



The role of European NPHIs in a changing global public health context

Solutions and opportunities :
European global engagement to strengthen NPHIs
Team Europe Initiative in Africa

Eva Johansson
European Commission DG INTPA
Team Europe Coordinator
Public Health Institutes (TEI PHI)
Health Security through a One Health Approach (TEI HSOH)

Team Europe Approach

A coordinated approach for major policy, strategic-technical and financial challenges

Added value

Coherence and
Additionality

Networking, exchange,
innovation and learning

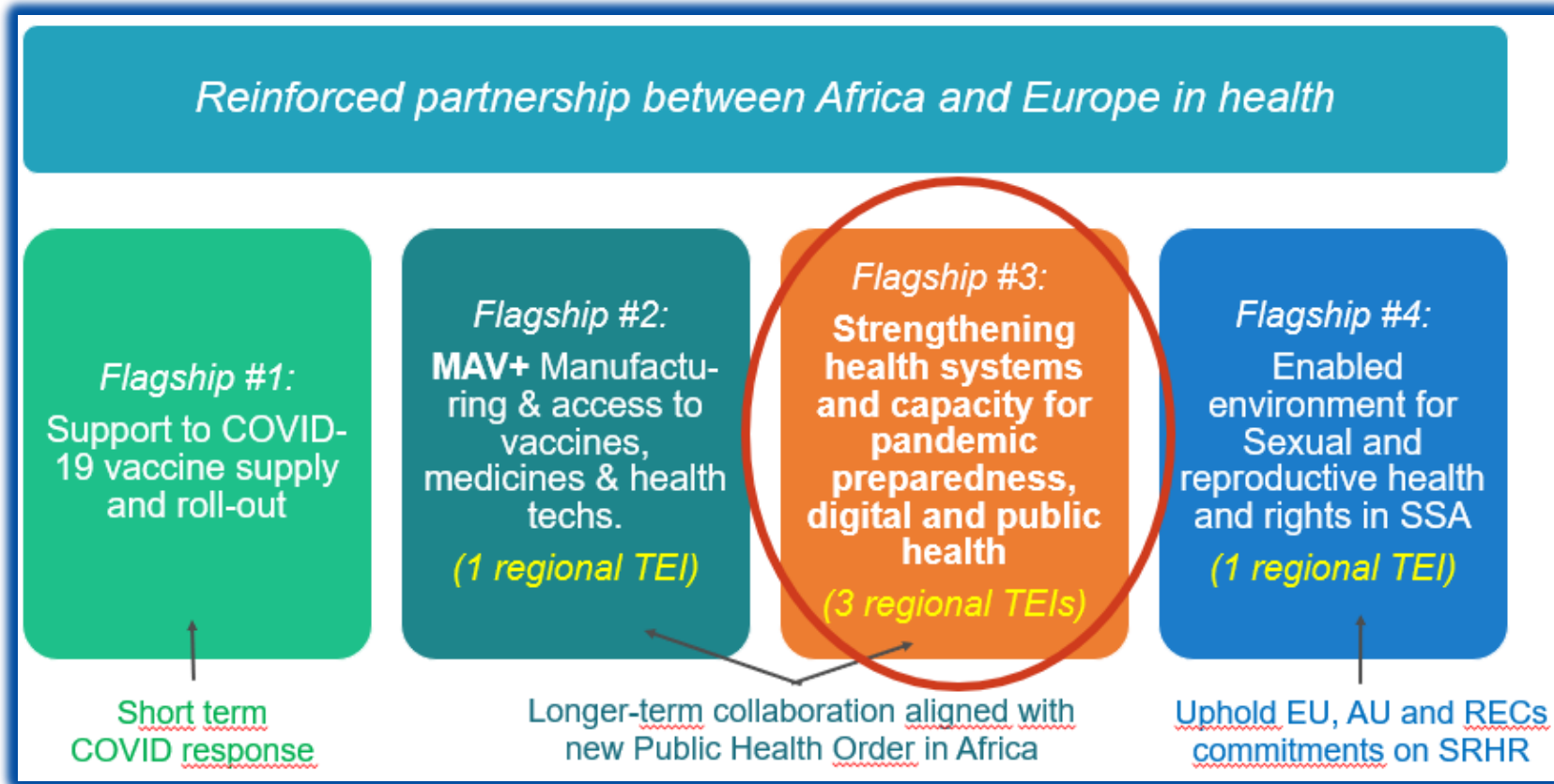
Formulate joint
actions to tackle
common challenges

Strengthen Dialogue

Increase/more efficient
use of Resources

Improve visibility

EU Global Gateway Health



Team Europe Initiatives in Africa

	MAV+	Health Security / One Health	Digital Health	Public Health Institutes	SRHR
Launch	May 2021	March 2024	March 2024	March 2024	Dec 2022
Indicative financial contributions (EUR)	TE: 1.3B EC: 285M (committed)	TE: >430M EC: 145M (committed from EDF, NDICI, HERA/EU4Health and FPI)	TE: 223 M EC: 67M (20M in pipeline)	TE: 21.8M + new mapping in 2025 EC: 50M	TE: >2 B since inception EC: 220M
EU Members	EC, BE, HU, FR, HU DE, NL, SE, EIB	EC, BE, DK, FR, DE, ES, SE, ECDC	EC, BE, FR, DE, PT, SE, LU, EIB	EC, BE, CZ, FI, FR, DE, IE, IT, NL, PT, SE	EC, BE, CZ, DK, FI, FR, DE, IE, LU, NL, SE
African and global partners	Africa CDC (PAVM/PHAHM), A UC, AUDA-NEPAD- AMRHs- AMA, international partners	Africa CDC, AUC, RECs, National authorities + quadripartite/WOAH	Africa CDC, AUC + WHO	Africa CDC, AUC, RECs, WHO, IANPHI	EAC, ECOWAS/WAHO, SADC

Recognizing the need and the role of NPHI's in ensuring health security across the continent, the Africa CDC has prioritized **the strengthening of NPHI's** as a critical pillar of both the New Public Health Order and the Africa CDC Strategic Plan 2023-2027.

