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WORK PLAN 2012 – funding opportunities

Introduction

In December 2011, the European Commission adopted the 2012 Work Plan for implementing the second Programme of Community action in the field of Health (2008-2013). The document can be found here: ec.europa.eu/health/programme/docs/wp2012_en.pdf.

The Work Plan includes the full list of calls for proposals for **projects grants, operating grants, conferences grants, grants for so-called joint actions** and **calls for tenders**. The deadline for submission of proposals is March, 9th 2012.

Some rules need to be respected to receive all kind of grants:

- (i) Co-financing rule: external co-financing from a source other than EU funds is required, usually 40%;
- (ii) No-profit rule: the grant may not have the purpose or effect of producing a profit for the beneficiary;
- (iii) No-retroactivity rule: expenditure eligible for financing must be incurred after the agreement is signed;
- (iv) No-cumulation rule: only one grant from the EU may be awarded for a specific project to a given beneficiary.

In addition, all proposals must demonstrate awareness of all EU actions in the given topic, results of previous projects that are related from any EU funded projects from any programme, such as the EU research programme.

Types of grants

A- Projects grants (ANNEX II of the work plan)

The maximum EU funding is 60% of the eligible costs, but this percentage may go up to 80% in case of projects of “exceptional utility”.¹

¹ Exceptional utility may be granted for proposals that (*ANNEX VII of the work plan*):

- improve the health of Europeans measured by appropriate indicators such as the Healthy Life Years;
- reduce health inequalities;

All projects should:

- have an innovative character and not a recurrent nature;
- provide added value at EU-level on health (e.g.: involve an appropriate number of countries);
- contribute to and support the development of EU policies in the field of health;
- have an efficient management structure, a clear evaluation process and a precise description of expected results;
- include a plan for using and disseminating results at EU-level to appropriate target audiences.

The calls for projects are available here: http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/documents/health/calls/2012/2012_CALL_TEXT_PROJECTS.pdf.

Applications for projects grants may be submitted through the following website: <http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/projects.html>.

B- Operating grants (*ANNEX III of the work plan*)

The same rule of the 60% co-financing, up to a maximum of 80% in specific cases, applies.

The purpose of an operating grant is to provide financial support towards the functioning of an organisation in its core activities (excluding lobbying the EU) over a period that is equivalent to its accounting year in order to carry out a set of activities in areas corresponding to the priorities of the Health Programme and to the priorities of the 2012 Work Plan.

An organisation or as specialised network may receive funding if it:

- is non-profit-making and independent of industry, commercial and business or other conflicting interests;²
- has members in at least half of the Member States;
- has a balanced geographical coverage;
- pursues as its primary goal one or more objectives of the Health Programme;
- does not pursue general objectives directly or indirectly contrary to the policies of the EU or does not have an image harmful to EU image;
- has provided to the Commission satisfactory accounts of its membership, internal rules and sources of funding;
- has provided to the Commission its annual work programme for the financial year and the most recent annual activity report and, if available, the most recent evaluation report;
- is not in any of the situations of exclusion listed in Articles 93(1) and 94 of the [Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities](#), such as bankruptcy.

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- build capacity for development and implementation of effective public health policies, especially in areas of high need;
 - involve new non-traditional actors for health in sustained, cooperative and ethically sound actions, both at regional or local level and across European countries.

² An organisation is legally independent of industry, commercial and business or other conflicting interests when the former is not under the direct or indirect control of the latter or under the same direct or indirect control of a third entity as the latter. From the financial point of view, organisations must unilaterally commit not to receive more than 20% of their core funding from private sector organisations representing a conflicting interest, or from other sources representing a conflicting interest during the financial years covered by the operating grant (*Annex VI of the work plan*).

The calls for operating grants are available here: http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/documents/health/calls/2012/2012_CALL_TEXT_OPERATING_GRANTS.pdf.

Applications for operating grants may be submitted through the following website: <http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/grants.html>.

C- [Conference grants](#) (*ANNEX V of the work plan*)

Conferences will be eligible for co-financing by the EU of up to EUR 100,000 with a maximum 50% of the total budget of the conference.

Conferences must take place in 2013 and they must:

- pursue as their primary goal one or more priorities of this annual work plan;
- have European Union-wide dimension, i.e. engage representatives of ten or more countries participating in the EU Health Programme;
- be organised by a public body or a non-profit-making body established in a country eligible to participate in the EU Health Programme, and which has relevant experience in cooperation at EU level.³

Applications for conference grants may be submitted through the following website: <http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/conferences.html>.

D- [Grants for joint actions](#) (*ANNEX IV of the work plan*)

The EU may co-finance up to 50% of the eligible costs for activities carried out by the EU and one or more Member States or by the EU and the competent authorities of other countries participating in the Health Programme together (<http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/actions.html>).

