EU4Health Cancer Portfolio - Implementation highlights

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Health and Digital Executive Agency

HaDEA: who we are

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European Commission vs Executive Agencies

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Directorates-General (DG SANTE, DG RTD, etc…)

- Definition of policies
- Drafting of Work Programmes

Executive Agencies

EAs (HaDEA, CINEA, REA, etc…)

- Implementation of calls for proposals/ procurement procedures
- Management of funded projects
- Policy feedback

HaDEA is working closely with 6 Directorates-General of the European Commission

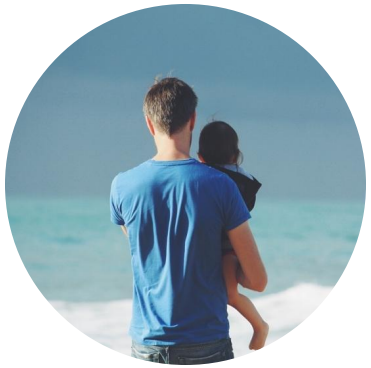


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HaDEA: what we do

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The programmes we manage



Health

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Horizon Europe – Health



Food

Single Market Programme (SMP): Food Safety



Digital

Horizon Europe – Digital

Connecting Europe Facility – Digital

Digital Europe Programme



Industry

Horizon Europe – Industry



Space

Horizon Europe – Space

HaDEA's beneficiaries



National, regional and local authorities



Research institutes



Academia



International organisations



Representatives of civil society



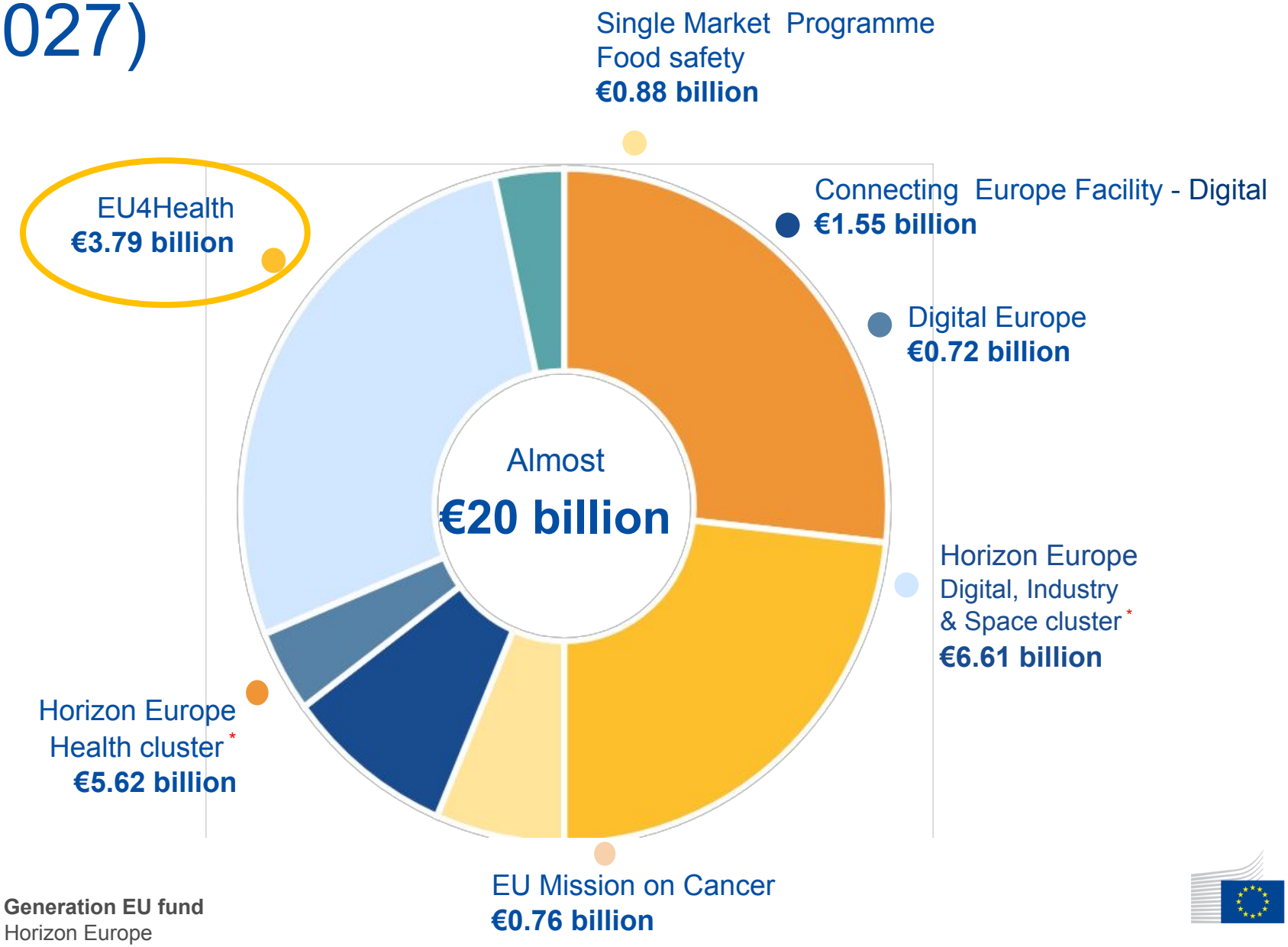
Industry/SMEs



NGOs

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Budget managed by HaDEA (2021-2027)



*The budget includes a portion of the **Next Generation EU fund** supporting the health and digital strands of Horizon Europe

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EU4Health

EU4Health represents an unprecedented level of financial commitment to improve and foster health in Europe