The Team Europe initiative was established in 2024 by the **European Commission, Belgium, Czechia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Africa CDC** and is closely aligned with similar initiatives taken by WHO and other international and regional organizations.

The overall objective is to contribute to the population's health and wellbeing (SDG 3), with a focus on **strengthening the institutional capacity of NPHI's, promoting regional collaboration and networking among African and European institutes, enhancing health workforce training, supporting evidence-based policy analysis and advice**



Sustaining political and financial momentum

The number of fully established NPHI's in AU MS increased from 19 (2022) to 23 (2023) out of the 55 AU MS

Over EUR 90 million invested in Africa through EU MS and their NPHI's and Schools of Public Health

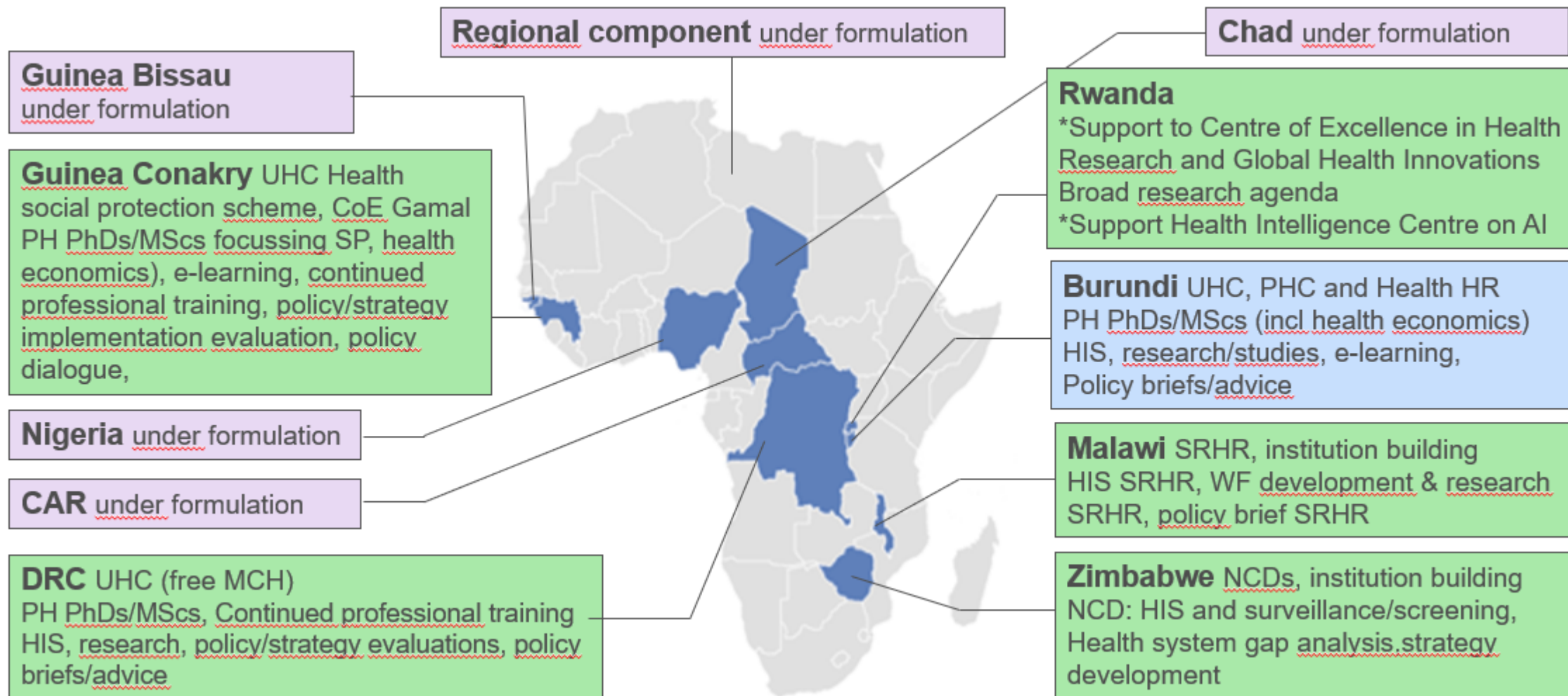
New EC funding EUR 50 million for a new Regional PHI programme (implemented by Belgium, France, Germany, Sweden, WHO) in 10 countries and 1 regional component.



INTPA Regional PHI programme: Budget and Geographic Coverage

Co-created with Africa CDC and adopted by the Council on 04/06/2024.

BUDGET: 50M EUR: - Regional Component 8 M EUR continental coverage
 - Country Component 42 M EUR (10 countries)



Challenges and possible solutions

UNCLEAR ROLE AND MANDATE:

Varying levels of maturity and capacity of NPHI's in different countries. NPHI's mandates are at times unclear, efforts duplicated or fragmented and human resources capacity limited.

A strong Team Europe commitment should be ensured to support NPHI's institutional capacities and key attributes such as governance, leadership and coordination skills as means to achieve resilient and sustainable health systems.

LONG TERM SUSTAINABILITY:

The decline in global health funding, coupled with competing national needs, and compressed fiscal space, exacerbate inadequate financial support for NPHI's.

