



The EU Health Programme  
Scope and Priorities for 2009  
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# Overview

- The Health Programme 2008-2013
- The Executive Agency for Health and Consumers
- The Call for Proposals 2009



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Health Programme 2008-2013



# A Decade and a half of Community Action in Public Health

## **Basis in Article 152 of the Amsterdam Treaty:**

Incentive measure designed to protect and improve human health', 'excluding any harmonisation of the laws and regulations of the Member States'.

1993-2002	Eight separate action programmes: health promotion, cancer, drug dependence, AIDS and other communicable diseases, health monitoring, rare diseases, accidents and injuries, pollution-related diseases
2003-2008 € 353.77 million	Community Action Programme for Public Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health Information</li><li>• Health Threats</li><li>• Health Determinants</li></ul>
2008-2013 € 321.5 million	Second Programme of Community Action in the field of Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health Security and Safety</li><li>• Health Promotion (including Health Inequalities)</li><li>• Health Information</li></ul>



Health programme 2008-2013

# Why a new Programme?

## Independent evaluation of previous health programmes shows need to

- **Mainstream** health concerns in other policies
- Focus EU action on **promotion** and prevention (while helping reduce diseases)
- Foster **co-operation** between Member States
- Bridge health **inequalities**
- Tackle **global health** issues

## Reflection process in 2004 recommending

- Long-term strategic health framework
- Synergies of health with other policies
- Focus on health promotion and prevention
- Foster exchange of knowledge between Member States

## Consultation with Member States and stakeholders



# Health Security

## **Protect citizens against health threats**

- develop EU and Member State capacity to respond to a cross-border threats
- support development of vaccination policies

## **Improve citizens' safety**

- patient safety
- risk assessment
- organs, substances of human origin and blood

## **What is new?**

- Particular focus on cross-border health threats
- Development of Community reference laboratories
- Action on patient safety through high-quality healthcare



# Promote Health

## **Foster healthier ways of life and reduce health inequalities**

- increase healthy life years
- reduce health inequalities
- co-operation on cross-border care

## **Promote healthier ways of life and reduce major diseases and injuries by tackling determinants**

- Action on key health determinants - tobacco, alcohol, nutrition, drugs
- social and physical environment

## **What is new?**

- Regional policy as key factor in reducing health inequalities
- Focus on health ageing and children's health
- Co-operation between health systems



# Health Information

## **Exchange knowledge and best practice**

- Support cooperation to enhance best practice through, for example, reference networks

## **Collect, Analyse and Disseminate Health Knowledge**

- Development of health monitoring system with appropriate indicators
- Mechanisms for analysis and dissemination (reports, Health Portal etc)

## **What is new?**

- Target 'added value' issues e.g. gender, children's health, rare diseases, mental health
- Focus on citizen-friendly means of dissemination



# Health programme 2008-2013 Budget

(not including EFTA contribution)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	<b>TOTAL 2008-2013</b>
<b>Operational budget</b>	45,2	47	45,7	47,3	49,7	51,5	<b>286,4</b>
<b>Administrative budget</b>	1,4	1,5	1,4	1,5	1,5	1,6	<b>8,9</b>
<b>Public Health Executive Agency</b>	4,1	4,3	4,3	4,4	4,5	4,6	<b>26,2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50,7</b>	<b>52,8</b>	<b>51,4</b>	<b>53,2</b>	<b>55,7</b>	<b>57,7</b>	<b>321,5</b>



# Financing mechanisms

## Principle

- Wider range of financing mechanisms to ensure full stakeholder participation in the Programme to organisations which take forward the health agenda
- Intention to use new mechanisms as widely as possible from 2008

## Mechanisms

- Call for proposals for projects
- Operating grants
- Joint financing by the Community and one or more Member States
- Conferences in public health
- Co-operation with international organisations
- Calls for tender



# Logistics

- A work plan is published each year (February) with a single call for proposals with different end dates for the actions
- Calls for tender are issued throughout the year
- The Executive Agency for Health and Consumers (EAHC) carries out all the operations necessary for the management of the work plan
- National Focal Points act as a point of referral in each of the Member States to interested participants.



