



Financing mechanisms



EU Health Programme - Financing mechanisms

The aim is to ensure full stakeholder participation in the Programme to organisations which take forward the health agenda

- Cofinancing an action (public or private body or NGO) intended to achieve a Programme objective. Financial contributions by the Community will cover up to 60% of project costs.
- Cofinancing the operational costs of a non-government organisation or a specialised experts network. Operational grants may be given to NGOs of up to 60% of costs.
- Joint financing of a public body or non-government organisation by the Community and one or more Member States. Community contributions may be up to 50%. ('joint actions')

3.1 Exceptional utility (actions considered with very significant European Added Value) the Community contribution shall not exceed 80% (or 70% for joint actions). Shall not apply to more than 10% of the applications.



Grants for actions: projects

- May be given to a public or private body based in one of the participating countries
- Financial contributions by the Community will cover up to 60% of project costs
- General principles for financial contributions are specified in annex II of the draft work plan. These relate to the selection and award criteria.



Joint actions

- Specific actions may be financed by the Community and one or more participating countries.
- Public bodies or non-governmental organisations are eligible
- Community contributions may be up to 50% (or 70% if there are at least 10 MS involved or 3 MS where the lead partner is from a post-2004 accession country.)
- Participating countries will be invited to present proposals for joint actions.
- Selection and award criteria are detailed in annex IV of the draft work plan.



Conferences in public health

- Presidency conferences
 - Maximum € 100.000 per Presidency
 - Up to 50% of the budget awarded
 - To be notified four month before the event via perm rep

- Other conferences
 - Up to 50% of the budget awarded
 - Offered as call for proposals on a competitive basis
 - Aims should be in line with overall Programme objectives
 - Conferences must have a **European-wide dimension** and be organised by a public or non-profit making body



Operating grants

1. To non-profit-making NGOs or specialised networks primarily active in public health at EU level.
2. Co-funding will be provided on an annual basis:
 - to cover core functioning costs.
 - for organisations having as their primary goal objectives of the Programme and work plan 2009
 - Community contributions may be up to 60%.
 - Selection and award criteria are detailed in annex V of the draft work plan



Specific conditions for operating grants

- Independence from of industry, commercial and business or other conflicting interests.
- Transparency
 - Submission of the organisations annual accounts for the last financial year
 - Satisfactory accounts of membership, internal rules and sources of funding
- Member organisations must be represented in at least half the Member States with a balanced geographical coverage.



Defining independence

The following text is currently under discussion:

Legal independence

Two legal entities shall be regarded as independent of each other where neither is under the direct or indirect control of the other or under the same direct or indirect control of a third entity as the other.

Control may in particular take either of the following forms:

- (a) The direct or indirect holding of more than 50% of the nominal value of the issued share capital in the legal entity concerned, or of a majority of the voting rights of the shareholders or associates of that entity;
- (b) The direct or indirect holding of decision-making powers, in fact or in law, in the legal entity concerned.

However, the following relationships between legal entities shall not in themselves be deemed to constitute controlling relationships:

- The direct or indirect holding of more than 50% of the nominal value of the issued share capital of the applicant organisation or a majority of voting rights of the shareholders or associates of the legal entities is held by the same public body;
- (c) The legal entities concerned are owned or supervised by the same public body.



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Financial independence

As a general rule, applicant organisations receiving more than 20% funding of their functioning (core funding) shall be considered as financially dependent.



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Transparency of the applicant's activities and funding

- All activities should be published in the applicant's annual report.
- Applicants working with private sector actors regarded ineligible for example by the nature of their activity which is incompatible with the basic principles of the European Union as stated in Article 2 and 3 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, can be considered unacceptable.
- All information on funding is to be made available to the public via the applicant's website, broken down by type (core and project funding, contribution in kind) and by funding entity.
- Existing position statements of applicants regarding their requirement on transparency are to be publicly available.



Calls for tender

- Commission buys a service to cover specific Programme objectives.
- Detailed terms of reference for a specific action will be published.
- Financing offered at 100%, but the Commission will own the results.
- Calls for tender will be launched for specific actions throughout the year, preferably in the first half.