

**Priority question for written answer P-000511/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: The delay in adopting the EU4Health programme

Parliament is deeply concerned about the delay in adopting the EU4Health programme, particularly given that other programmes were not affected by the transition to the new Commission. This delay risks jeopardising the vital work of health-focused non-governmental organisations (NGOs), which play a crucial role in promoting public health, countering corporate influence and ensuring the balanced representation of public interests. These organisations are indispensable for ensuring democratic debates and meaningful public engagement of civil society in EU policymaking. The timely launch of operating grants under the EU4Health programme is critical for many NGOs to sustain their efforts in addressing key health challenges, including those related to tobacco, alcohol and unhealthy food and drink. Without this financial support, there is a real risk of undermining the EU's commitment to health equity and public interest.

1. Could the Commission provide clarity on the reasons for this delay and confirm when the programme will be adopted?
2. Furthermore, what measures is the Commission taking to expedite this process and mitigate the impact on health NGOs in the interim?

We strongly urge the Commission to prioritise the launch of the EU4Health programme and the operating grants to safeguard the essential contributions of health NGOs to EU democracy and public health.

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