

# Action plan on implementing the health-related ex-ante conditionality (9.3)

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## 1 Introduction

Ex-ante conditionalities are defined under Article 19 of the Regulation (EU) No1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 ("General Regulation").

Their introduction is based on the requirement of the European Commission to ensure the achievement of tangible results from the interventions of European Structural and Investment Funds ("ESIF") in the programming period 2014-2020. The aim of the ex-ante conditionalities is to ensure the creation in the EU Member States of the necessary framework conditions for the effective use of assistance from ESIF.

### 1.1 Ex-ante conditionality 9.3

For interventions concerning health care, the General Regulation requires compliance with ex-ante conditionality 9.3: The existence of a national or regional strategic policy framework for health within the limits of Article 168 TFEU ensuring economic sustainability.

The Regulation also sets out the criteria to meet the ex-ante conditionality:

- a national or regional strategic policy framework for health is in place that contains:
  - coordinated access to high quality health care services;
  - measures to stimulate efficiency in the health sector, through deployment of service delivery models and infrastructure;
  - a monitoring and review system.
  - A Member State or region has adopted a framework outlining available budgetary resources on an indicative basis and a cost-effective concentration of resources for prioritised needs in the health care sector.

### 1.2 Health 2020 - National Strategy on health promotion and disease prevention

The Czech Republic will fulfil the requirements set in the General Regulation for the ex-ante conditionality 9.3 by means of the document Health 2020 - National Strategy on health promotion and disease prevention.

The National Strategy is based on the World Health Organization (WHO) programme Health 2020, builds on the "Long-term programme of improving the health status of the population of the Czech Republic - Health 21" supported by the Czech government in 2002 and fulfils the requirement of the Government to update this strategic document. Among other things, it uses the experience and recommendations of the "Report on the evaluation of achieving the individual objectives of the document Health 21 from 2003 to 2012" and also builds on the Strategy of the sanitation services and primary prevention in public health protection", which was adopted by the Ministry of Health in 2013. It is in line with the developments and

commitments at the international level, both within the European Union (EU) and the European Region of WHO.

The purpose of the National Strategy is the stabilization of the system of disease prevention and health protection and promotion, and launching effective and sustainable mechanisms to improve the health status of the population.

Health 2020 elaborates the vision of public health system as a dynamic network of stakeholders at all levels of society, and is thus intended not only for public administration institutions, but also for all other stakeholders – individuals, communities, the non-profit and private sector and educational, scientific and other institutions. Its task is to contribute to addressing complex health challenges of the 21st century related to economic, social and demographic development, especially through disease prevention and health protection and promotion.

Health 2020 represents an adaptable and practical strategic framework enabling unique and specifically targeted approaches taking into account, for example, gender, age or social background of people.

**Implementation of the National Strategy:** The implementation of the National Strategy will be described in more detail in the implementation documents, i.e. in action plans, whose preparation will be coordinated by the Ministerial Working Group to Promote and Protect Public Health and Prevent Diseases and to Implement Health 2020 in the Czech Republic ("MWG H2020"), which was established by Ministerial Order no 28/2013 on 11 November 2013. At the inter-ministerial level, the implementation of the National Strategy will be coordinated by the Council for Health and the Environment, chaired by the Minister of Health.

The chairman of the ministerial working group is, given its position, the Deputy Minister for the Protection and Promotion of Public Health and the Chief Hygienist of the Czech Republic.

Working Group members: Chief Hygienist of the Czech Republic, a representative of the Division of Protection and Promotion of Public Health, three representatives of the Health Care Division, two representatives of Health Insurance Division; a representative of Management and Economics Division, representative of the National Health Institute, representative of the Institute of Health Information and Statistics, representative of the World Health Organization in the Czech Republic, a representative of Society for Hygiene and Community Medicine of the Czech Medical Association of Jan Evangelista Purkyně (CMA JEP), representative of Social Medicine and Health Care Administration of the CMA JEP, representative of the Society for Epidemiology and Microbiology of the CMA JEP, a representative of the University of Economics, representative of the Psychiatric Society of the CMA JEP, guarantors of the basic priorities set by the National Strategy Health 2020.

