

ANNUAL PLAN 2024 - SUMMER UPDATE HEALTH WORKING GROUP

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OBJECTIVES

ERRIN's Health Working Group (WG) supports members with early intelligence and regular updates about EU-level health policy-related issues, regulations, EU programmes and their funding opportunities. Creating opportunities for interregional cooperation in the Health area is one of the WG's main objectives. The WG is also a vehicle for networking, profile raising and promoting good practices and projects among health stakeholders in the ERRIN regions.

CONTEXT

The key EU level priorities, strategies, and events that the Working Group aims to follow up on in 2024 are:

Key EU processes to follow

- Belgian and Hungarian EU Council presidencies
- European Health Data Space
- Mission on Cancer, incl. Europe's Beating Cancer Plan
- Healthier together – EU non-communicable diseases (NCD) initiative
- Council Recommendations on: Prevention Package and AMR
- Revision of the Pharmaceutical legislation
- FP10

On-going activities to be followed further in 2024

- Mission on Cancer, incl. Europe's Beating Cancer Plan
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The Health WG will promote calls and partnership opportunities at each WG meeting. Calls with more than 6 months before the deadline will be considered for further support through coffee meetings.

The Health WG aims to enhance partnership building and collaborate with other European organisations or networks by connecting with the following organisations:

- EUREGHA

OPPORTUNITIES AND OUTPUTS IN ERRIN PROJECTS

Projects of strategic interest to the Working Group:

BeWell: Blueprint alliance for a future health workforce strategy on digital and green skills

ECHoS: Creation of a future European Network of National Cancer Mission Hubs (NCMHs)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Innovation Procurement

Date: September/October 2024

Accounting for over 14% of GDP, EU public procurement could create a massive market for innovative products and services, but its potential in this area still needs to be utilised. The European Commission aims to improve public procurement practices and promote the demand for innovative goods, services and works in Europe.

One initiative is Procure4Health, a growing community of European Health organisations interested in procuring innovation. Its 33 founding partners actively encourage procurement innovation through knowledge sharing and capacity building, networking and matchmaking, identification of everyday needs, and the launch of joint actions to address them, as well as influencing policy on procurement of innovation. The community is open to new members to benefit from its value. Some founding members will explain the initiative and how to engage at this ERRIN event.

Next to the Procure4Health network, the Health InnoFacilitator project will be showcased. This project aims to build capacity in innovation procurement, notably by organising training and community support and applying a value-based approach to public procurement. Finally, a representative from the European Commission DG RTD will give an overview of the innovation procurement instruments in Horizon Europe and their outlook

PAST 2024 ACTIVITIES

2024 EU agenda for health

Date: 12 January 2024

This event presented the Commission's 2024 health agenda by DG SANTE along with the Belgian Presidency health priorities, followed by a networking opportunity. The Health WG also presented the 2024 workplan.

Cancer Mission- what is the role of regions?

Date: 17 April 2024

This joint meeting between the ERRIN Health Working Group and the EUREGHA Cancer Working Group explored the opportunities and role of regions within the Cancer Mission. Multiple examples of current practices from within the networks were presented, showcasing how regions can effectively participate in the Cancer Mission. Examples were presented from Catalonia, Navarra Biomed, Centre for Cancer detection (Flanders) and DigiCanTrain.

Skills in the Health Sector

Date: 15 May 2024

This meeting featured an update from the European Commission on The Pact for Skills, the European Year of Skills and skills for the health workforce. Following this, The Large-Scale Partnership for the Health Ecosystem (BeWell), The Large-Scale Skills Partnership for Long-Term Care and The Skills Partnership for the Health Industry were presented. In each presentation, opportunities for regional engagement were highlighted.