

EU FINANCIAL PERIOD 2021-2027 IS APPROACHING - IS CROATIA READY FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS AND PROJECTS?

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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- The majority of the existing strategic policy framework for health is out of date or its timeframe is near its end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An opportunity to make needed adjustments is given, since most of the existing strategic policy framework for health is out of date or its timeframe is near its end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