## **2 Overview of the Implementation of the ex-ante conditionality**

Health 2020 was prepared and approved by the Ministry of Health in 2013.

In 2014, the strategy was discussed by the Government and acknowledged it in its Resolution no. 23 of 8 January 2014.

The Government Resolution also includes a task imposed on the Minister of Health to elaborate, by 31 December 2015, the national Strategy to various implementation documents, and annually inform the Government about the implementation status.

The National Strategy was also endorsed by the Chamber of Deputies in its resolution no. 175 of 20 March 2014.

**By approving the implementation documents – Action Plans – the creation of the national strategy will be completely finalized, which will meet the requirement of ex-ante conditionality 9.3 set by the General Regulation.**

## 2.1 **Fulfilment of the ex-ante conditionality from the perspective of the individual criteria**

The criteria set out in the General Regulation will be included in varying degrees in all forthcoming implementation documents of the National Strategy Health 2020; therefore, the data provided in sections "Next Steps" and "Schedule of fulfilling the criteria of ex-ante conditionality / Action Plan preparation" are the same for all criteria.

### 2.1.1 **Strategic framework for health policy involves a coordinated approach to high-quality health care services**

The issue of access to health care services is primarily addressed legislatively, especially in the following generally applicable legal regulations:

- Act no. 372/2011 Coll., on health care services and conditions for their provision,
- Act No. 373/2011 Coll., on specific health services
- Act no. 374/2011 Coll., on emergency health care services,
- Act No. 48/1997 Coll., on public health insurance and amending and supplementing certain related acts.
- Decree no. 39/2011 Coll., on dispensary care,
- Decree no. 70/2012 Coll., on preventive examinations,
- Government Decree no. 307/2012 Coll., on local and time availability of health care services,
- Decree no. 92/2012 Coll., on the requirements for minimum technical and material equipment of healthcare facilities and contact centres for home care.

In the area of psychiatric care, the issue of access to services is addressed in the document Psychiatric Care Reform Strategy.

In the field of health protection and promotion and primary prevention, the issue of access to services is addressed in Act no. 258/2000 Coll., on the protection of public health, and in the National Strategy Health 2020.

#### 2.1.1.1 **Next Steps**

The National Strategy will address the issue of access to quality health services in the following thematic Action Plans<sup>1</sup>:

- Action Plan for the protection and promotion of health and disease prevention
  - sufficient physical activity of the population
  - **good nutrition and eating habits**
    - good nutrition and obesity prevention
    - food safety
  - Stress management and mental health
    - to be implemented within the Psychiatric Care Reform Strategy
  - **reducing health-risk behaviour**
  - reduction of health risks from living and working environment;
  - **management of infectious diseases**

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<sup>1</sup> Documents which will especially focus on the relevant issue are provided in bold.

- management of infectious diseases
- Action Plan to promote vaccination
- **screening programmes**
- Action Plan and inter-ministerial strategic documents in the area of tobacco control and limiting the damage caused by alcohol
- **Action Plan to improve the availability and quality of health care, incl. follow-up care and long-term care**
  - **Action Plan for post-acute care**
  - **Strategy of follow-up care,**
- Action Plan for the quality and safety of health care services
  - to be implemented within the Strategy for the Quality and Safety of Health Care Services
- **Action plan for implementing electronic instruments in the health care sector**
  - to be implemented within the National Strategy for e-Health
- Action Plan for the education of health care workers
  - to be implemented within the Strategy for Innovation of Education of Health Care Professionals (medical and non-medical professions)
    - undergraduate education
    - postgraduate (specialization) education
    - lifelong learning

It is not excluded that there will be other Action Plans under the National Strategy based on the results of further discussions.

