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# **Experiences and challenges from the Greek participation to the programmes (EU4Health)**

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# National Focal Points

The National Focal Points (NFP) are the national experts for the Health Programme in EU countries and participating countries.

NFP representatives are appointed by their national health ministries.

The specific role of the NFPs is to assist in:

- Health Programme **implementation** at national level
- Health Programme **dissemination** of results
- **Information** on the impact generated by the Health Programme in their respective countries



## Experiences and challenges from the Greek participation to EU4Health

### Responsibilities:

- Acting as the **main contact point** between the European Commission and Greece for matters related to the EU4Health programme.
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- **Disseminating information** about the EU4Health programme's initiatives, funding opportunities, and calls for proposals to relevant stakeholders within Greece to help ensure that potential beneficiaries are aware of the opportunities available.



## Experiences and challenges from the Greek participation to EU4Health

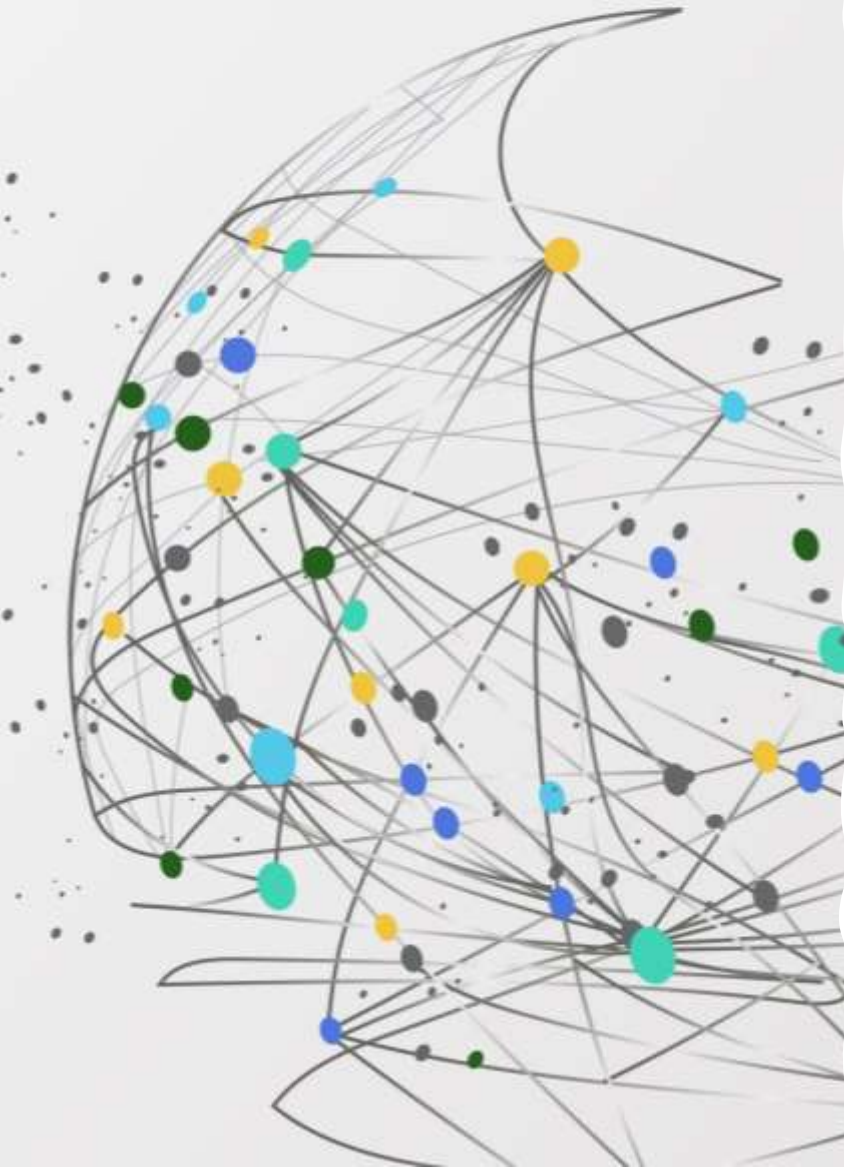
### Responsibilities:

- **Providing support and guidance** to potential applicants, helping them understand the programme's objectives, application procedures, and eligibility criteria.
- **Monitoring the implementation** of funded projects within Greece to assess the impact of the programme and ensure that goals are met.
- **Engaging with all relevant stakeholders** to gather input and feedback on the EU4Health programme.

# Joint Action NFP4Health

The Joint Action NFP4Health aims to strengthen the network of NFPs and offers applicants and beneficiaries information and guidance on the EU4Health programme and its calls.

