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The Commission already supports Member States in reducing the burden of non-communicable diseases, including cardiovascular diseases, under the ‘Healthier Together’ initiative<sup>1</sup>. While Member States remain responsible for the organisation and delivery of health services and medical care in accordance with Article 168(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the EU supports national health policies. More than EUR 180 million from the EU4Health Programme<sup>2</sup> have been allocated to actions on cardiovascular diseases and disease prevention more broadly<sup>3,4</sup>.

The future EU Cardiovascular Health Plan is envisaged to support national efforts and the integration of digital and personalised solutions on prevention, early detection and treatment. The plan also intends to address the research and innovation gap, and health inequalities in the EU<sup>5</sup>.

The Commission intends to identify funding opportunities under the current Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF).

Regarding the next MFF (2028–2034), the Commission’s proposals (16 July and 3 September 2025) foresee a nearly EUR 2 trillion budget<sup>6</sup>, with a stronger focus on research and innovation (Horizon Europe proposed in the health related window nearly EUR 20 billion<sup>7</sup>), a European Competitiveness Fund including a ‘Health, Biotech, Agriculture and Bioeconomy’ policy window with EUR 22,6 billion, and reinforced EU support for health emergency preparedness. Interinstitutional negotiations are ongoing, and adoption is pending.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://health.ec.europa.eu/non-communicable-diseases/healthier-together-eu-non-communicable-diseases-initiative\\_en](https://health.ec.europa.eu/non-communicable-diseases/healthier-together-eu-non-communicable-diseases-initiative_en).

<sup>2</sup> [https://health.ec.europa.eu/funding/eu4health-programme-2021-2027-vision-healthier-european-union\\_en](https://health.ec.europa.eu/funding/eu4health-programme-2021-2027-vision-healthier-european-union_en).

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.preventncd.eu/>.

<sup>4</sup> <https://jacardi.eu/>.

<sup>5</sup> [https://health.ec.europa.eu/non-communicable-diseases/expert-group-public-health\\_en](https://health.ec.europa.eu/non-communicable-diseases/expert-group-public-health_en).

<sup>6</sup> [https://commission.europa.eu/news-and-media/news/eu-budget-2028-2034-stronger-europe-2025-07-16\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/news-and-media/news/eu-budget-2028-2034-stronger-europe-2025-07-16_en).

<sup>7</sup> [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/horizon-europe-2028-2034-twice-bigger-simpler-faster-and-more-impactful-2025-07-16\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/news/all-research-and-innovation-news/horizon-europe-2028-2034-twice-bigger-simpler-faster-and-more-impactful-2025-07-16_en).