Supporting African countries in their financial resource mobilization for health and their efficient use; exploring opportunities for private sector engagement and financial sustainability in health systems financing; and the continued strong commitment of Team Europe is important.

GAPS AND OVERLAPS BETWEEN DIFFERENT INITIATIVES

Stronger synergies and linkages with initiatives such as Health Security, Digital Health, MAV+ and SRHR; such as leveraging digital health as a driver of greater impact; ensuring synergies between initiatives supporting NPHI capacities for pandemic preparedness functions and those focusing on broader core function capacities.

The initiatives should go hand in hand, especially to avoid duplication, and facilitate sustainability of the support.





Milestones 2026-2027

Implementation and launch of potential new Team Europe support in 2026 and 2027

Continental, regional and national NPHI side events to increase advocacy for NPHI's, take stock of progress and lessons learned

Exploring private sector and finance institutions entry points for supporting PHI

Regional workshops in 2026 and 2027 to strengthen NPHI's for building long-lasting South-South and North-South networks; for research; for capacity-building, peer-review, exchange of knowledge, experience and best practises

Joint side events and workshops with other thematic initiatives including a Digital Health Workshop in Q2 2026



Strategic recommendations

Strengthen NPHI's strategic role and mandate

Focus on building NPHI's core capacities and key attributes in accordance with Africa CDC's framework for the development of NPHI's

Leverage synergies between initiatives and avoid duplication and facilitate sustainability of the support

Strengthen NPHI's evidence-based policy guidance.

Continued strong commitment from Team Europe

Explore further engagement from private sector and investors for the development of NPHI's

Survey on European Public Health Institutes and Schools of Public Health support to Africa





PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Wide geographic and thematic coverage (41 countries in SSA)

The core functions are supported however in varying degrees in different projects and countries : West Africa and East and Central Africa is where most projects are located.

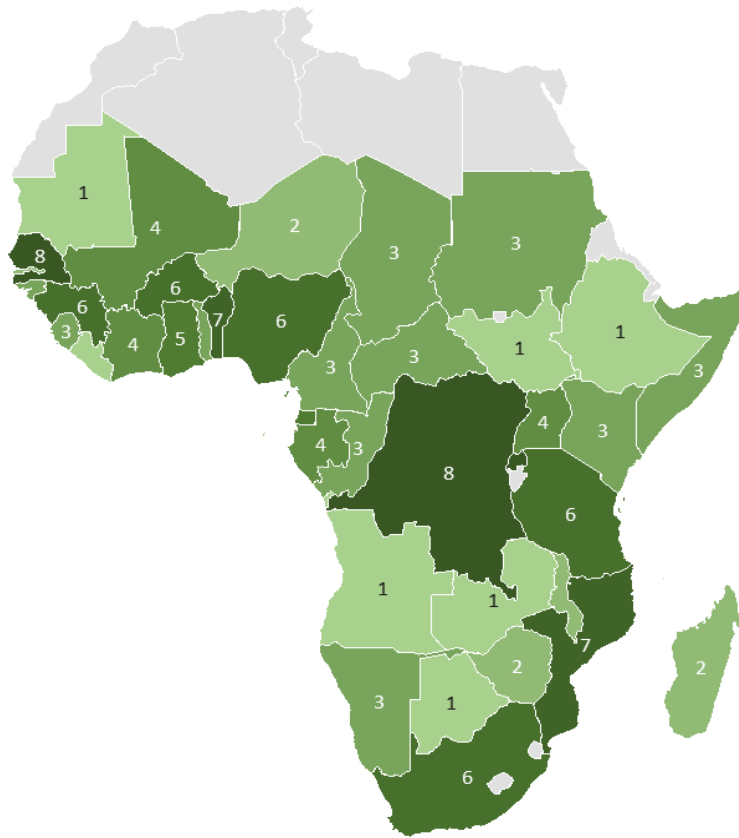
Some countries benefit more from support including DRC, Mozambique, Ghana, Guinea, Senegal, Tanzania, South Africa, Rwanda. Other countries receive limited or no support including Cameroon, Chad, CAR, Republic of Congo.

Among the core functions mostly supported are Workforce development/capacity building (91%) and institutional strengthening (86%)

A strong focus also on surveillance/data (65%); preparedness/prevention/response (63 %); engagement in policy dialogue (63%)

Overview of European NPHI's support to Africa

Countries supported by EU MS (# of projects)



Wide geographic coverage (41 countries out of 49)

