

Public Health Programme



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SANCO C1 "Programme Management"

Legal basis

- Article 152 of the EC Treaty
 - High level of human health protection
 - Encourage cooperation between Member States and lend support to their public health action
 - Foster cooperation with 3rd countries

Implementation of Art 152: Public health programme

- Established in 2003 by joint decision by Council and Parliament 1786/2002/EC
- Duration 6 years
- Follow-up to 8 separate programmes 1996-2002

Public health programme 1786/2002/EC – aims

- Human health protection in all EU policies
- Improve public health in EU
 - preventing human diseases and disorders
 - avert sources of danger to health
- Tackle inequalities in health
- Encourage and enable Member States to coordinate their health related activities

3 strands of action

- Improve **information and knowledge** for the development of public health
- Enhance the capability of responding rapidly & coherently to **health threats**
- Promote health and prevent disease by addressing **health determinants** across all EU policies and activities

Budget

- EUR 354 million for 2003-2008
- Annual budget ca. €56 million, including contributions from:
 - Bulgaria, Romania & Turkey – €1.3 million
 - Contribution EEA/EFTA – €1.1 million

Participants

- 25 EU Member States
- EEA/EFTA countries (Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein)
- Acceding Countries: Bulgaria & Romania
- Candidate Country: Turkey

Participants - Croatia

- Eligible to participate once Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with Programme on basis of Framework Agreement COM(2004)729 final

Programme implementation

- Annual call for proposals (ongoing)
 - 2006 budget: €43 million
- Direct grant agreements with WHO & OECD
 - 2006 budget: €4.8 million
- Calls for tender
 - 2006 budget: €5.3 million

2006 Priorities per strand

Health information

- Health indicators at regional level
- Completion of the injury database
- Completion of European public health portal
- Gender specific health problems
- Rare diseases patient groups
- European networks of centres of reference

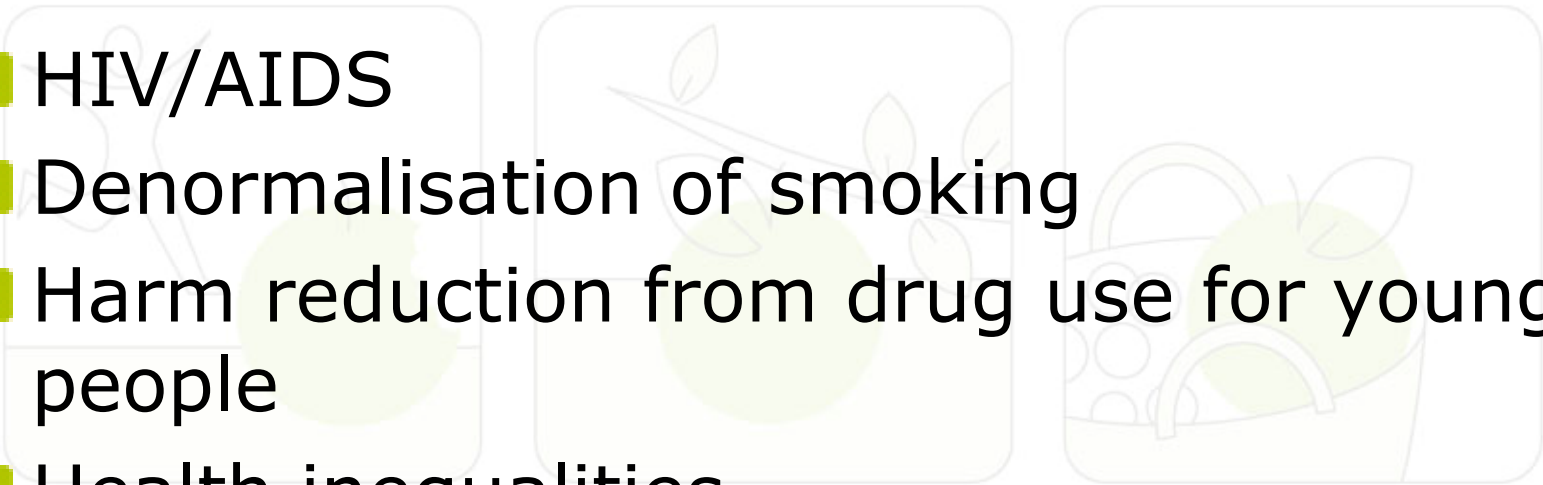
2006 Priorities per strand

Health threats

- Preparedness and response for influenza pandemic
- Risk management & communication of health threats & hospital acquired infections

2006 Priorities per strand

Health determinants

- Nutrition
 - HIV/AIDS
 - Denormalisation of smoking
 - Harm reduction from drug use for young people
 - Health inequalities
 - Diabetes
 - Health in all policies
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Calls for proposals

- Grants represent ca. 90% of annual operational budget (remaining 10% allocated to calls for tender & administrative expenditure)
- 1 call per year
- Content determined by annual work plan

Current co-funding

- Over 200 projects selected for co-funding since 2003 representing ca. € 152 million
- 900 proposals submitted to date
- Approval rate ca. 23%
- Projects last max 3 years
- Commission co-funding usually 60%

Requirements for participation

- European added value
- Involve as many eligible countries as possible
- Provide new/complementary approach
- Support public health policy developments at EU level
- Good management and dissemination of results

Who can participate?

- Legally established organisations from eligible countries
eg. NGOs, public sector bodies, higher education establishments and commercial firms
- Stable & sufficient financial capacity to co-finance proposal
- Professional competencies required in field of proposal

Future development: New Programme

- Proposal for joint Consumer and Health programme 6.4.2005 in joint strategy paper based on exploiting synergies in both programmes - budget €1 203 million
- Parliament preferred continuing two separate programmes with distinct aims
- New financial perspectives approved by institutions for 2007-2013 – reduction of budget for Public health

New Public health programme

- Proposal for new programme adopted 24.5.2006 by Commission Decision
- Duration 2007-2013
- Budget 365.6 million
- Continuity of current programme & activities with reduced financial resources

3 pillars proposed for new Programme:

Pillar 1

- Improve citizens' health security
 - Protect citizens against health threats
 - Improve citizens' safety

Pillar 2

- Promote health to improve prosperity and solidarity
 - Foster healthy, active ageing and help bridge health inequalities
 - Promote healthier ways of life by tackling health determinants

Pillar 3

- Generate and disseminate health knowledge
 - Exchange knowledge and best practice
 - Collect, analyse and disseminate health information

Call for proposals 2007

- Reduced budget available for call for proposals and direct grant agreements: €38.8 million = reduction of 30% compared to 2006

Executive Agency for the Public Health Programme

- New actor operational 2006 onwards
- Legal entity established in Luxembourg 1.1.2005 to provide structural support for technical & financial management of programme
- Political initiative remains with Commission


2006: Gradual take-over of operational tasks

- Management of call for proposals
- Setting up and managing National Focal Points Network
- Organising technical meetings
- Logistical, scientific and technical support (expert working groups, meetings, seminars, studies)
- Publication and dissemination of results

2007 and beyond

- Agency will become fully operational
- Expected results
 - Simplified implementation of the Programme for the Commission
 - Capitalisation by the Commission on the technical work carried out by the Agency
 - Raised profile of Community action in the field of public health

For more information



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