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As per Article 168(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union<sup>1</sup>, Member States are responsible for the organisation and delivery of health services and medical care, including their management and the allocation of the resources assigned to them. EU tools and initiatives support Member States to strengthen health systems via knowledge sharing, technical assistance, funding, and policy guidance<sup>2</sup>. For example, the European Semester provides country-specific recommendations and the State of Health in the EU cycle<sup>3</sup> includes country-specific analyses.

Directive 2011/24/EU<sup>4</sup> aims to facilitate access to cross-border healthcare within the EU, ensuring patients' rights to seek treatment in Member States other than their own while establishing rules for reimbursement. It seeks to enhance cooperation and information exchange between health systems across the EU. Member States are competent to establish and implement minimum standards of safety and quality of healthcare services. National authorities are competent to investigate alleged breaches.

Greece can use EU funding from the EU4Health programme, the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) or the Cohesion Policy Funds. Under the RRF, Member States design national recovery and resilience plans outlining reforms and investments addressing country-specific challenges identified in the Semester. Those policy actions shall be in line with EU objectives and meet the specific RRF requirements.

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<sup>1</sup> [eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:12012E/TXT&from=en](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:12012E/TXT&from=en).

<sup>2</sup> Please also see reply to question E-001242/2025: [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-001242-ASW\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-001242-ASW_EN.html).

<sup>3</sup> [https://health.ec.europa.eu/state-health-eu\\_en](https://health.ec.europa.eu/state-health-eu_en).

<sup>4</sup> <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2011/24/oj>.