E- [Calls for tenders](#) (*ANNEX V*)

The Work Plan for 2012 foresees a number of calls for tenders for the evaluation and monitoring of EU actions and policies, studies, provision of advice, data and information on health, scientific and technical assistance, communication and awareness-raising activities and information technology applications in support of EU policies.

To apply to a call for tenders, the following rules need to be respected:

- transparency;
- equal treatment and non-discrimination;
- proportionality;
- fair competition.

Upcoming calls for tenders may be monitored through the following link: <http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/tenders.html>.

³ Such countries are the 27 EU Member States, the EFTA countries party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway) and Croatia.

Priorities

In order to reach the three broad objectives of the Second Health Programme (Improve citizens' health security, Promote health and Generate and disseminate health information and knowledge) several actions have been envisaged to be funded.

Opportunity for EFA/members:

- a) Promoting health: under the second objective of the Second EU Health Programme, [increasing healthy life years and promoting healthy ageing through support to the implementation of the European Innovation Partnership on active and healthy ageing](#)

This action will promote **physical and mental health**, including promoting **better nutrition and physical activity** and **preventing behaviour that is harmful to health**.

Ways will be sought to **prevent the onset of major and chronic diseases**, addressing in particular patients with **multiple chronic conditions**.

The action will support the deployment of **innovative solutions for care provision** in terms of **innovative policies and business models for collaborative and integrated care systems**, based on a **continuum of care approach**.

→ Funding available for project grants: EUR 4,021,820 (indicative amount)

- b) Promoting health: under the second objective of the Second EU Health Programme, [identifying best practices in tobacco control to reduce health inequalities](#)

The objectives of this action are to **analyse the consumption of tobacco** in various groups in society and the role of **tobacco use as a contributor to the gap in health outcomes**.

→ Call for tenders

- c) Promoting health: under the second objective of the Second EU Health Programme, [developing communication campaign aimed at encouraging smoking cessation](#)

The objectives of this action are to raise **awareness about tobacco damage** and **encouraging people to quit smoking**. It targets young adults, groups within society where smoking prevalence is higher than average and disadvantaged groups. The gender aspect will also be considered.

→ Call for tenders

- d) Promoting health: under the second objective of the Second EU Health Programme, [preventing chronic diseases](#)

This action seeks to support projects that examine the **cost-effectiveness of integrated approaches to chronic disease prevention** with a particular focus on diabetes, cardiovascular diseases or **respiratory diseases**. This will include the cost-effectiveness of various interventions to prevent, screen and treat chronic diseases. Projects will also consider an emphasis on **reducing health inequalities**.

→ Funding available for project grant: EUR 1,400,000 (indicative amount)

Some examples of previously awarded project/operating and conference grants

Projects:

- i. Health Impacts or Airborne Allergen Information Network ([HIALINE](#)): the project is led by the Technical University of Munich and, under the 2008 Work Plan, received EUR 600,000 funding. The objective of the project is to evaluate the effects of climate diversity and change on airborne allergen exposure, and to implement an outdoor allergen early warning network.
- ii. Health-Based Ventilation Guidelines for Europe ([HealthVent](#)): such project is led by the Technical University of Denmark and EFA is a partner. Following the 2009 Work Plan, it received EUR 450,000 funding. It aims to develop health-based ventilation guidelines that will protect people in places like schools, nurseries, offices and homes against health problems caused by poor indoor air quality, and at the same time will ensure that energy is utilised efficiently.
- iii. Capacity Building: How to make Tobacco Tax Trendy ([TobTaxy](#)): the project is coordinated by the Smoke Free Partnership and, under the 2009 Work Plan, it received EUR 540,000 funding. The purpose of the project is to build capacity within the public health/tobacco community regarding taxation and smuggling issues to increase the understanding on these sensitive matters.

Operating grants:

- i. European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention ([ENSP](#)): this non-profit organisation was funded under the 2008, 2009 and 2011 Work Plans (respectively EUR 200,000, 242,790 and 201,477). Through coordinated actions among organisations active in tobacco control in Europe, ENSP aims to create greater coherence among smoking prevention activities and to promote comprehensive tobacco control policies at both national and European levels.
- ii. European Patients Forum ([EPF](#)): this umbrella organisation of pan-European patient organisations was funded under the 2011 Work Plan and received EUR 568,488. EPF facilitates exchange of good practice and challenging of bad practices on patients' rights, equitable access to treatment and care, and health-related quality of life between patient organisations at European and Member States level.

Conferences:

- i. European Conference on Tobacco or Health 2011 ([ECToH2011](#)): the conference was organised in Amsterdam by STIVORO for a Smoke Free Future and, under the 2010 Work Plan, received EUR 50,000 funding. The conference aims to inspire and empower tobacco control professionals across Europe and to create new horizons and fundamentals for collaboration.