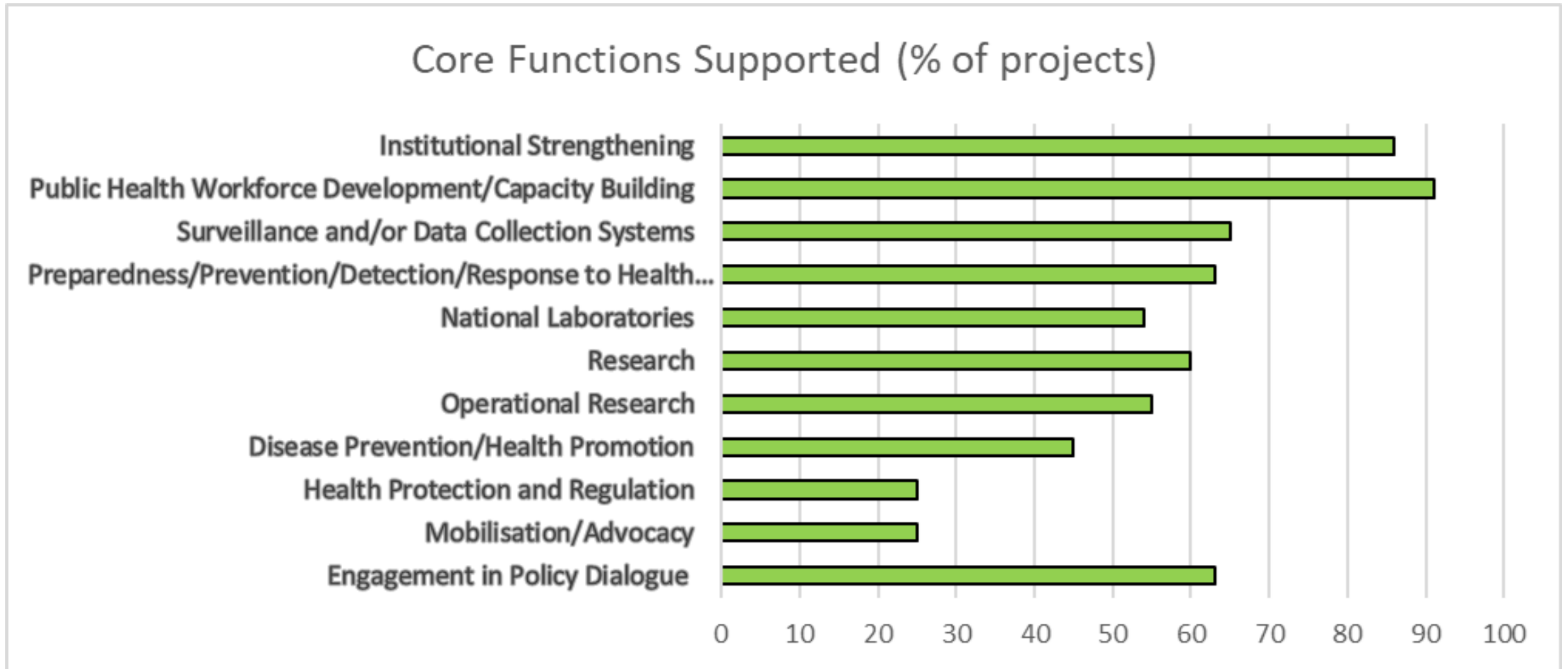
28 projects (out of 60) are multi-country projects, 2 projects support regional organizations (Africa CDC and WHO).

Most of the projects located either in West Africa (57) or in Central and Eastern Africa (65). Fewer projects in Southern Africa (24).

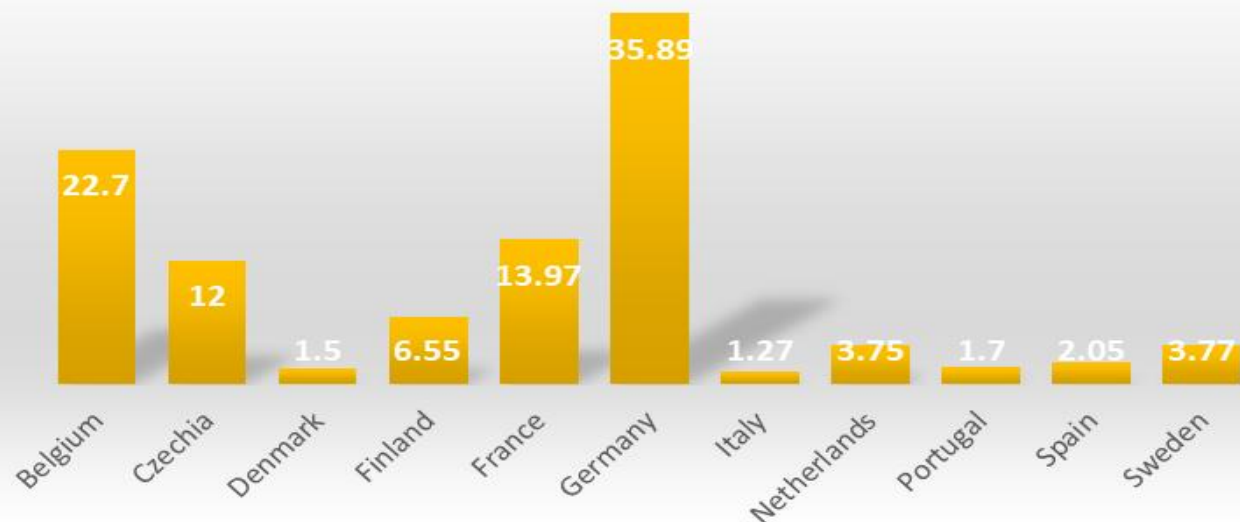
38% of projects cooperate with other EU institutes/organizations.

38% of projects cooperate with a regional or continental African organization – the most cited are WHO, Africa CDC and AUDA-NEPAD.