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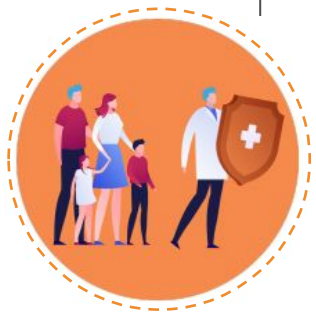
EU4Health – General and Specific objectives

EU4Health will provide the means and the instruments for delivering on the EU Health policy along ten key areas of intervention

Improve & foster health

- Health promotion and disease prevention;
- International health initiatives & cooperation.





Protect people

- Prevention, preparedness & response to cross-border health threats;
- Complementing national stockpiling of essential crisis-relevant products;
- Establishing a reserve of medical, healthc support staff.



Access to medicinal products & medical devices

- Enhancement of availability, accessibility & affordability of medicinal products, medical devices and crisis-relevant products

Strengthen health systems

- Strengthening health data, digital tools & services, digital transformation of healthcare;
- Enhancing access to healthcare;
- Developing and implementing EU health legislation and evidence-based decision making;
- Integrated work among MS health systems.

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EU4Health – thematic strands

EU4Health supports a broad range of actions under several overarching "strands" with a cross-cutting focus on cancer



Forms of funding

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Implementation modalities: procurement & grant





Procurement = buying

Grant = support

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EU4Health Annual Work Programmes (AWP): types of Grants





- **Joint Actions: -** with Member States Authorities
- **Direct Grants: -** to Member States Authorities

  - to International Organisations

  e.g International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)

  - to specific beneficiaries:

  e.g European Reference Networks (ERNs)

