



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
 HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
 Public health, country knowledge, crisis management
Director

Luxembourg,

NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIONS/MISSIONS TO THE EU

Subject: Programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020)- Joint Actions 2020-Nomination of one competent authority

Your Excellency,

The Annual Work Programme 2020¹ in the field of Health adopted by the Commission on 28 Jan 2020 includes the four following Joint actions:

- *Joint Action on Strengthening cooperation between interested Member States and the Commission in the area of tobacco control*
 (AWP Ref.: 1.2.2.5, Topic: JA-01-2020, EUR 2.500.000 EU co-funding).
- *Joint Action to Support for Member States' implementation of best practices in the area of mental health*
 (AWP Ref.: 1.2.2.6, Topic: JA-02-2020, EUR 5.400.000 EU co-funding).
- *Joint Action on Increasing the capacity of national focal points (NFPs) to provide guidance, information and assistance to national applicants on the implementation of the ESF+ health strand and possible support for health-related actions under other EU funding instruments*
 (AWP Ref.: 1.2.2.7, Topic: JA-03-2020, EUR 1.500.000 EU co-funding).
- *Addressing differences in national General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) implementation in the health sector, including the European Health Data Space and the health data use*
 (AWP Ref.: 1.2.2.8, Topic: JA-04-2020, EUR 1.500.000-2.500.000 EU co-funding. The drafting of the Code of Conduct may be externalised from the Joint Action in a separate action).

Joint Actions are granted through a direct procedure, without an open call. This implies that EU Member states and other countries participating in the Health Programme in subject have to formally nominate competent authorities to participate on their behalf before the proposal preparation process starts.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/health/funding/adoption_workplan_2020_en

For the Joint Actions mentioned above each participating country is invited to nominate one competent authority. The eligibility criteria are set up in Articles 6, 7 (2)(a) and 8 of the Health Programme Regulation 282/2014/EU².

Therefore, I hereby **invite you to nominate the competent authority, which will participate on behalf of your country** in the joint actions mentioned above.

The deadline for the nomination is 03 April 2020. Nominations received after this deadline will not be taken into account.

The submission of the nominations will be done through the EU Survey, website which you can access here:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/JA2020>

The password is: **JA2020!**

I would be grateful if you could forward this message and the enclosed Annexes to the relevant authorities in order to ensure your country's participation.

The Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (Chafea)³ is mandated to implement the related procedures, once the nominations will be done.

I would also like to inform you that Chafea has organised a *webinar on 05 Mar 2020 (14:00-16:00)* to present the 2020 Joint Actions, which will be available as a recording at the CHAFEA website. Furthermore, CHAFEA is organising an *information day in Luxembourg on 29 Apr 2020* with the nominated authorities.

I would be glad if you could already pass this information to the nominated competent authority, which will then receive more details from Chafea.

Yours faithfully,

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² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32014R0282>

³ <http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/index.html>

Annexes:

ANNEX 1 - Eligibility criteria and nomination of competent authorities in the Joint Actions 2020

ANNEX 2 - Policy expectations for the Joint Actions