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Under Article 168(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU¹, Member States are responsible for organising and delivering their health services.

The Commission supports Member States in addressing non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and their risk factors, including obesity, through the 'Healthier Together' EU NCD initiative².

The EU4Health Programme³ funds actions that address obesity, such as the joint actions PreventNCD⁴ and Health4EUKids⁵, and stakeholder-led projects such as PODiaCar⁶. The Safe Hearts Plan⁷ builds on these actions under its prevention pillar. The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Knowledge Gateway⁸ provides information on primary prevention programmes and policy recommendations related to obesity prevention.

Through the Horizon Europe programme⁹ over EUR 2.7 billion have been invested in research and innovation related to obesity, diabetes and nutrition. The EU Funding and Tenders Portal¹⁰ includes information about open and upcoming funding opportunities for related research.

In February 2026, the Commission adopted the Action Plan against cyberbullying¹¹. It sets out complementary measures to address abusive behaviour online through protection, prevention, support for victims and improved reporting mechanisms, including appearance-related cyberbullying affecting children and young people. In line with the Commission Recommendation on integrated child protection systems¹², it calls for national comprehensive anti-bullying plans.

The World Health Organization is responsible for the International Classification of Diseases¹³ (ICD-11). The Commission has no role in this process.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:2bf140bf-a3f8-4ab2-b506-fd71826e6da6.0023.02/DOC_2&format=PDF.

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

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/522/oj/eng>.

⁴ <https://www.preventncd.eu/>.

⁵ <https://www.dypedegr/health4eukids/>.

⁶ <https://podiacar.eu/>.

⁷ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025DC1024>.

⁸ https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/health-promotion-knowledge-gateway_en.

⁹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02021R0695-20251224>.

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

¹¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52026DC0071>.

¹² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reco/2024/1238/oj/eng>.

¹³ <https://icd.who.int/en/>.