- **Open Calls:** - for Action Grants

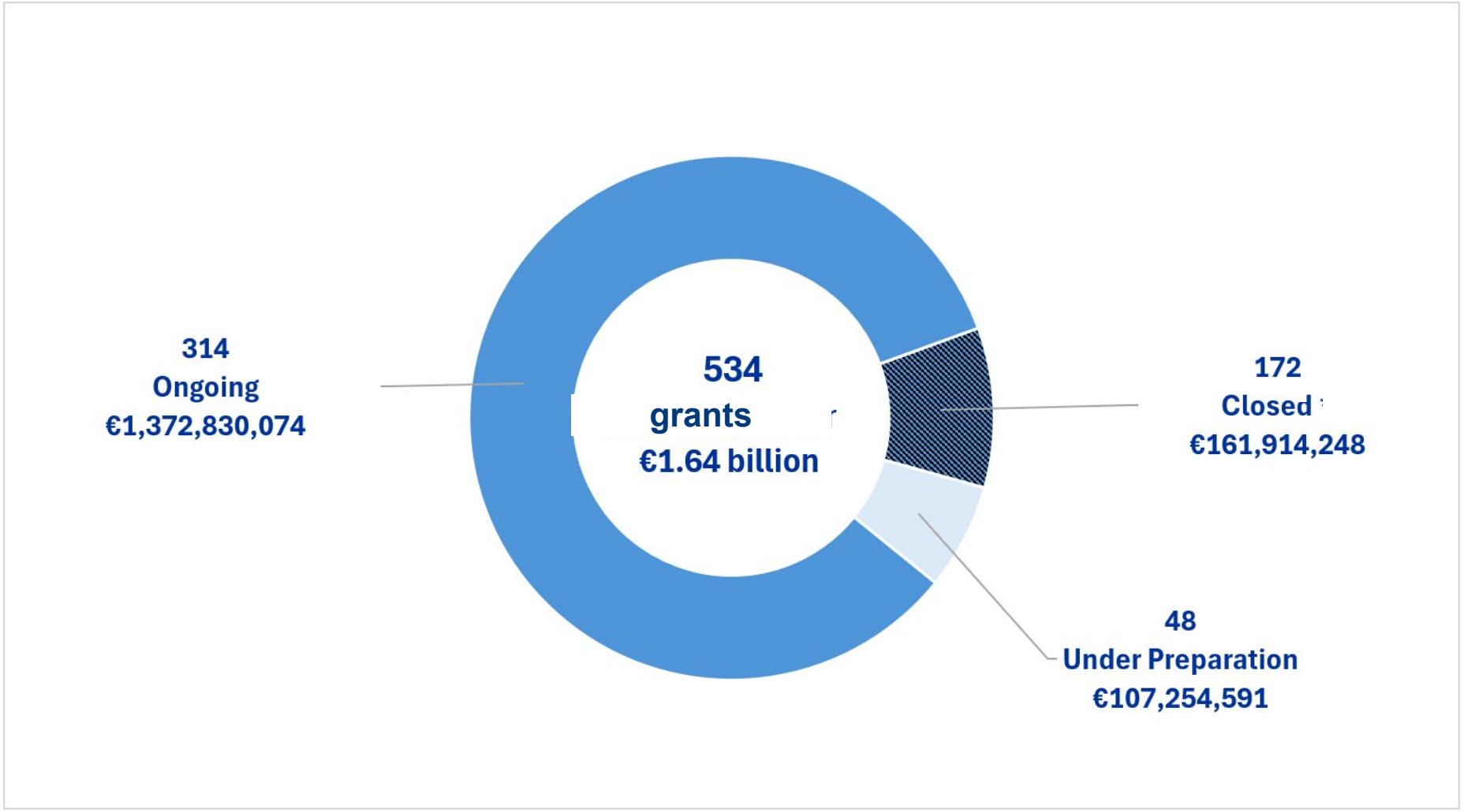
  - for Operating Grants

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What has been done so far

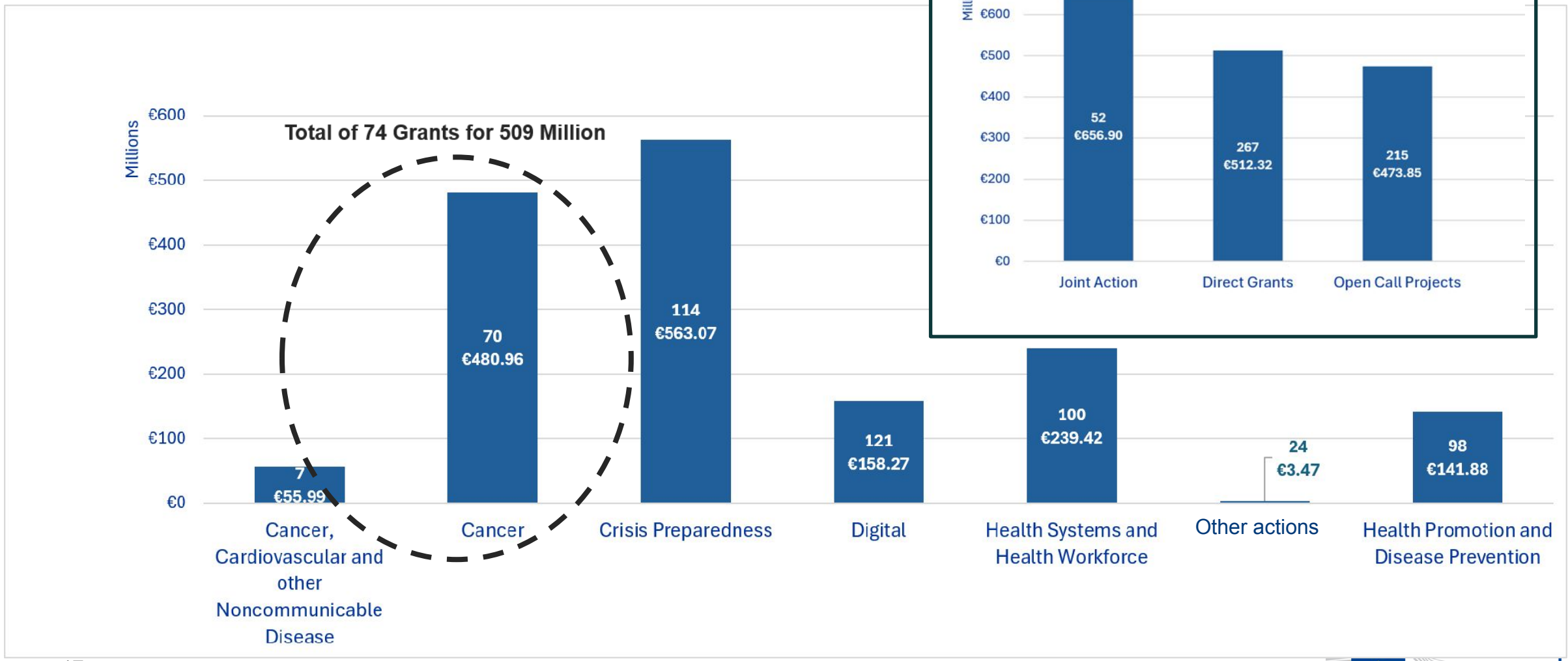
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Implementation of the EU4Health programme: AWP 2021-2025



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EU4Health number of grants and EU contribution per strand



EU4H number of grants and EU contribution per grant type

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Cancer portfolio under EU4Health

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Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan

- Cancer is one of the main priorities of the European Commission in the health domain.



Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan is a political commitment to:

- ✔ fight cancer
- ✔ support Member States in improving cancer control and care
- ✔ let Europe to take the lead in the domain

- It includes actions to strengthen approach at every stage of disease: *prevention*; *early detection; diagnosis & treatment*; *quality of life & survivorship*