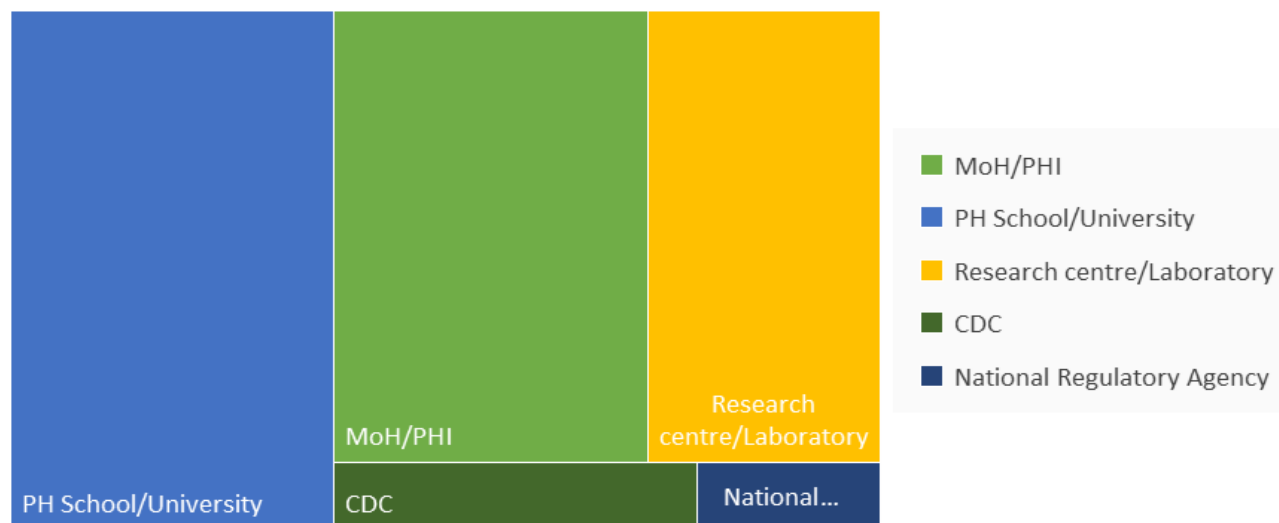
ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTIONS SUPPORTED



Overall amount implemented by EU MS (M EUR)



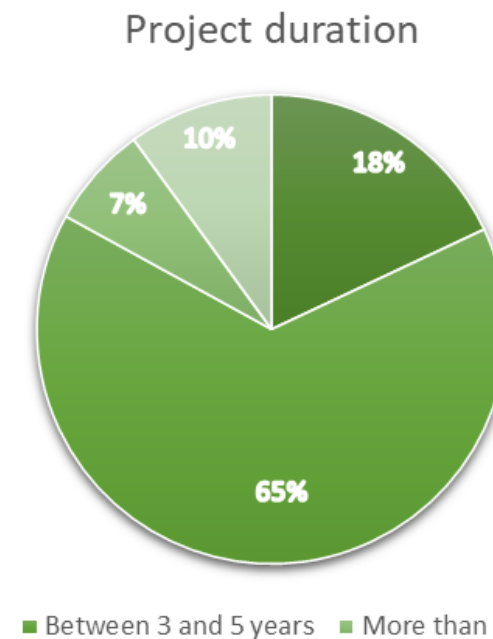
Type of institutions supported



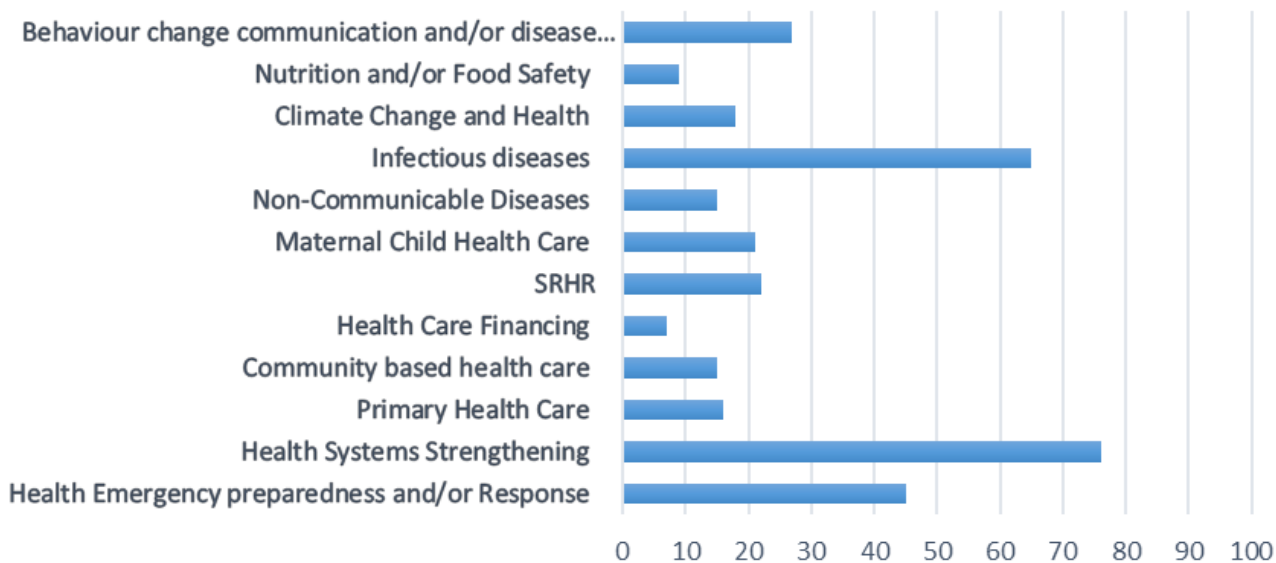
Amount and type of institution

- Overall envelope of the surveyed projects reaches EUR 105 million (all sources of funding). **EU funding represents 91 M EUR.**
- More than half of the funding implemented by three EU Member States: DE, BE, FR.
- Support goes mostly to PH Schools/Universities (45%) and Ministry of Health/NPHI of the partner country (38%).
- Projects also support research centers and laboratories (28%), CDCs (6,6%) and National Regulatory Agencies (3,3%).

- A high percentage of projects focus on health system strengthening and infectious disease (76% and 65% respectively).
- Nearly half of the projects also support health emergency preparedness and/or response (45%).
- SRHR is a priority for 20% of the projects, PHC 16% and Non-communicable diseases 15%. Health care financing is an area that very few projects focus on, with just 7%.