# The Executive Agency for Health and Consumers

- Established on basis of Commission Decision of 15 December 2004
  - Lifetime :1/1/2005 – 31/12/2010
  - Located in Luxembourg
  - Operational since 2006 as “Public Health Executive Agency” (PHEA)
- Extension of mandate in June 2008
  - Lifetime extension until 31/12/2015
  - Extension to include consumer protection programme + training for food safety
- Staff for health programme:
  - Project officers + head scientific unit + assistants
  - Financial officers + head financial unit
  - Administrative unit: IT support, accountancy, internal audit



# Tasks of the EAHC

- **Implement the EU Health Programme**  
carry out all the necessary operations for the management of the programme, in particular those linked to the award of contracts and grants
  - Launch Calls For Proposals
  - Evaluation of submissions
  - Negotiations and contracting of projects
  - Project monitoring
- **Disseminate the know-how and best practices**
  - Feed back projects results to DG SANCO policy officers
  - Provide logistical, scientific and technical support by organising technical meetings, preparatory studies, seminars or conferences
- **Foster exchange and co-ordination between projects**
- **Contribute to improve the PH programme**



# EAHC and the Commission (DG SANCO)

- **Distinct Responsibilities ...**
  - Commission (DG SANCO)
    - Set priorities in annual Public Health work programmes
    - Liaise with Member States
  - Executive Agency
    - Launch calls for proposals and tenders
    - Manage projects
    - Improve efficiency of management and dissemination
- **... but close collaboration**
  - Steering committee meetings
  - Regular « liaison meetings »
  - Regular meetings at technical level
  - Participation in evaluation committee



# 2009 Call for Proposals

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for the new Health Programme 2008-2013
- Will be published on 27/2/2009 and closed on 20/05/2009  
(Call for Tenders published separately in May 2009)
- Based on the content of the 2009 work plan
  - Financing mechanisms: projects, operating grants, conferences
  - 3 strands: Health Security, Promote Health, Health Information
- Revised application forms, guidelines and evaluation criteria for Operating Grants and Conferences



## Issues of strategic importance

**In line with the Health Strategy, particular attention should be given to proposals which:**

- **Contribute to**
  - improving the health of European citizens, as measured where possible by appropriate indicators, including the Healthy Life Years indicator;
  - reducing health inequalities in and between EU Member States and regions;
  - building capacity for development and implementation of effective public health policies particularly in areas of high need;
- **Involve new (non-traditional) actors for health in sustained, co-operative and ethically sound actions, both at regional or local level and across participating countries**
- **Demonstrate the evidence base and ability to provide measurable results where possible**



## Health security I

### **Proposals should consider the following:**

- Take into account the European Neighbourhood policy to increase consistency and partnership;
- Support the participation of candidate countries as associated partners where possible and as collaborating partners in general;
- Address interoperability between mechanisms, health systems, plans and strategies with a particular focus on cross sectoral activities, including those targeting health risks and diseases at the interface between public health, animal health and ecosystems;
- identify economic and social impact of the activities pursued in quantifiable terms as well as address further possible positive and negative impacts (externalities) of public health actions.





## Health security II

### Priorities

- Develop prevention
  - Exchange practices on promotion of vaccination in Member States (MS), in particular regarding hard to reach populations
  - Identify existing modelling tools and their use to face existing and emerging threats
- Support preparedness
  - Information exchange on health threats and on preparedness plans
  - Underpinning rapid development of pharmaceutical counter measures including vaccines, for new and emerging threats
  - information sharing, comparison and analysis of transferability of measures and activities on early adaptation on consequences of climate change on health
- Improve early detection and control for health threats including Communicable diseases
  - Capacity building and training in high burden countries on tuberculosis control (evidence based standards) and at risk populations
  - Support awareness, early diagnosis, prevention and control of viral hepatitis
  - Early detection of health threats and health impact assessment of events

