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on behalf of the European Commission
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1. Several EU institutions, bodies and agencies are directly or indirectly involved in the health sector¹, contributing to a comprehensive approach to health policy in accordance with the Union's role as set out in Article 168 of the Treaty of the Functioning of the EU². Within the Commission, the Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare oversees the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), which deals with EU health policies. The Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness and Crisis Management oversees the DG responsible for the health emergency preparedness and response (DG HERA), which works to improve preparedness and response to serious cross-border threats in the area of medical countermeasures. The Commissioner for Social Rights and Skills, Quality Jobs and Preparedness oversees the DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL).

DG SANTE is the partner DG of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

DG EMPL is the partner DG of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA).

The European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA) is an executive agency mandated by the Commission to, amongst others, implement a significant part of the EU4Health programme.

2. The budget and staffing figures for the agencies mentioned above for the years 2020-2025 are included in the annex.

3. The beneficiaries of the EU4Health Programme are, amongst others, non-governmental organisations, foundations, and international organisations.

While the Financial Transparency System (FTS), until now³, does not include information about beneficiaries of funding of decentralised agencies, the Commission and HaDEA provide information on beneficiaries of EU funding in the FTS⁴ and the decentralised agencies publish their annual lists of contracts⁵.

¹ It is difficult to provide an exhaustive list of EU bodies involved directly or indirectly in the health sector as it is a theme that in a way, concerns to a greater or lesser extent almost all EU actors. We could recall that as the TFEU states, 'A high level of human health protection shall be ensured in all Union policies and activities', meaning that all EU institutions, all services of the Commission, EU agencies or authorities are concerned by the theme of health.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2008:115:FULL>.

³ The beneficiaries of funding of decentralised agencies will be included in the FTS in 2026, in line with Article 38 of Regulation 2024/2509 (the 'Financial Regulation' (FR)). The information to be published in the FTS must include information on recipients of funds from Union bodies referred to in Articles 70 and 71 of the FR i.e. the decentralised agencies and joint undertakings.

⁴ <https://ec.europa.eu/budget/financial-transparency-system/index.html>.

⁵ EMA: <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/about-us/procurement/procurement-archive>; ECDC: <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/about-ecdc/procurement-and-grants/ex-post-publicity>; EU-OSHA: <https://osha.europa.eu/en/about-eu-osha/procurement>.