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The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) fund and coordinate the VectorNet project to monitor the presence of mosquitos and other vectors of diseases¹.

The Commission has contributed EUR 1.1 million under the EU4Health 2024 Work Programme² via cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to apply the Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) to eliminate *Aedes aegypti* after its detection in Cyprus. The SIT generated evidence on the use of this approach in the EU/ European Economic Area.

Under the EU4Health 2025 Work Programme³, the Commission funds a Joint Action to strengthen national vectors' surveillance and control. The ECDC technical support will be enhanced by a contract under the 2025 Work Programme to aid participating countries with planning and implementation.

For the 2021–2027 programming period, cohesion policy funds, within shared management between the Commission and the Member States⁴, can support investments in health care infrastructure and preventive health measures in both rural and urban areas. This may cover the interventions to prevent or reduce health risks, provided these are included in the relevant national or regional strategies.

Horizon 2020⁵ and the current one Horizon Europe⁶ have funded over EUR 45 million in 18 projects to support research and innovation related to vector control strategies and practices aimed to reduce disease transmission by managing disease-carrying vectors, as well as research projects on the biology of vectors to contribute to the development of vaccines and antivirals.

¹ <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/about-us/partnerships-and-networks/disease-and-laboratory-networks/vector-net>.

² https://health.ec.europa.eu/publications/2024-eu4health-work-programme_en.

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⁴ The Commission allocates resources to Member States through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Cohesion Fund, but it is for national and regional authorities, in their partnership agreements and operational programmes, to determine the specific priorities and investments to be supported, in line with EU regulations and their identified need.

⁵ https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-2020_en.

⁶ https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe_en.