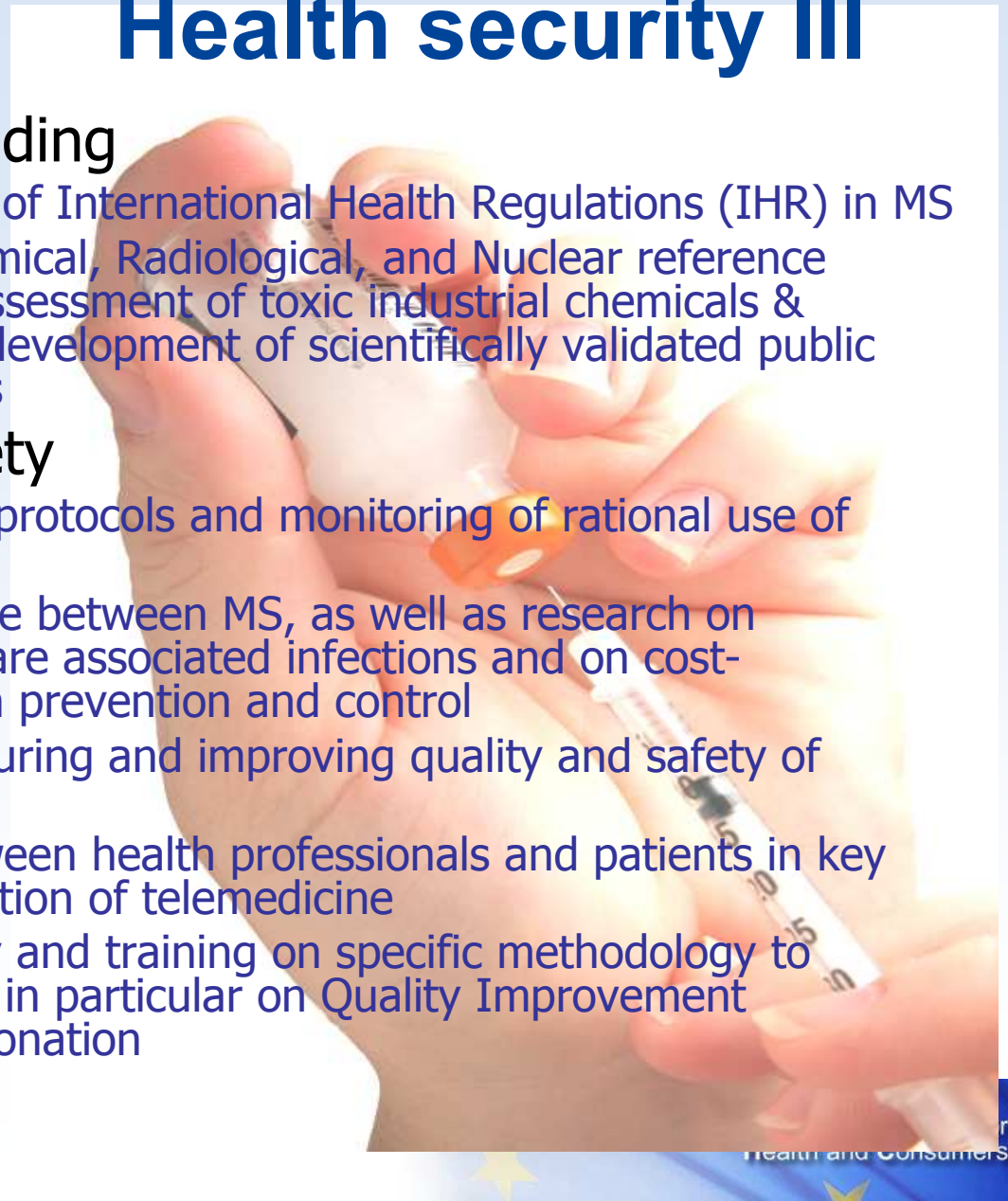




## Health security III

### Priorities

- Enhance capacity building
  - Support implementation of International Health Regulations (IHR) in MS
  - Support network of Chemical, Radiological, and Nuclear reference laboratories and rapid assessment of toxic industrial chemicals & radioactive threats and development of scientifically validated public health counter measures
- Improve citizens' safety
  - Further development of protocols and monitoring of rational use of antibiotics
  - Exchange of best practice between MS, as well as research on epidemiology of healthcare associated infections and on cost-effectiveness of infection prevention and control
  - Providing tools for measuring and improving quality and safety of healthcare
  - foster collaboration between health professionals and patients in key areas for greater application of telemedicine
  - Promote the accessibility and training on specific methodology to increase organ donation in particular on Quality Improvement Programmes on organ donation





2009 Work Plan

# Promote Health I

## Priorities

- Foster healthier ways of life and the reduction of health inequalities
  - Promoting the Health in All Policies approach taking into account equity
  - Public health capacity building
  - Promoting health investments in the EU Member States and regions through exchange of good practices and cooperation
  - Development and dissemination of good practice regarding strategies to tackle inequalities in health between and within Member States and regions
  - Supporting cooperation on issues of cross-border care





2009 Work Plan

## Promote Health II

### Priorities

- Promote healthier ways of life and reduce major diseases and injuries by tackling health determinants
  - Children and young people
  - Ageing
  - Health at workplace
  - Nutrition and physical activity
  - Mental health
  - Addiction prevention
  - Alcohol, illicit drugs
  - Prevention of major and rare diseases



