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to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Budget cuts for the EU4Health programme in the current multiannual financial framework

On 15 December 2023, the European Council announced a planned redeployment of EUR 1 billion from the EU4Health programme to other EU policies in the current multiannual financial framework, a decision which should be finalised at the next European Council meeting on 1 February 2024. Disproportionate cuts to the EU4Health programme (at least 20 % of the programme) will have detrimental consequences for public health and will compromise the programme's ability to meet its priorities, despite the need for significant investment in health and healthcare systems, as painfully demonstrated by the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the programme has yet to better support public health civil society organisations, including patient organisations, by providing them with the necessary resources and financial stability to allow them to play their essential role in EU health priorities.

Does the Commission know the reasons for these cuts to the EU4Health programme?

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