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ACTIVE AND HEALTHY AGEING MOVING TOWARDS A PARADIGM SHIFT



Participating in the first Steering Group meeting of the European Innovative Partnership (EIP) on Healthy and Active Ageing, on 2 May 2011, where the participants discussed the purpose and expected outcomes of this initiative, and being a member of the Steering Group, the EFN expressed its support to the identified three areas for action: innovation in support of **people's health**

and well-being (prevention, diagnosis and treatment), in support of collaborative care systems and social services for the older people (**community care**), and in products and services for **active and independent living**, bearing in mind the concepts of health promotion, home-based care and self-care.

The EFN expects the EIP will be practical oriented when scaling up what already exists and that the actions selected will make a difference for the EU citizens, especially for the Member States who joined the EU from 2004. Furthermore, the EFN does not agree with a classical disease focused approach, as this is one of the main barriers to make the paradigm shift possible, but believes in a citizen, patient, user and gender centred approach, when designing the implementation plan.

Finally, the EFN considers it crucial that the EU Member States, mainly the Eastern countries, use the Social Cohesion Funds (only 3% of the billions available are currently used for health) to support them implementing the selected innovation initiative.

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Further information:

- [European Innovative Partnership \(EIP\) on Healthy and Active Ageing;](#)
- [EFN input to the EU 2020 Healthy Ageing Partnership.](#)