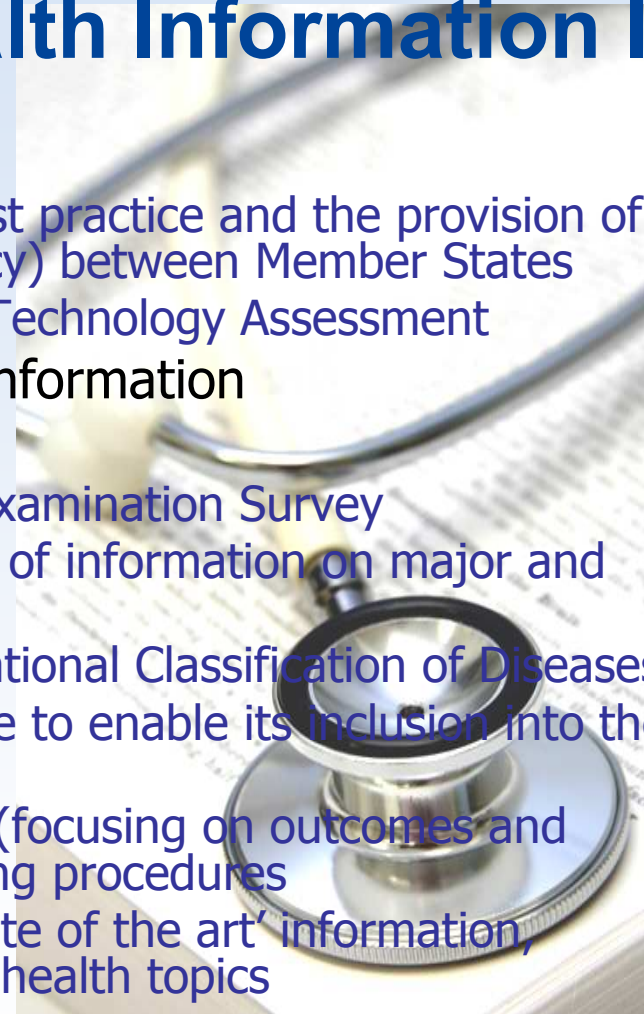


2009 Work Plan

# Health Information I

## Priorities

- Exchange knowledge and best practice
  - Facilitate the exchange of knowledge, best practice and the provision of technical assistance (twinning, consultancy) between Member States
  - continuation and development of Health Technology Assessment
- Collect, analyse and disseminate health information
- European Health Information System
  - Joint Action for a pilot European Health Examination Survey
  - Improve or to create sustainable systems of information on major and chronic diseases and conditions
  - Contribution to the revision of the International Classification of Diseases
  - Complete development of Injury Database to enable its inclusion into the European Statistical System
  - Further develop indicators of health care (focusing on outcomes and quality) and improvement of related coding procedures
  - Establishing mechanisms to assemble 'state of the art' information, evidence and technical advice on specific health topics





2009 Work Plan

## Health Information II



- **Dissemination and application of health information**
  - Analysis of users of EU health info and their information needs
  - Summaries of health information related to:
    - key objectives and priorities of the Health Strategy
    - key health Commission proposals and actions
    - and the overall health situation of the Member States
  - Piloting mechanisms to improve and monitor dissemination and application by different stakeholders in practice of health-related information provided through the Commission
- **Analysis and reporting**
  - Further analysis of the relevance of health for other policies and issues, such as the Lisbon agenda, social issues, economic growth and sustainable development, consumers, regional development and cohesion, environment, transport and education
  - Reporting on key health issues



# Financing Instruments

Financing instrument	WP 2008	WP 2009 (indicative)
Call for proposals (projects)	28 541 000	24 130 500
Call for tenders	9 300 000	9 652 000
Joint Actions with MS	2 300 000	7 239 000
Operating grants	2 300 000	2 500 000
International organisations	2 300 000	2 300 000
Conferences	700 000	1 100 000
Sub-delegation (Eurostat, regional development)	700 000	200 000
Scientific Committees	254 000	270 000
<b>Operating budget</b>	<b>46 365 000</b>	<b>48 261 000</b>