Europe's Beating Cancer Plan Portfolio
EU4Health AWP 2021-2025

Pillar I
Prevention

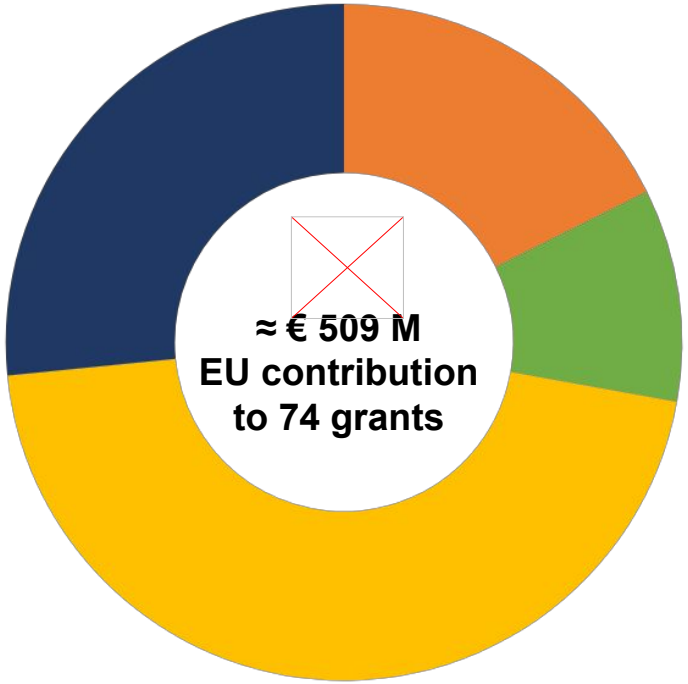
€ 135 M
26 projects

Topics include HPV and HBV vaccination, promoting healthy life styles, working on health determinants, **revising, updating and promoting European Code Against Cancer,** promoting health literacy, etc.

Pillar III
Diagnosis and Treatment

€ 232 M
24 projects

Topics include inter-speciality cancer training, personalized cancer medicine, **EU Networks of Comprehensive Cancer Centers** and of Expertise, paediatric palliative care, cancer registries etc.



€ 90 M
13 projects

Pillar II
Early Detection

Topics include **supporting innovative approaches to prostate, lung and gastric cancer screening**, supporting the development of guidelines & quality assurance schemes, advancing AI innovations etc

€52 M
11 projects

Pillar IV
Quality of life and Survivorship

Topics include the EU Network of Youth Cancer Survivors, **psychosocial care in paediatric oncology**, ehealth, telemedicine & remote monitoring, mental health in cancer patients etc