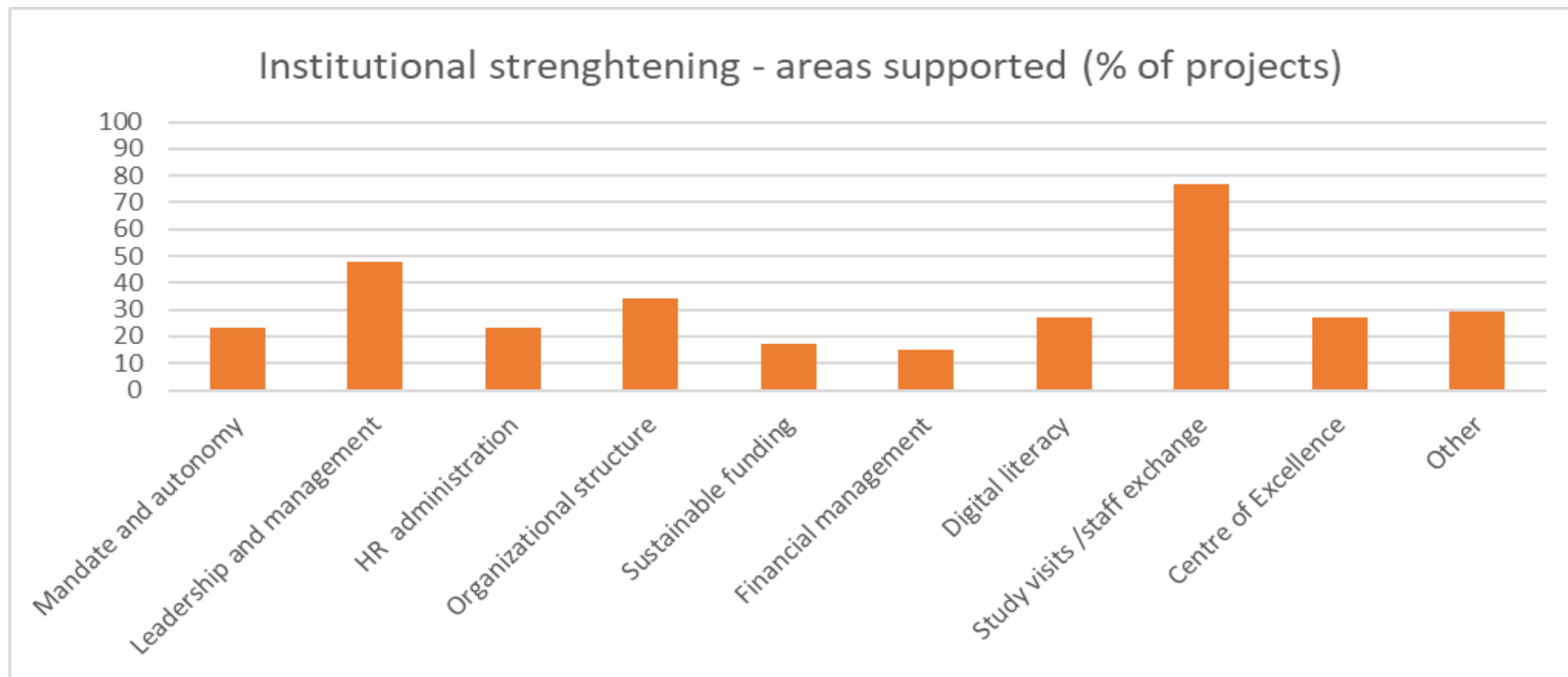
Projects with a specific thematic focus (%)



- On average, the large majority of projects have a duration of 3-5 years (65% overall) with a predominance of projects of either 3 or 5 years (50% of the projects).
- Nearly 20% of the projects have a duration of less than 3 years – these are mostly 1-year projects.