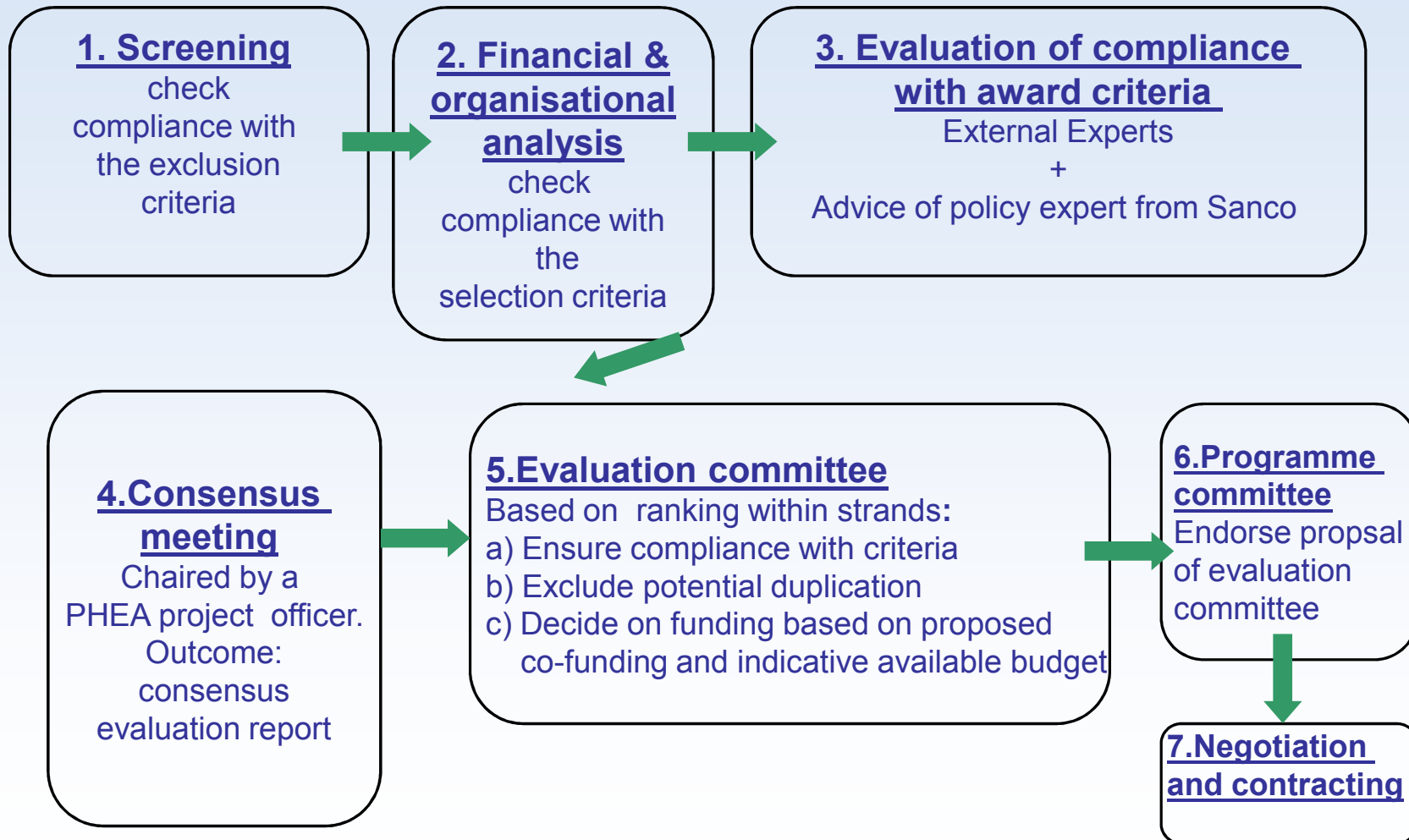
# Evaluation of proposals

## 3 types of criteria

- Exclusion Criteria  
the applicant's eligibility + completeness of proposal
- Selection Criteria  
financial and operational capacity
- Award Criteria  
quality of the proposal taking into account its cost



# Evaluation of Proposals





# Time table for Call Proposals

Task	February 2008				March 2008				April 2008				May 2008				June 2008				July 2008				
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1. Call Publication				2 7/ 2																					
INFO DAY - LUXEMBOURG					1 8/ 3																				
3. Proposals submission (29/2 - 23/5)																2 0/ 5									
4. Peer review evaluation																			8- 19/6						
5. Evaluation Committee																							1- 3/ 7		
6. Programme Committee																									20/7