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Member States are responsible for organisation and delivery of medical care¹, including detection, diagnosis and treatment of diseases. The Commission supports Member States in reducing the burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs)², including conditions such as endometriosis, through the 'Healthier Together' EU NCD initiative³ with the financial support of the EU4Health programme⁴. Together with the Expert Group on Public Health⁵, the Commission also supports the exchange of best practices among Member States via the EU Best Practice Portal on Public Health⁶.

Over EUR 2 billion have been invested in research and innovation projects related to women's health through the EU's research and innovation framework programmes, Horizon 2020⁷ and Horizon Europe⁸. This includes 15 research projects on endometriosis worth EUR 47 million. The current R&I framework programme 'Horizon Europe' offers a variety of funding opportunities, including broadly defined calls under the 'Health' Cluster⁹. More information about opened and upcoming funding opportunities for research on gynaecological diseases, including endometriosis, can be found on the EU Funding and Tenders Portal¹⁰.

The EU is at the forefront of supporting research and innovation with the aim to improve and protect the health and well-being of citizens by developing innovative solutions to prevent, diagnose, treat and cure diseases. For instance, the project MultiMENDo¹¹ looks for diagnostic and prognostic biomarkers, as well as new therapeutic approaches for endometriosis using menstrual fluid. The projects EUmetriosis¹² develops an integrated approach to enhance understanding, diagnosis, tailored management of endometriosis and empowerment of patients with this disease.

¹ As per Article 168 (7) TFEU <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:12008E168:EN:HTML>.

² https://ec.europa.eu/health/non_communicable_diseases/overview_en.

³ https://health.ec.europa.eu/publications/eu-non-communicable-diseases-ncds-initiative-guidance-document_en.

⁴ https://health.ec.europa.eu/funding/eu4health-programme-2021-2027-vision-healthier-european-union_en.

⁵ https://health.ec.europa.eu/non-communicable-diseases/expert-group-public-health_en.

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

⁷ https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-2020_en.

⁸ https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe_en.

⁹ https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/cluster-1-health_en.

¹⁰ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>.

¹¹ <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101078556>.

¹² <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101157146>.