

ESI Funds for Health Final Conference

6-7 December 2018, Brussels

About the Conference

EU Cohesion Policy aims to reduce economic and social disparities between regions in Europe with the help of European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds. **Health** has been recognized as an essential factor for regional development and it currently receives ESI Funds support through the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund.

The [ESI Funds for health](#) project Final Conference will discuss the use of the ESI Funds to support health investments, and the implications for the proposed Multiannual Financial Framework for 2021-2027. The findings of the project will be discussed and shed light on questions such as:

- How have the ESI Funds 2014 - 2020 contributed to **EU health policy objectives** across the Member States? What are the main success factors and lessons learned?
- How can the experience gained in the current period guide the EU and Member States towards better inclusion of health issues in the **2021-2027 MFF**?
- How can **synergies** between ESF+, ERDF and other EU financial instruments in 2021-2027 be better enabled to advance health and social inclusion?
- How can the EU Commission better support the use of ESI Funds for health-related investments within the proposed objective of “a **more social Europe**” for 2021-2027?

To register for the final conference, please follow [this link](#). Subject to prior approval, **costs related to participation in the events can be reimbursed**. Details about the reimbursement process will be provided to registered participants.

Venue

Emilia-Romagna Region Delegation to the EU. Rue Montoyer 21, 1000 Brussels

About the ESI Funds for Health project

The ESI Funds for Health project mapped and assessed the use of European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds to support health investments under the 2014-2020 programming period. It also implemented six workshops across Europe to further develop the capacities of Member States and regions to support the effective implementation of ESIF for health.

For more details about the project please visit the [project website](#). Follow us on [twitter](#).

The project is funded by the European Union in the framework of the [EU's third Health Programme \(2014-2020\)](#).



Agenda

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Venue: Emilia-Romagna Region Delegation to the EU. Rue Montoyer 21, 1000 Brussels
Conference Room, 1st floor (languages: DE-EN-FR-PL-ES)

Moderator: Clive Needle, Senior Policy Advisor, EuroHealthNet

13:00-13:30 Registration

13:30-14:30 Networking lunch

14:30-14:45 **Opening session**

Andrzej Rys, Director, DG Health and Food Safety
Lorenza Badiello, Director of Emilia Romagna Region Delegation to the EU

14:45-16:30 **ESI Funds for Health 2014-2020: contributions to health policies**

14:45-15:00 **Working together for health: policy objectives and tools at the EU level**
Sylvain Giraud, DG SANTE, European Commission

15:00-15:30 **ESI Funds for Health 2014-2020: main success factors and lessons learned**
Rosa Castro, ESI Funds for Health Project Manager, Milieu Ltd

15:30-15:45 Discussion

ESI Funded projects 2014-2020:

- *Proximity Healthcare Units project, Algarve region, Portugal*
- *ConSENSo project, Piedmont region, Italy*
- *Mental Healthcare reform project, Czech Republic*
- *eMen project, Interreg (North-West Europe)*

16:15-16:30 Discussion

16:30-17:00 Coffee break

17:00-18:30 **Ministerial session hosted by European Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis**

High-level panel

- *Vytenis Andriukaitis, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety*
- *Riina Sikkut, Minister of Health and Labour, Estonia*
- *Sorina Pintea, Minister of Health, Romania*
- *Andrey Kovatchev, Member of the European Parliament*
- *Tomislav Dulibić, State Secretary, Croatia*
- *Jenny Nacheva, Deputy Minister of Health, Bulgaria*
- *Liisa-Maria Voipio-Pulkki, Director-General, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland*

18:30-19:30 Cocktail

7 December 2018

Venue: Emilia-Romagna Region Delegation to the EU. Rue Montoyer 21, 1000 Brussels
Conference Room, 1st floor (languages: DE-EN-FR-PL-ES) and ground floor (EN)

Moderator: Jennifer McGuinn, ESI Funds for Health Project Director, Milieu Ltd

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-10:00 Opening session

Lorenza Badiello, Director of Emilia Romagna Region Delegation to the EU

Overview of the day

Jennifer McGuinn, ESI Funds for Health Project Director, Milieu Ltd

10:00-11:00 Parallel sessions I and II: access to healthcare and health promotion

I. Investing to improve access to healthcare

1st floor

- *Dr Paolo Morgado, [Proximity Healthcare Units project](#), Head, Algarve region, Portugal*
- *Paola Obbia, [ConSENSo project](#), Piedmont region, Italy*
- *Maria Xenou, [Community Centres](#), Regional Unit of Achaia, Greece*
- *Damien Gruson, [Proximity Labs Project](#), Belgium*
- *Rosa Castro, ESI Funds for Health Project Manager, Milieu Ltd*

Moderator: *Dorota Sienkiewicz, Policy Coordinator, EuroHealthNet*

II. Investing in the future through prevention

Ground floor

- *Sanja Musić Milanović, [Healthy Living project](#), Croatia*
- *Tadeja Hočevar, [SOPA project](#), Slovenia*
- *Aleksandra Hapka, [Green care farms project](#), Poland*
- *Agnieszka Markowska, ESI Funds for Health Expert, Milieu Ltd*

Moderator: *Ingrid Stegeman, Programme Manager, EuroHealthNet*

11:00-11:30 Coffee break 1st floor

11:30-12:30 Parallel sessions III and IV: research and innovation in health and health workforce

III. Planning and building a stable and resilient health workforce

1st floor

- *Kristine Karsa, [Latvian health workforce projects](#), Ministry of Health, Latvia*
- *Paolo Michelutti, National Agency for the regional Health Services, Italy*
- *Marieke Kroezen, Joint Action on Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting*
- *Mariya Gancheva, ESI Funds for Health Expert, Milieu Ltd*

Moderator: *Jennifer McGuinn, ESI Funds for Health Project Director, Milieu Ltd*

IV. Fostering innovative solutions for healthcare

Ground floor

- *Giuseppe Carbone, [AgeWell project](#), Romania*
- *Joanna Lane, Executive Director, Health ClusterNET*
- *Aki Ishiwa, Policy Office, Emilia Romagna region*
- *Rosa Castro, ESI Funds for Health Project Manager, Milieu Ltd*

Moderator: *Sarah O'Brien, ESI Funds for Health Expert, Milieu Ltd*

12:30-13:30 Lunch and Networking 1st floor

13:30-14:30

Parallel sessions V and VI: e-health and reform of health systems

V. Future-proofing health systems

1st floor

- Dita Protopopová, Mental Healthcare reform project, Ministry of Health, Czech Republic
- Kristine Karsa, Latvian health reform project, Ministry of Health, Latvia
- Sirkku Pikkujämsä, Popster project, Finland
- Sarah O'Brien, *ESI Funds for Health Expert*, Milieu Ltd

Moderator: *Caroline Costongs, Director, EuroHealthNet*

14:30-15:00

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Coffee break

15:00-15:30

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Wrap up of the parallel sessions

Jennifer McGuinn, ESI Funds for Health Project Director, Milieu Ltd

15:30-16:30

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Concluding session

The way forward in the next MFF

Caroline Costongs, Director, EuroHealthNet

Closing remarks

Wallis Goelen Vandebroek, Head of Unit, DG Regional and Urban Policy
Katarina Ivankovic-Knezevic, Director, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Anne Bucher, Director-General, DG Health and Food Safety