Third programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020)

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The Commission presents the report on the implementation of the 2017 annual work programme (2017 AWP), under the third Health Programme 2014-2020 established by Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

It provides detailed information on the 2017 budget and how it was used.

2017 highlights

The 2017 AWP launched six Joint Actions totalling EUR 20.229.410,14 of EU co-funding:

- Joint Action Health Equity Europe (JAHEE),

- European Joint Action on vaccination (JAV),

- Joint Action supporting the eHealth Network (e-Health),

- Joint Action Information for Action (InfAct),

- Joint Action Innovative Partnership for Action Against Cancer (iPAAC), and

- Joint Action Preparedness and action at points of entry (Healthy Gateways).

These Joint Actions, along with other actions funded in 2017, addressed several of the health programmes objectives.

Budget implementation

The overall budget for the third health programme 2014-2020 is EUR 449.4 million. This includes EUR 30 million for the operating costs of the Consumer, Health, Food and Agriculture Executive Agency (Chafea), mandated by the Commission to manage the health programme 2014-2020. Chafea has been providing the Commission with technical, scientific and administrative assistance in implementing the health programme since 2005.

The budget set out in the work plan for 2017 was EUR 61 904 085.00 broken down as follows:

- operational expenditure: EUR 60 404 085.00 corresponding to third programme for the Union’s action in the field of health (2014-2020) budget line 17 03 01 (‘Encouraging innovation in health, increasing the sustainability of health systems and protecting Union citizens from serious cross-border health threats’);

- administrative expenditure: EUR 1 500 000.00 corresponding to the expenditure to support the third programme for the Union’s action in the field of health (2014-2020) budget line 17 01 04 02.

The operational budget totalled EUR 60 404 085.00 including EUR 1 574 508.00 of EFTA/EEA credits.

From that, under the 2017 annual work programme, EUR 60 386 800.00 were committed. Chafea committed EUR 46 764 719.17 of this budget while DG SANTE committed EUR 13 622 080.83 covering part of procurement and other actions. From the overall commitment, the budget implemented was EUR 60 063 178.12 with EUR 323 621.88 of not used credits (0.54%).

Objectives, priorities and financing mechanisms in 2017

In 2017, the total operational budget implemented (EUR 60.063.178,12) was divided among the four specific Programme objectives as follows:

1. Health promotion - EUR 22 282 477.74 (37% of the operational budget) for promoting health, preventing diseases and fostering supportive environments for healthy lifestyles taking into account the 'health in all policies' principle;

2. Health threats - EUR 7 198 549.97 (12% of the operational budget) for protecting Union citizens from serious cross-border health threats;

3. Health systems - EUR 18 059 351.37 (30% of the operational budget) for contributing to innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems;

4. Better and safer healthcare - EUR 8 560 567.66 (14% of the operational budget) for facilitating access to better and safer healthcare for Union citizens.

In addition, horizontal activities (IT, communication) and transversal actions amounted to EUR 3 962 231.38 (7% of the operational budget).

Beneficiaries

In 2017, Chafea and DG SANTE signed more than 238 different grants and contracts with diverse beneficiaries and service providers: governmental, academic institutions, non-governmental organisations, private companies, and individual experts. Other beneficiaries include international organisations and EU services (via direct agreements). The total number of beneficiaries is 450, with the two main categories being private consultant companies (procurement) and governmental organisations (Joint Actions).