940 participating organizations

33 participating countries

Early detection portfolio

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Pillar II – Early detection

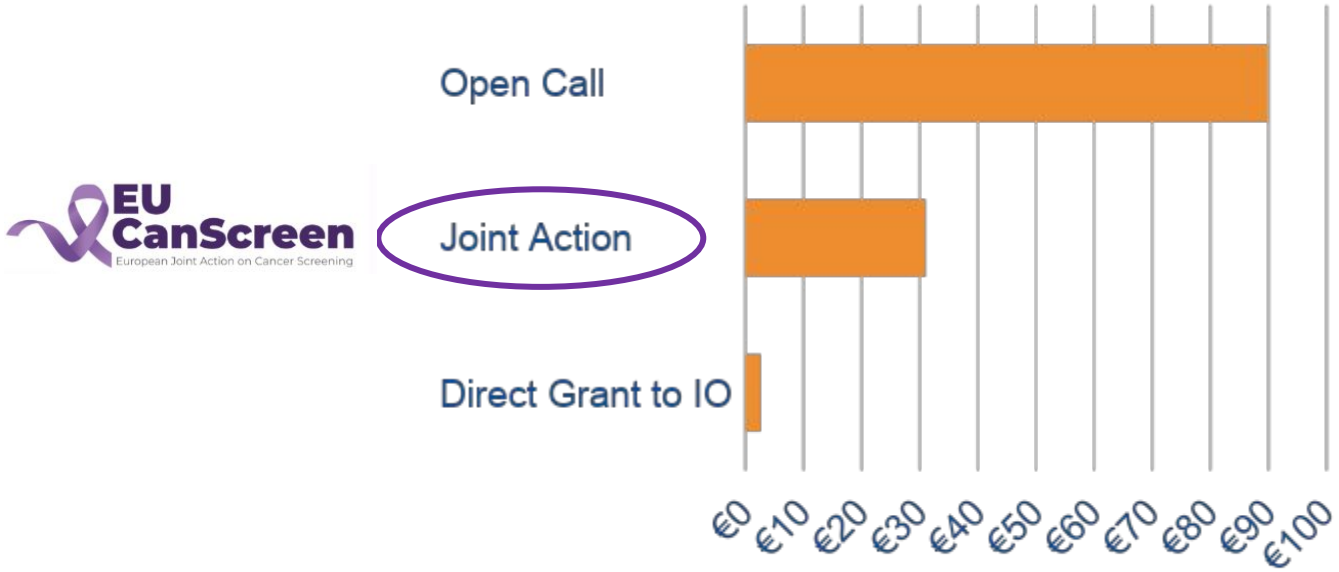
90 million EUR total EU - contribution

13 grants

215 participating organizations

30 participating countries

Project by type of EU4H grant

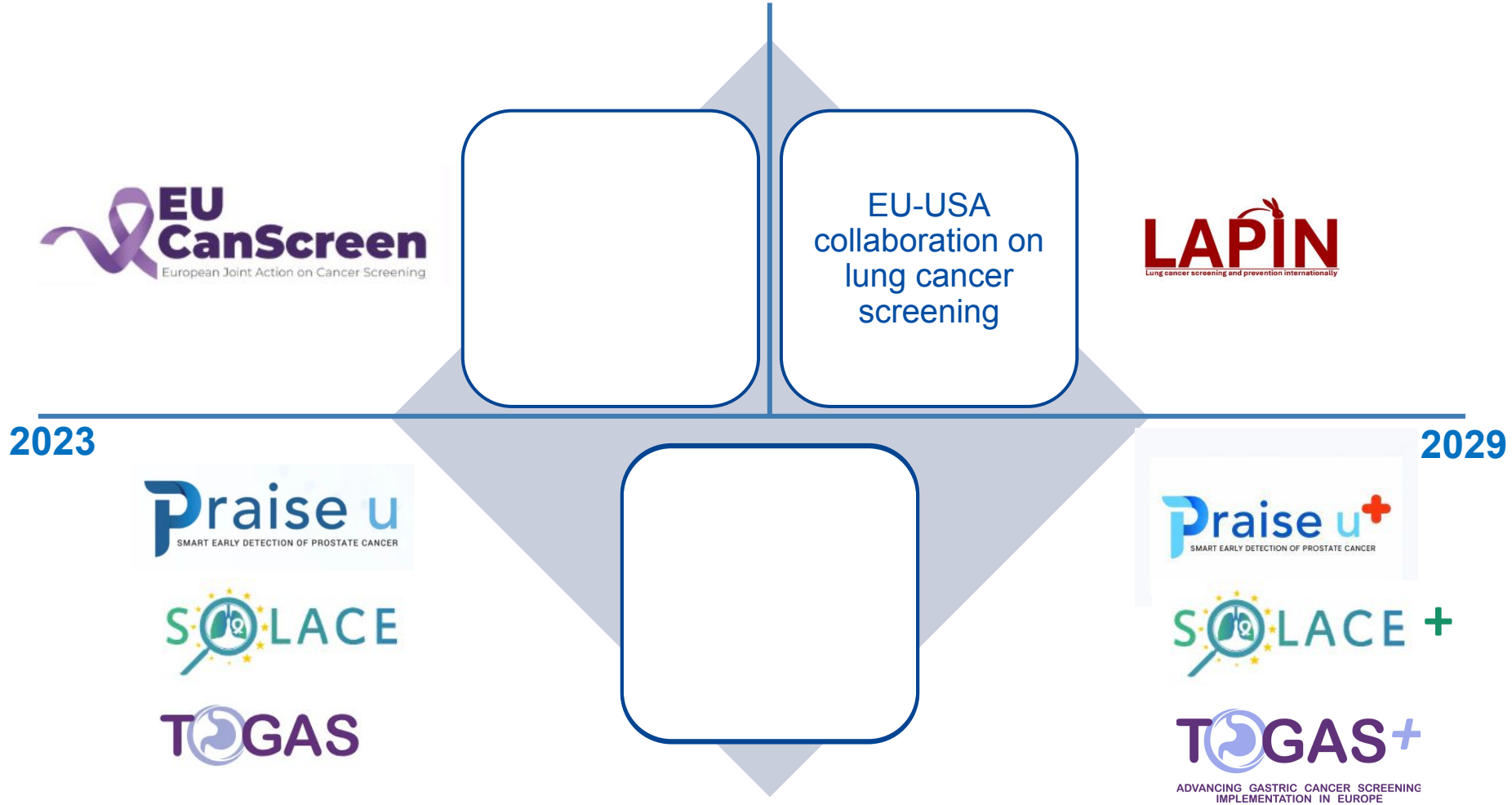


EU CanScreen
European Joint Action on Cancer Screening

IO: International Organisations

