Several programmes, such as EU4Health\(^1\), InvestEU\(^2\), REACT-EU\(^3\), the Cohesion Policy funds\(^4\), and the Recovery and Resilience Facility\(^5\), offer funding opportunities to Member States to strengthen their health systems. The Recovery and Resilience Facility is the centrepiece of the NextGenerationEU instrument to support the recovery in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis. Under the Recovery and Resilience Facility, the total expenditure on healthcare-related measures amounts to approximately EUR 37 billion for 23 plans endorsed by the European Council before 9 June 2022, which corresponds to nearly 8% of the plans’ total expenditure. The investments include construction of new, or upgrade of existing health infrastructures; medical equipment for diagnosis and treatment; digital transition in healthcare (e-health); primary care; and crisis preparedness.

The Commission is aware that the COVID-19 pandemic has challenged the continuity of routine vaccination globally but also in Europe. It is implementing a multitude of actions to support Member States in increasing the uptake of vaccines, vaccination being a national competence. Its work on vaccination is currently based on the Council Recommendation on strengthened cooperation against vaccine-preventable diseases\(^6\). In addition, the Commission is funding initiatives on vaccination under the EU4Health Programme.

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\(^1\) [https://ec.europa.eu/health/funding/eu4health-2021-2027-vision-healthier-european-union_en](https://ec.europa.eu/health/funding/eu4health-2021-2027-vision-healthier-european-union_en)

\(^2\) [https://europa.eu/investeu/about-investeu_en](https://europa.eu/investeu/about-investeu_en)


