



*Make the European Health Union a
reality: the regional perspective
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Investing in health systems in the RRF and EU4Health 2021 Work programme

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➤ **EU4Health Programme**

- Joint Action on Transfer of best practices in primary care
- Resilience Testing of Health Systems
- Joint Action on Health workforce to meet health challenges – forecasting and planning for workforce in the healthcare sector

➤ **Health Programme – 2020 5 projects health workforce**

➤ **Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)**



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EU4Health – General objectives

Four general objectives represent the breath and the ambitions of the programme



- Improve & foster health in the Union



- Protect people from serious cross-border health threats



- Improve access to medicinal products, medical devices crisis-relevant products



- Strengthen health systems



EUR 5.3 billion in current prices

Health



EU4Health - Joint Action on Transfer of best practices in primary care

- Transfer and pilot implementation of best practices in primary care into new locations in a number of MS
- Practices already selected by MS, most coming from regional level:
 - *Integrated Health Association – Region of Wallonia, Belgium*
 - *TELEA: Home telemonitoring in Primary Care for chronic disease and Covid-19 – Galicia, Spain*
 - *Integrated care for complex chronic patients in Andalusia (Spain): Personalized care action plans (PAPs) – Andalusia, Spain*
 - *Essencial Project: Adding value to clinical primary care practice - Catalonia, Spain*
 - *'Health Action for Children and Youth at Risk' & 'Health Action for Gender, Violence and Lifecycle' – Portugal*
 - *Health Promotion Centres (HPCs) – Slovenia*

EU4Health - Joint Action on Transfer of best practices in primary care

- The 'owners' of the selected best practices will help other MS interested in adopting them
 - Knowledge-transfer and "twinning" actions (e.g. policy dialogues, workshops, staff visits and secondments, expert advice, mutual and peer learning programmes, etc.).
 - Pilots for the actual 'replication' of the best practices
 - Reinforcing capacity of health authorities to transform primary care and strengthen health system resilience
- Many MS participating, starting to plan the technical work and pilots (expected at local/regional level)
 - Kick-off after summer 2022; EC grant: EUR 10 million

EU4Health –health system resilience testing and support programme

- Developing a resilience testing methodology will facilitate better data, information and enable cross-country learning – based on Opinion of Expert Panel and HSPA report.
- Methodology, pilots and training in collaboration with OECD and European Observatory of Health Systems and Policies
- Member States will be able to regularly review health crisis preparedness and check their health systems' resilience against specific high-pressure scenarios and long-term structural challenges
- Kick-off in 2022; EC grant: EUR 1.5 million

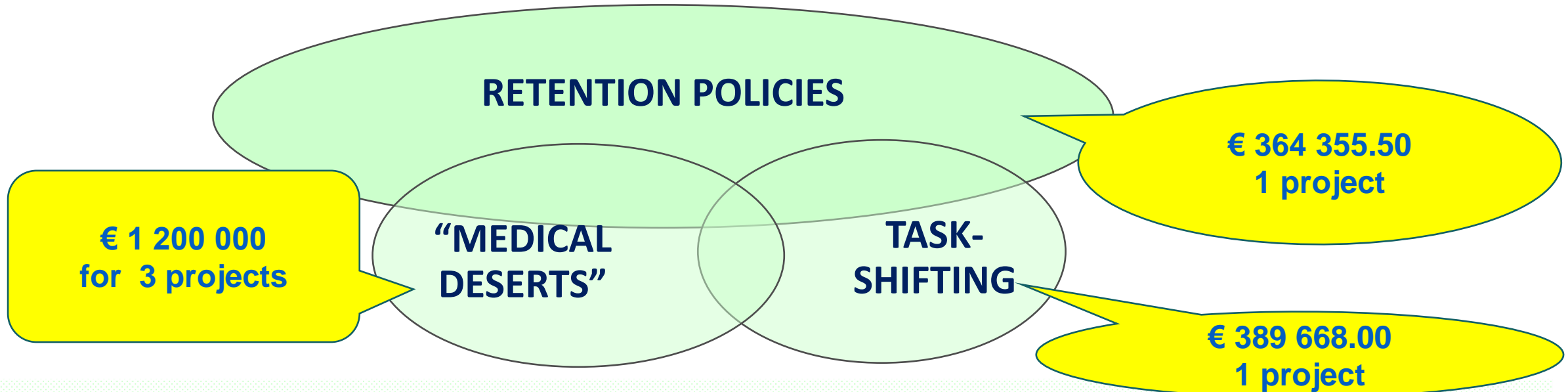
EU4Health - Joint Action on Health workforce forecasting and planning

- Complex challenges faced by EU healthcare systems even before COVID pandemic.
- COVID-19 pandemic - reminded about the importance of an balanced/adequate numbers capacity, with the right skills and flexibility.
- Develop knowledge on data sets needed for more comprehensive health workforce planning
- Better use of tools for health workforce planning and its integration into financing models and organisation of health services, taking into account lessons learnt from the COVID-19
- Build MS' administrative capacity in effective forecasting and planning for health workforce - Knowledge-transfer , “twinning” actions, workshops, mutual and peer learning programmes.
- Deadline for submitting the proposal – 15 february 2022
- Kick-off after summer 2022; EC grant: EUR 7 million

Health Programme - 2020 health workforce projects cluster

OBJECTIVES

Support health system reforms - focusing on workforce policies, access to care in disadvantaged areas and reorganization of care delivery.



EXPECTED RESULTS

Improved knowledge base for formulating and implementing reforms.

[Request to join health workforce cluster network via EU Health Policy Platform \(europa.eu\)](http://europa.eu)

Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)



Each Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP) has to include:

a minimum of **37%** of expenditure for **CLIMATE** investments and reforms

a minimum of **20%** of expenditure to foster the **DIGITAL** transition

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Recovery and Resilience Facility and health

- Health resilience is among the 6 main pillars of the RRF.
- Recovery and Resilience Plans should allocate at least 20% of their budget to the digital transition: potential linkages to eHealth.
- RRPs should address the EU semester's country-specific recommendations (CSRs). In 2019, 16 Member States received CSRs addressing health system reform. In 2020, for the first time, all 27 Member States received a CSR on health, focusing on resilience

Recovery and Resilience Facility: expenditures on health

- All endorsed RRP to date have measures related to health.
- For the 22 endorsed RRP around EUR 40 billion is proposed to be spent on health investments and reforms (including measures outside of healthcare, but with a clear medical component, such as long-term care).
- Grants requested for health-related measures make up around 10% of all grants under the RRF.

RRF - Examples of investments (health system preparedness)

- Czechia - Establishment and development of the Centre for Cancer Prevention and Infrastructure for Innovative and Supportive Care at the Masaryk Oncology Institute
- Cyprus – Innovative Public Health information and communications technology (ICT) System
- Germany – Special programme to accelerate research and development of urgently needed vaccines against SARS-CoV-2

RRF: State of Play (08 Dec 2021)

- 26 RRP formally submitted (Netherlands not submitted yet)
- 22 RRP have been adopted by the Council and Commission Council (Poland, Hungary, Sweden and Bulgaria pending)
- 18 Member State already received their RRF pre-financing disbursements (13%)
- 2 Member States (Spain and France) made their first payment request
- Recovery and Resilience Facility Scoreboard (website with data and analysis) to be launched still this month

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