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# Experiences and challenges from the Greek participation to the EU4Health

The Greek Ministry of Health, participates in a large number of joint actions of the EU4Health Program, in order to comply with the main objectives of the Programme, that emphasize on

- **prevention,**
- **improving the management of serious diseases and**
- **the digital transformation of health systems, as well as**
- **the strengthening of the EU capacity to manage major health crisis.**

# Direct grants of the EU4Health Programm

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| <b>2024 Direct Grant to member states' authorities: "Support to the development of sustainable, forward-looking national and Union stockpiling strategies (HERA)"</b> | <b>Ministry of Health<br/>Division of<br/>International<br/>Relations</b> |
| <b>2023 Direct Grant to member states' authorities: "Healthier together" EU NDC initiative – Chronic respiratory diseases (CRDs)"</b>                                 | <b>1st Regional Health<br/>Authority</b>                                  |
| <b>2023 Direct Grant to member states' authorities: "Healthier together" EU NDC initiative – Dementia and other neurological disorders"</b>                           | <b>Ministry of Health<br/>Division of Mental<br/>Health</b>               |
| <b>2023 Direct Grant to member states' authorities: "to establish an EU network of Comprehensive Cancer Infra structures"</b>   | <b>1st Regional Health<br/>Authority</b>                                  |

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| <b>2023 Direct Grant to member states' authorities: "to establish new networks of expertise on cancer and cancer conditions"</b>                             | <b>National Hellenic Research Foundation</b>                     |
| <b>2023 Direct Grant to member states' authorities: "preparatory activities for the reuse of data in the proposed European Health Data Space"</b>            | Ministry of Health<br>General Secretariat for Strategic Planning |
| <b>2023 Direct Grant to member states' authorities: "Improving and strengthening national surveillance systems"</b>  | National Organisation of Public Health                           |
| <b>2023 Direct Grant to member states' authorities: "increase health data semantic interoperability and build national capacity on health terminologies"</b> | Ministry of Health<br>General Secretariat for Strategic Planning |



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| <b>2023 Direct Grant to member states' authorities: "development and enhancement of MyHealth@EU services, including vaccination card services"</b> | <b>Social Security<br/>Electronic<br/>Governance (Idika)</b>   |
| <b>2023 Direct Grant to member states' authorities:<br/>"Implementation of cancer screening programmes"</b>  | Ministry of Health<br>General Secretariat for<br>Public Health |
| <b>2023 Direct Grant to member states' authorities Healthier<br/>Together: EU "NDC initiative – Mental Health"</b>                                 | Ministry of Health<br>Division of Mental<br>Health             |
| <b>2023 Direct Grant to member states' authorities: "to enhance ,<br/>extend and consolidate wastewater surveillance for public<br/>health"</b>    | National Organisation<br>of Public Health                      |
| <b>2023 Direct Grant to member states' authorities: "global health<br/>impact"</b>   | Ministry of Health<br>Division of<br>International Relations   |

# Experiences and challenges from the Greek participation to EU4Health



- EU4Health has indeed a strong focus on translating innovative health and social research into practice - providing a unique opportunity to make a real impact on how healthcare is delivered.
- Participating in EU4Health empowers Greece to
- **enhance the healthcare system,**
- **address shared health challenges in collaboration with other MS, and**
- **improve the health and well-being of all EU citizens.**
- Greece has taken advantage of the opportunities provided to **strengthen the health system in terms of resilience, efficiency and health promotion.**



However, there are **some challenges ...**

# Experiences and challenges from the Greek participation to EU4Health



**Complicated Application Processes:** Application processes for funding can be complicated and discouraging, especially for smaller Member States

**Administrative and technical burden:** Involvement in programmes such as EU4Health can entail significant administrative responsibilities.

**Dissemination and Engagement:** Effective communication strategies are crucial to ensure that all potential beneficiaries within M-S are aware of the available opportunities and of the processes to apply for funding.

Info days and webinars provided are a great practice that perhaps should be further expanded.



# Experiences and challenges from the Greek participation to EU4Health



**Availability of necessary resources:** The available funding opportunities may prove to be limited and insufficient

**Alignment of national and European priorities:** the alignment of EU priorities, EU regulatory frameworks, EU4Health initiatives **with national health systems' needs and those of other M-S** may sometimes be a daunting task.

**Efforts to address these challenges could include:**

- further streamlining application processes,
- bolstering administrative capacities and
- enhancing cross-border collaboration procedures.

**Enhanced support and guidance to M-S on projects' management could alleviate some of these challenges, enabling more effective participation.**



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**Thank you for your attention!**

