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As announced in President of the Commission's political guidelines¹, the Commission will step up its work on preventive health and on treatments for degenerative illness. The Commission supports Member States in preventing and managing non-communicable diseases, such as neurodegenerative diseases. The strategic framework for this support is the 'Healthier Together' initiative², under which the Commission provides financial support for joint actions and projects. Through the joint action JADE Health funded with EUR 4.5 million³, Member States are working together on the prevention, early detection, treatment and care of dementia and other neurological disorders⁴. The Commission also supports the collection of best practices via the EU Best Practice Portal on Public Health⁵. The best practice 'Smartaging Mindbrain'⁶ addresses Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative diseases with a focus on prevention and early diagnosis.

Member States are responsible for the organisation and delivery of health services and medical care, including treatment, in line with Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU⁷. The Commission regularly exchanges views with Member States via the Expert Group on Public Health⁸ on how to address public health challenges.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf.

² https://health.ec.europa.eu/non-communicable-diseases/healthier-together-eu-non-communicable-diseases-initiative_en.

³ https://health.ec.europa.eu/funding/eu4health-programme-2021-2027-vision-healthier-european-union_en

⁴ <https://jadementia.eu/>.

⁵ <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/dyna/bp-portal/>.

⁶ <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/dyna/bp-portal/best-practice/138>.

⁷ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/treaty/tfeu_2008/art_168/oj/eng.

⁸ https://health.ec.europa.eu/non-communicable-diseases/expert-group-public-health_en.