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European Union-WHO action to support deployment of COVID-19 vaccines and vaccination in Eastern Partnership countries, 2021-2023



ABOUT THE PROJECT

- A joint effort of the European Union (EU) and WHO Regional Office for Europe in six countries of the Eastern Partnership – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine.
- A 3-year, €40 million project to help countries prepare for deployment of COVID-19 vaccines, including through the COVAX facility and the EU Vaccine Sharing Mechanism, plan for and implement vaccination campaigns, facilitate and monitor COVID-19 vaccination uptake.
- Part of the Team Europe response to the outbreak of COVID-19 in the Eastern Partnership, of close to €1 billion targeting short-term health needs and longer-term socio-economic recovery.
- Builds on, and is complementary to, the on-going EU-WHO Solidarity for Health Initiative in the Eastern Partnership in support to the partner countries' response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

6 countries

3 years

40 million euros



ESSENTIAL SUPPORT TO COUNTRIES

**IN THE
SHORT-TERM,
THE PROJECT
WILL HELP:**



Support developing/updating national vaccine deployment plans and defining service delivery modalities.



Procure essential supplies to deliver vaccines safely and manage adverse events, e.g. personal protective equipment and medical equipment including anaphylaxis kits.



Train health workers on vaccine handling and vaccine characteristics.



Scale up IT capacity and information management systems for effective data monitoring and evaluation, including to monitor vaccine safety.



Develop communication material, surveys to understand population's perceptions, and information campaigns on vaccines.



Design and implement interventions aimed at vulnerable populations, including outreach vaccination activities.

**IN THE MEDIUM AND
LONGER-TERM, THE PROJECT
WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS:**



- A progressive reopening of societies and economies
- Strengthened and resilient national immunization systems
- Improved long-term capacities of health workforce in vaccine-preventable diseases and immunization

The implementation of this initiative will be led by the WHO Regional Office for Europe and WHO country offices in the 6 partner countries, in close coordination with the EU Delegations, national authorities and development partners, including those in the United Nations system.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines and vaccination, see:

- [WHO/Europe website on COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [European Commission's coordination to a common European response to the COVID-19 outbreak](#)
- [European Union Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations \(DG NEAR\)](#)
- [European Union Solidarity for Health Initiative in the Eastern Partnership countries](#)