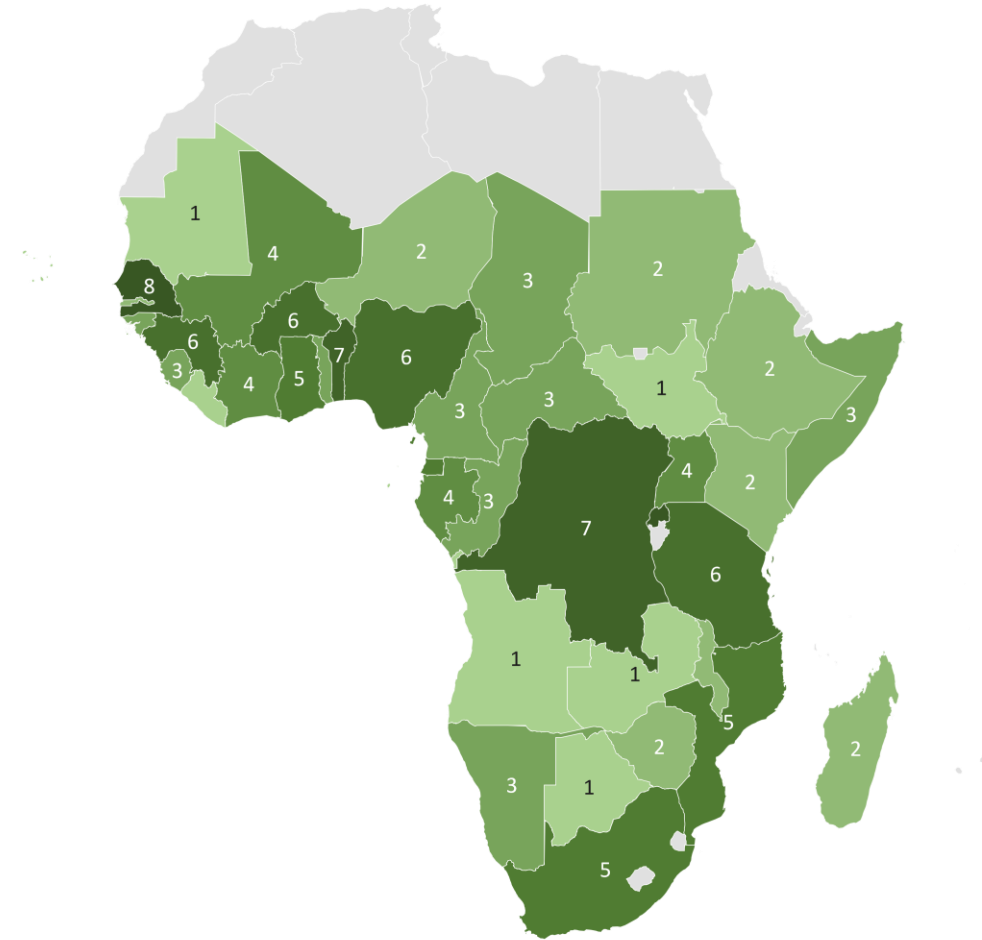
100%

INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

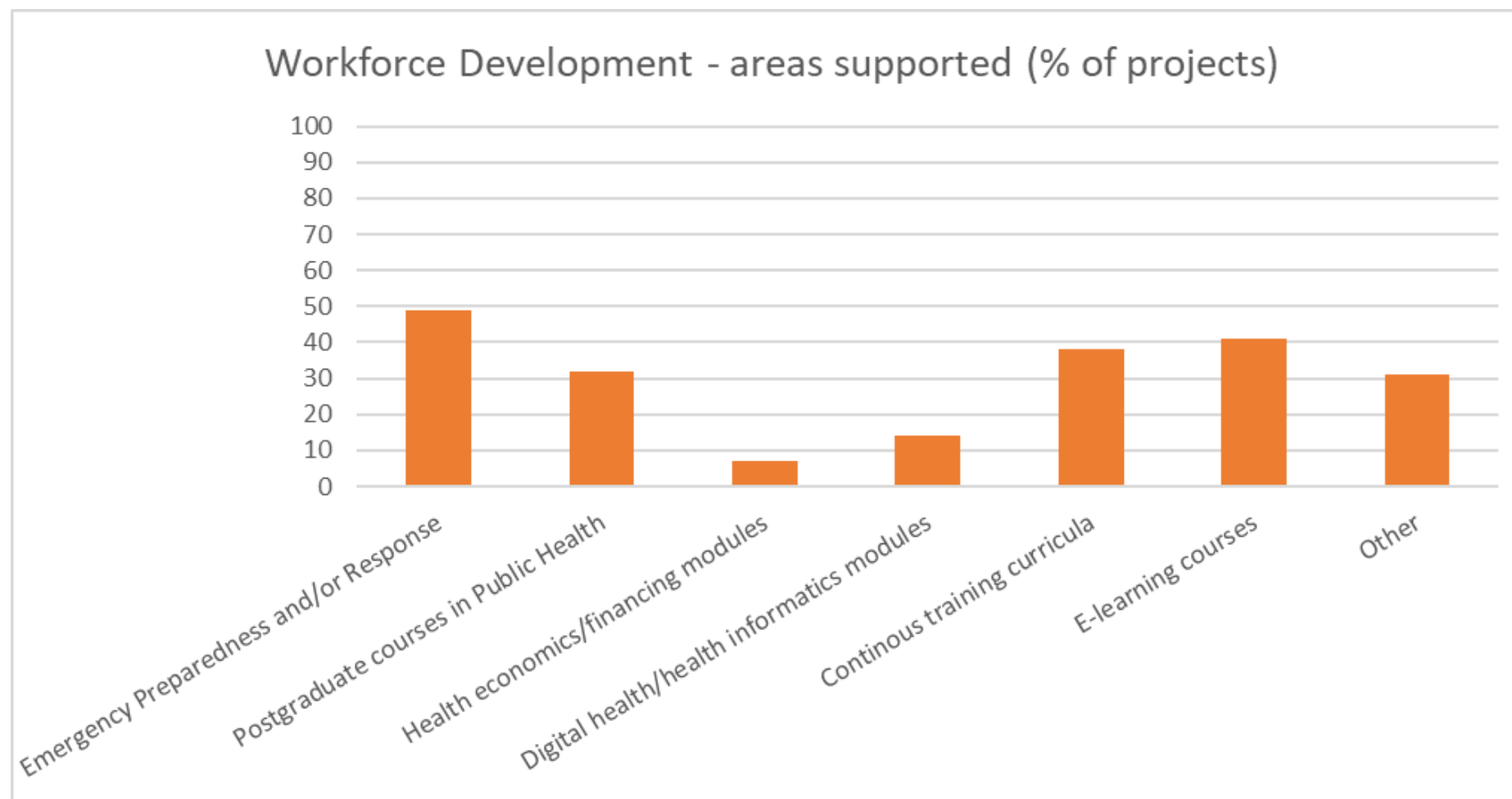


Public Health Workforce Development/Capacity Development

- Workforce Development/Capacity Building is a widely supported area, with projects in all 40 countries.
- The most supported countries are DRC, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burkina Faso, Guinea and Benin.



