

ANNUAL PLAN 2024 HEALTH WORKING GROUP

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OBJECTIVES

ERRIN's Health Working Group (WG) supports members with early intelligence and regular updates about EU-level health policy-related issues, regulations, EU programmes and their funding opportunities. Creating opportunities for interregional cooperation in the Health area is one of the WG's main objectives. The WG is also a vehicle for networking, profile raising and promoting good practices and projects among health stakeholders in the ERRIN regions.

CONTEXT

The key EU level priorities, strategies, and events that the Working Group aims to follow up on in 2024 are:

Key EU processes to follow

- Belgian and Hungarian EU Council presidencies
- European Health Data Space
- Mission on Cancer, incl. Europe's Beating Cancer Plan
- Healthier together – EU non-communicable diseases (NCD) initiative
- Council Recommendations on: Prevention Package and AMR
- Revision of the Pharmaceutical legislation
- FP10

On-going activities to be followed further in 2024

- Mission on Cancer, incl. Europe's Beating Cancer Plan
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The Health WG will promote calls and partnership opportunities at each WG meeting. Calls with more than 6 months before the deadline will be considered for further support through coffee meetings.

The Health WG aims to enhance partnership building and collaborate with other European organisations or networks by connecting with the following organisations:

- EUREGHA

OPPORTUNITIES AND OUTPUTS IN ERRIN PROJECTS

Projects of strategic interest to the Working Group:

- BeWell: Blueprint alliance for a future health workforce strategy on digital and green skills
- ECHoS: Creation of a future European Network of National Cancer Mission Hubs (NCMHs)

ACTIVITIES

2024 EU agenda for health

Date: January

This event will present the Commission's 2024 health agenda by DG SANTE and the Belgian Presidency health priorities, followed by a networking opportunity. The Health WG will also present the 2024 work plan. It will allow the group to :

- gather first-hand information on the Commission 2024 agenda in the field of health;
- hear about the Belgian Presidency's health priorities
- identify the main policy initiatives and events to monitor and potentially get involved in during the year;
- have a dialogue with EU policymakers;
- discuss the 2024 activities with the whole membership of the WG.

Cancer Mission – what is the role for regions?

Date: Q1

The main purpose of this event is to gain a better understanding of the role for regions in the EU Cancer Mission. (Information session) Regions can be key in developing effective cancer prevention strategies and optimising existing screening programmes as recommended in the mission outline. How can the current EU Cancer Mission facilitate this? How can regions better participate, contribute and benefit from the Cancer Mission? The activity will build on the meeting between ERRIN and the mission secretariat held in 2023. Other ERRIN members will be invited to share examples. We will try to achieve a balanced representation of members.

Innovation Procurement

Date: Q2

Link with the Innovation & Investment WG

Accounting for over 14% of GDP, EU public procurement could create a massive market for innovative products and services, but its potential in this area still needs to be utilised. The European Commission aims to improve public procurement practices and promote the demand for innovative goods, services and works in Europe.

One initiative is Procure4Health, a growing community of European Health organisations interested in procuring innovation. Its 33 founding partners actively encourage procurement innovation through knowledge sharing and capacity building, networking and matchmaking, identification of everyday needs, and the launch of joint actions to address them, as well as influencing policy on procurement of innovation. The community is open to new members to benefit from its value. Some founding members will explain the initiative and how to engage at this ERRIN event.

Skills

Date: Q2

Link with the Science and Education for Society WG

With the year of skills drawing to a close, the Health WG will explore the continuation of the topic of skills in the health workforce in parallel with the Science and Education for Society WG. The meeting will be an information session for members of the group to hear about the current initiatives and projects addressing staff shortage and skills adaptation in the health sector and how regions and their stakeholders can get involved.

New developments related to digital and health related to digital and health

Date: Q3/4

Link with the ICT WG

A joint session with the ICT WG. In 2022, the ICT and the Health WG co-organised a meeting on the question of health data. In the current European agenda, a legislative process is engaged on the European Health Data Space and is expected to close during the Belgian presidency.

The ICT and Health Working Group will use this finalised regulation and context to explore new digital and health developments and possible relevant topics for regional and local authorities.