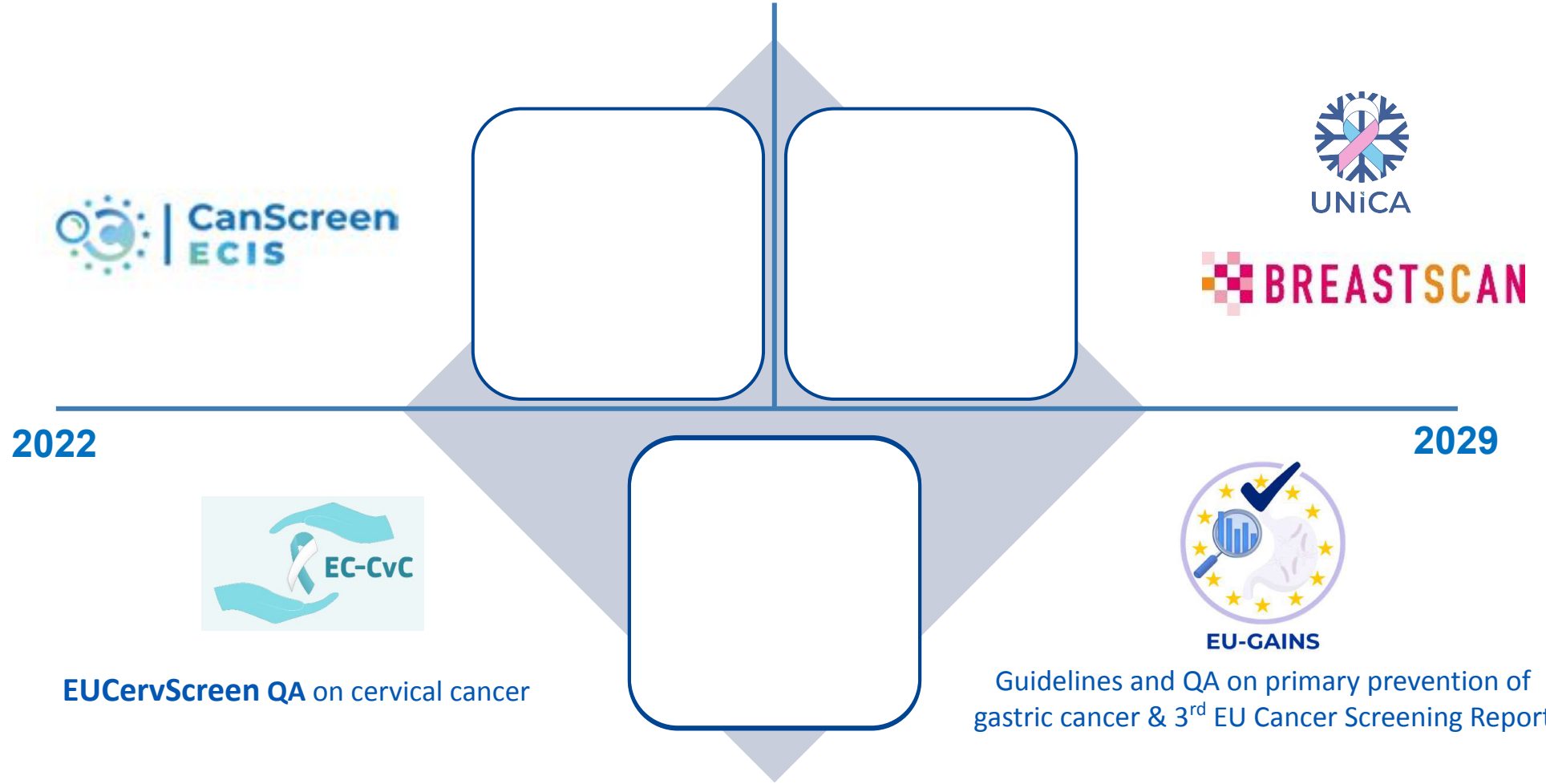
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Early Detection – areas of action



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Early Detection – areas of action



EUCervScreen QA on cervical cancer

Guidelines and QA on primary prevention of gastric cancer & 3rd EU Cancer Screening Report

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* The full list of Commission Initiatives on Cancer can be found here.

