

What are the ESI Funds?

The **European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF)** are financial instruments through which the EU invests in local and regional **projects** that contribute to **job creation** and a **sustainable European economy**.

The total budget of the ESI Funds is nearly €640 billion, which represents more than half of the total EU budget.

How can the ESI Funds contribute to health objectives?

The ESI Funds provide financial support to **health investments** in order to:

- Improve access to healthcare
- Reduce health inequalities
- Boost healthcare reforms

Thanks to ESIF health-investments, **41.7 million people** in the EU will benefit from improved health services from 2014 to 2020.

What is the ESI Funds for health project about?

ESI Funds for Health is an EU-funded project, running from January 2017 to December 2018, which aims to:

- Gather knowledge on health investments by the ESI Funds
- Assess how such investments contribute to health policy goals
- Build knowledge and capacities to support implementation of the ESI Funds for health

What are the 6 health themes that the project focuses on?



Access to health services



Reform of health systems



eHealth & Digital health technologies



Research & Innovation in health



Disease prevention & Health promotion



Planning & training of the health workforce

What will be produced as part of the project?

Project Database

The project database showcases 60 examples - 10 per health theme - of ongoing health projects from across the EU and funded by the ESI Funds.

Country factsheets

The country factsheets present, per Member State, how countries use the ESI Funds to invest in the six health themes and provide an overview of ongoing ESIF-funded projects.

Mapping documents

The mapping documents present health-related ESIF investments in each of the six health themes. An Interreg document shows how the ESI Funds are used to support regional cooperation on health projects

Workshops

Six workshops bring together actors from across the EU to exchange information and knowledge on the implementation of ESIF-funded health projects. Each workshop focuses on one of the six health themes.

Conference

A two-day final conference will be organised in October 2018 in Brussels to present the findings of the project and to promote the use of the ESI Funds for health.

Final Report

The final report contains the projects' main findings, and includes conclusions and recommendations for the effective use and implementation of ESI Funds for health.