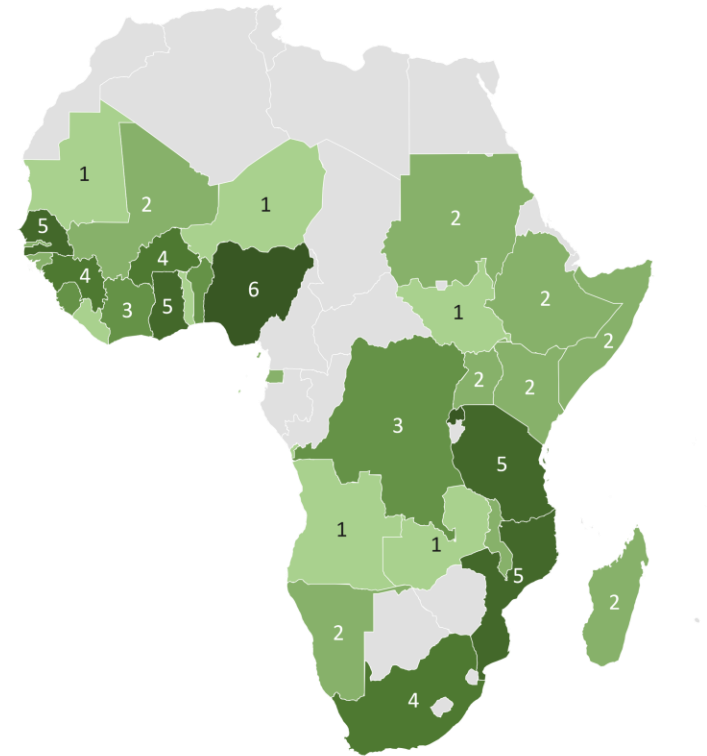
PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING



PREPAREDNESS, PREVENTION, DETECTION AND RESPONSE TO HEALTH EMERGENCIES

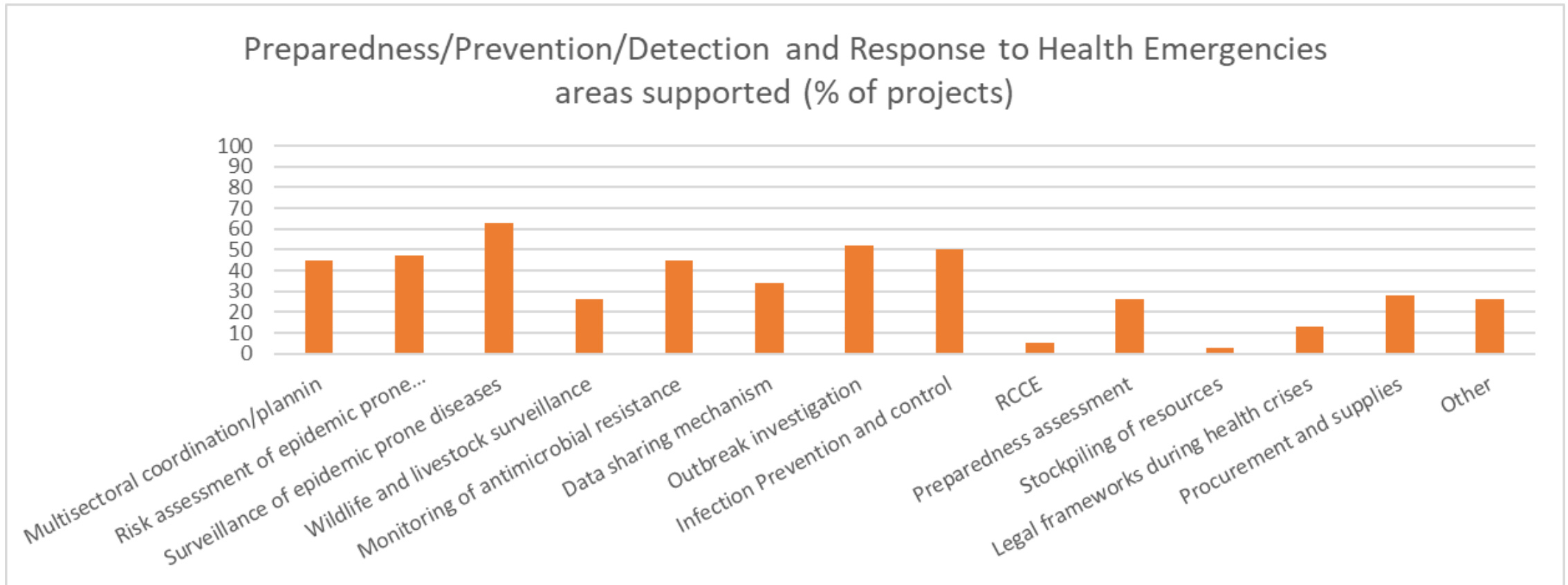
Preparedness, Prevention, Detection and Response to Health Emergencies

- Some of the countries are not receiving support on surveillance/data collection: Cameroon, Chad, CAR, Republic of Congo.
- Rwanda, Nigeria, Mozambique and Ghana are the most supported countries.



PREPAREDNESS, PREVENTION, DETECTION AND RESPONSE TO HEALTH EMERGENCIES

- Half of the projects supporting risk assessment, outbreak investigation, infection prevention, monitoring of AMR.
- Two-thirds of the projects support surveillance of epidemic prone diseases. However, stockpiling of resources and RCCE are almost not supported by any project.



European Commission/INTPA and MS on upcoming events and conferences in 2025

Global Gateway Forum 9-10 October in Brussels

World Health Summit in Berlin 12-14 October

International Conference on Public Health in Africa/ CPHIA 23-25 October in Durban

One Health Summit in Lyon, 2-5 November

AU-EU High-Level Steering Meeting/HLSM 5 November, Pretoria, South Africa

EU Africa Business Forum 24th November

AU-EU Summit in Angola 24-25 November



**Reprioritizing essential medicines
in our changing world?**

A Team Europe side event at World Health Summit

Monday, October 13, 7:30–9am | Berlin | In-person only

 **Global
Gateway**

Co-hosted by:
The European Commission, Denmark,
Finland, France, Germany, Luxembourg,
the Netherlands, Spain, and Sweden



Thank you!

