



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
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Public health



The European Commission invites health stakeholders to submit proposals for a new cycle of Thematic Networks, organised under the framework of the EU Health Policy Platform.

The purpose of a Thematic Network is to produce a Joint Statement within six to nine months, summarising the common position and action of a group of stakeholders organisations on one of the following selected public health areas:

1. Ensuring continuity of care and quality of life for all people living with HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, as well as (drug-resistant) tuberculosis and sexually transmitted infections, including an adapted response for displaced patients from Ukraine and the EU/EEA citizens.
2. Reducing health inequalities: a cross-sectoral approach for vulnerable groups.
3. Mental Health in all policies.

The European Commission may also consider proposals from other health policy areas if stakeholders present sound reasons for doing so.

The Joint Statements encourage the stakeholder's community to join forces and carry out their own activities/initiatives in synergy with those carried out by the Commission and the Member States. For this reason, proposals addressed by Thematic Networks should be in line with the EU health policy agenda.

Joint Statements should reflect the current available information on their relevant subjects and are owned by the organisation leading the Thematic Network; they are not binding for the European Commission. Preparing the Joint Statements is the responsibility of the organisations involved, supported by the EU Health Policy Platform team who can help organise and promote the necessary meetings/webinars, share presentations and results.

How can you apply?

1. Become a member of the EU Health Policy Platform:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/hpf/>.

The **EU Health Policy Platform** is a collaborative online tool that makes it easy for European Commission services, health-related interest groups and stakeholders to communicate with each other. Users may participate in different networks, share their latest news with others and get a roundup of the latest EU health policy updates in a bi-weekly newsletter.

Registering takes only a few minutes. Use or create your EU login and fill in the registration form. See this [user guide](#) for more information. You will receive a confirmation email as soon as your registration request has been processed.

Find the Joint Statements produced since 2016 in the library of the Agora network, in the EU Health Policy Platform.

2. Prepare a brief summary of your proposal (maximum 3 pages) in English:

- ✓ Include the scope of your future Joint Statement.
- ✓ Explain the relevance of your proposal for the selected area and the possible synergy with ongoing or planned EU actions on health in the European Union.
- ✓ State your objectives and how you will reach them.
- ✓ List your possible network and partners involved (you can include logos if you wish).
- ✓ State the leading organisation clearly and provide a contact person details.

3. Send your proposal to the email address: SANTE-HPP@ec.europa.eu

Deadline to submit your proposal is 31 August 2022, 23.59 CEST, Brussels time.

What does the Thematic Networks cycle looks like?

The European Commission will evaluate the proposals received by topic and select a maximum of 3 for the final 2022 Thematic Networks cycle, which will kick-off in September. The Thematic Networks' cycle will last 6 to 9 months, until the next EU Health Policy Platform annual meeting where the leaders will present their final Joint Statements.

Throughout the cycle, the leading organisations, together with the EU Health Policy Platform team, will organise a series of webinars to call for action and collaboration and provide updates on the development of their Joint Statements.

Testimonials – Leaders of the 2021 Thematic Networks reported at the [EU Health Policy Platform annual meeting](#) that being involved in the networks significantly increased the visibility of their initiatives. They also reported that they felt supported by the Commission throughout the cycle.

Still unsure if you should submit your proposal? Contact us at SANTE-HPP@ec.europa.eu