Background

- Approaching negotiations for country specific priorities during the EU financial period 2021-2027
- The enabling condition pertaining to healthcare priorities is a defined strategic policy framework for health and long-term care
- EU health priorities are part of the More social Europe policy framework
- EU goal: Ensuring equal access to health care through developing strategically planned infrastructure
- AIM: To analyze setting and capacities of the health care sector in Croatia for the EU 2021-27 condition fulfillment

Methods

- Desk research (policy analysis)
- Sources:
  - National and county strategic documents, health and healthcare system performance data records, working documents, official statements
  - Workshops (ZG, VŽ, SK, DU)
  - International comparisons
- Policy analysis focused to:
  - Needs assessment methods (including terminology and priorities setting)
  - Population needs assessment data
  - Health system performance data
  - Strategic planning on national and county level

Results

- The majority of the existing strategic policy framework for health is out of date or its timeframe is near its end
- No public consultations regarding post-2020 priorities have been recorded
- Delayed adoption of the 2030 National Development Strategy, which includes health care
- Terminological inconsistencies in the interpretation of the measures implemented by the health care, social care system or civil society
- Unclear models of integrating health and social care, which stands out as important for the EU financing
- Data on health system performance are not tailored to the population needs assessment

Conclusion

- Current national strategic framework for health is not in line with EU fulfilment criteria for health in the EU financial period 2021-27
- An opportunity to make needed adjustments is given, since most of the existing strategic policy framework for health is out of date or its timeframe is near its end
- Routine collection of health data which is in place can serve as a basis for required health and LTC mapping