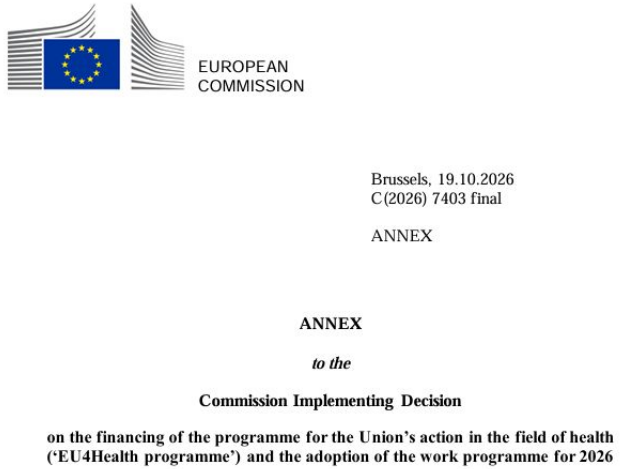
Take home messages

- **EU4Health** is helping move EU cancer screening from policy ambition to implementation in the framework of the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan
- The **Early Detection Pillar** is an unprecedented, comprehensive investment in actions designed to complement one another and create strong synergies
- The funding supports a **wide range of activities** from evidence generation to quality assurance with cross-cutting dimensions including addressing inequalities and exploring AI use
- **EUCanScreen** remains strategically relevant with the expected impact of supporting equitable, organised and high-quality screening programmes at national level.

Moving forward

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EU4Health AWP2026 is adopted



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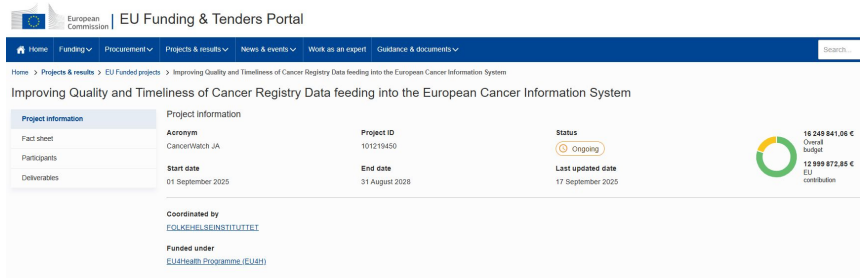
Commission Implementing Decision

on the financing of the programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health programme') and the adoption of the work programme for 2026

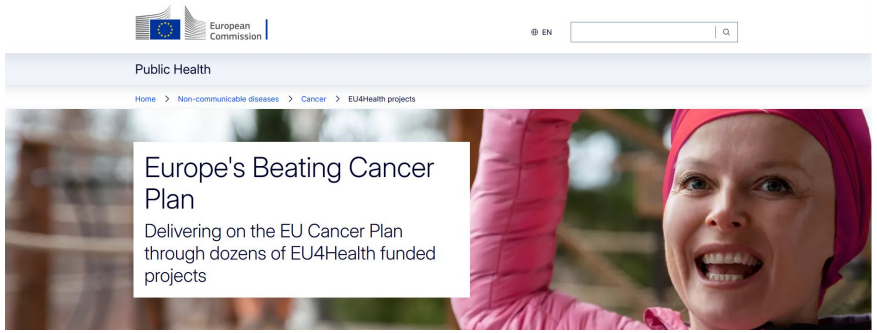
Cancer topics	Indicative budget
European guidelines and quality assurance scheme for gastric cancer (Direct Grant to IARC)	**€0.9 M**
Call for proposals to support dissemination and evaluating the awareness level of the 5th edition of the European Code Against Cancer	€3 M
Call for proposals to support the continued implementation and sustainability of the inter-specialty cancer training programme	€2.440 M

Where to find information about EU4H Cancer projects

- Funding & Tenders portal



- DG SANTE dedicated pages



- Health Policy Platform



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