

### What are the ESI Funds?

The **European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF)** support investments in national, regional and local **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.