Substantive objectives of Action Plans are contained in the logical frameworks, which are attached to this document.

### 2.1.1.2 Schedule of fulfilling the criteria of ex-ante conditionality / Action Plan preparation

- 8 January 2014 – Health 2020 – National Strategy for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention approved by the Government of the Czech Republic (OJ no. 23/2014) (*fulfilled*)
- 5 February 2014 – 1st meeting of the MWG H2020 (*fulfilled*)
- 2 and 24 April 2014 – training of coordinators of the individual themes of the National Strategy Health 2020 in collaboration with the Department of Advisors, Analyses and Strategy Development of the Ministry of Health (*fulfilled*)
- 11 June 2014 – the Draft Strategy of Follow-up Care approved by the management of the Ministry of Health (*fulfilled*)
- 20 June 2014 – Nomination of members of working groups on various themes of the National Strategy H2020 and the subsequent appointment (*fulfilled*)
- 25 June 2014 – 2nd meeting of the MWG H2020 (*fulfilled*)
- by 30 September 2014 – finalization of the Strategy of Follow-up Care by adding a regional dimension (*fulfilled*)

- by 30 September 2014 – the first working draft of the structure of Action Plans of the National Strategy Health 2020 – completion of the documents at 20% (responsible person – MWG H2020 chairman) (*fulfilled* - see Section 2.2)
- 2 December 2014 – the Strategy of Follow-up Care approved by the management of the Ministry of Health and published (*fulfilled*)
- 2 December 2014 – the third meeting of the MWG H2020 (*fulfilled*)
- 19 February 2015 – joint workshop of all experts from working groups for implementation of the National Strategy Health 2020
- by 15 March 2015 – the second working draft of the extended structure of Action Plans of the National Strategy Health 2020 including a proposal for the indicator system – document completion at 50% [responsible person – the Strategy sponsor (DM<sup>2</sup> and the Strategy coordinator (C&AU)<sup>3</sup>]
- 25 March 2015 – the fourth meeting of the MWG
- 20 May 2015 – the fifth meeting of the MWG
- by 31 May 2015 – approval of the Action Plans of the National Strategy Health 2020 in MWG H2020 – document completion at 90%
- by 30 June 2015 – submission of the Action Plans of the National Strategy Health 2020 at the meeting of the management of the Ministry of Health
- from 1 July to 31 July 2015 – public consultation on the Action Plans of the National Strategy Health 2020
- by 30 September 2015 – first Implementation Report of the National Strategy Health 2020 submitted to the Government and the Chamber of Deputies
- **by 31 December 2015 – approval of Action Plans of the National Strategy Health 2020 = the criteria of the ex-ante conditionality fulfilled**

### **2.1.2 The strategic framework for health policy includes measures to promote efficiency in the health care sector by introducing service and infrastructure delivery models.**

The issue of streamlining and different models of services and infrastructure is addressed legislatively, in particular in following generally applicable legal regulations:

- Act No. 372/2011 Coll., on health care services and conditions for their provision,
- Act No. 373/2011 Coll., on specific health services
- Act No. 374/2011 Coll., on emergency health care services,
- Act No. 48/1997 Coll., on public health insurance and amending and supplementing certain related acts.
- Decree No. 39/2011 Coll., on dispensary care,
- Decree No. 70/2012 Coll., on preventive examinations,
- Government Decree No. 307/2012 Coll., on local and time availability of health care services,

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<sup>3</sup> C&AU – Consultancy and Analyses Unit

- Decree No. 92/2012 Coll., on the requirements for minimum technical and material equipment of healthcare facilities and contact centres for home care.

In the area of psychiatric care, the issue of different models of health services is addressed in the document Psychiatric Care Reform Strategy.

In the field of health protection and promotion and primary prevention, the issue of access to services is addressed in Act no. 258/2000 Coll., on the protection of public health, and in the National Strategy Health 2020.

