within the scope of this questionnaire – please feel free to do so here.

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The European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) underscores the critical importance of the EU4Health Programme across all levels of governance. This programme is pivotal in building more resilient and accessible health systems throughout the European Union.

A primary concern is ensuring equitable access to healthcare and addressing health inequalities among all of the Members States. EPHA advocates for EU actions that focus on eliminating health disparities, eradicating discrimination, and promoting equal access to health.

The ongoing shortage of healthcare professionals is another pressing issue. EPHA emphasizes the need for EU initiatives to support the development and retention of a skilled healthcare workforce, ensuring that health systems can meet current and future demands effectively across all Members States.

Civil society organizations (CSOs) play an indispensable role in health policy and service delivery. EPHA calls for the EU to develop mechanisms for stronger co-creation of policies, programmes, and services, allowing for real empowerment of people and communities, including patient engagement. This includes providing sustainable financial support through a robust EU4Health Programme, enabling CSOs to contribute meaningfully to health initiatives and policy development.

In conclusion, EPHA urges the European Commission to prioritize health within the Multiannual Financial Framework by reinforcing the EU4Health Programme. This entails addressing healthcare access and inequalities, mitigating workforce shortages in the health sector, and ensuring sustainable support for civil society organizations. Such commitments are essential for fostering a healthier and more equitable Europe.

Please attach any relevant documents to support your replies.

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