

ESI Funds for health

Building knowledge & capacities

Contribution of the ESI Funds to interventions aiming at health promotion and structural health reforms

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ESI Funds for Health project

- EU-funded contract with CHAFEA
- December 2016 - December 2018
- Consortium led by Milieu Ltd, including EuroHealthNet
- Data gathering and analysis, experience exchange and learning
- 6 thematic workshops

<http://esifundsforhealth.eu/esi-funds-health>

Project Objectives

- To **complement the existing knowledge** on the ESIF 2014-2020 investments in the health sector;
- To assess how these contribute to implementing **EU health policy goals** (particularly reducing health inequalities and supporting structural reforms);
- To **further develop capacities** of the relevant actors in EU MS and regions to support the effective implementation of ESIF for health.

Six health themes



Access to health
services



Reform of health
systems



eHealth & Digital health
technologies



Research & Innovation
in health



Disease prevention &
Health promotion



Planning & training of the
health workforce

Programming of health-related projects

- 11 Thematic Objectives, none directly related to health, Investment Priorities used within the TOs are e.g.
- ERDF 9a: Investing in health and social infrastructure (...) promoting (...) the transition from institutional to community-based services
- ESF 9iv 'Enhancing access to affordable, sustainable and high quality services, including health care and social services of general interest'.
- **EU-13** more often selected IPs related to improvement of health infrastructure as the examples above
- **EU-15** more often selected IPs such as ESF 9i: active inclusion and improvement of employability.

- This may support



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of the European Union

Investments.

Health projects and financial allocations

- 6,414 health projects, of which 221 INTERREG projects
- Total budget of approx. € 6 billion, of which € 0.5 billion INTERREG
- The largest themating block regarding the number of projects and spending is T5: disease prevention and health promotion (33% of the total spending)
- Reform of health systems comes second (23%)

Exemplary projects: Health promotion

- Healthy Living, Croatia
- Croatian Institute of Public Health in cooperation with 21 county institutes.
- 5 modules: health education, physical activity, nutrition, healthy workplace and health and environment
- Awareness raising and education related to prevention of non-communicable diseases
- Objectives: increase life expectancy, reduce mortality, improve life quality.
- Total budget: EUR 3,9 million
- ESIF contribution: 85% (ESF)
- Timeframe: 2016-2022

Exemplary projects: Health system reform

- The Ministry of Health is implementing a reform of the mental care system in the Czech Republic to improve connection btw hospital and out-patient services.
- Five projects supported from ESIF are running: Mental health centres I and II; Deinstitutionalization; Multidisciplinary approach to care for patients with mental diseases; New services.
- Objectives: to shift the focus to the community care, reduce social exclusion of people with mental illnesses.
- Total budget: EUR 3.7 million
- ESIF contribution: 78% (ESF)
- Timeframe: 2017-2022

Questions

- How can we stimulate further uptake of ESI Funds for health promotion and health system reform?
- Are administrative capacities in place to absorb these funds?



The European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) support local and regional projects that contribute to job creation and a sustainable European economy.

This website shows examples of ESIF-funded health projects and provides information on the implementation of projects that contribute to wider health policy goals.

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