### 2.1.2.1 Next Steps

The National Strategy will address the issue of streamlining of care and the creation of different models of health services and infrastructure in the following thematic Action Plans<sup>4</sup>:

- Action Plan for the protection and promotion of health and disease prevention
  - sufficient physical activity of the population
  - good nutrition and eating habits
    - good nutrition and obesity prevention
    - Food safety
  - Stress management and mental health
    - to be implemented within the Psychiatric Care Reform Strategy
  - reducing health-risk behaviour
  - reduction of health risks from living and working environment;
  - management of infectious diseases
    - management of infectious diseases
    - Action Plan to promote vaccination
  - screening programmes
- Action Plans and inter-ministerial strategic documents in the area of tobacco control and limiting the damage caused by alcohol
- **Action Plan to improve the availability and quality of health care, incl. follow-up care and long-term care**
  - **Action Plan for post-acute care**
  - **Strategy of follow-up care,**
- **Action Plan for the quality and safety of health care services**
  - to be implemented within the Strategy for the Quality and Safety of Health Care Services
- Action plan for the computerisation of health care
  - to be implemented within the National Strategy for eHealth
- **Action Plan for life-long learning of health care workers**
  - **to be implemented within the Strategy for Innovation of Education of Health Care Professionals (medical and non-medical professions)**

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<sup>4</sup> Documents which will especially focus on the relevant issue are provided in bold.

- **undergraduate education**
- **postgraduate education**
- **lifelong learning**

It is not excluded that there will be other Action Plans under the National Strategy based on the results of further discussions.

Substantive objectives of Action Plans are contained in the logical frameworks, which are attached to this document.

### 2.1.2.2 Schedule of fulfilling the criteria of ex-ante conditionality / Action Plan preparation

- 8 January 2014 – Health 2020 – National Strategy for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention approved by the Government of the Czech Republic (OJ no. 23/2014) (*fulfilled*)
- 5 February 2014 – 1st meeting of the MWG H2020 (*fulfilled*)
- 2 and 24 April 2014 – training of coordinators of the individual themes of the National Strategy Health 2020 in collaboration with the Department of Advisors, Analyses and Strategy Development of the Ministry of Health (*fulfilled*)
- 11 June 2014 – the Draft Strategy of Follow-up Care approved by the management of the Ministry of Health (*fulfilled*)
- 20 June 2014 – Nomination of members of working groups on various themes of the National Strategy H2020 and the subsequent appointment (*fulfilled*)
- 25 June 2014 – 2nd meeting of the MWG H2020 (*fulfilled*)
- by 30 September 2014 – the first working draft of the structure of Action Plans of the National Strategy Health 2020 – completion of the documents at 20% (responsible person – MWG H2020 chairman) (*fulfilled - see Section 2.2*)
- by 30 September 2014 – finalization of the Strategy of Follow-up Care by adding a regional dimension (*fulfilled*)
- 2 December 2014 – the Strategy of Follow-up Care approved by the management of the Ministry of Health and published (*fulfilled*)
- 2 December 2014 – the third meeting of the MWG H2020 (*fulfilled*)
- 19 February 2015 – joint workshop of all experts from working groups for implementation of the National Strategy Health 2020
- By 15 March 2015 – the second working draft of the extended structure of Action Plans of the National Strategy Health 2020 including a proposal for the indicator system – document completion at 50% [responsible person – the Strategy sponsor (DM<sup>5</sup> and the Strategy coordinator (C&AU)<sup>6</sup>]
- 25 March 2015 – the fourth meeting of the MWG
- 20 May 2015 – the fifth meeting of the MWG
- by 31 May 2015 – approval of the Action Plans of the National Strategy Health 2020 in MWG H2020 – document completion at 90%

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<sup>6</sup> C&AU – Consultantcy and Analyses Unit

- by 30 June 2015 – submission of the Action Plans of the National Strategy Health 2020 at the meeting of the management of the Ministry of Health
- from 1 July 2015 to 31 July 2015 – public consultation on the Action Plans of the National Strategy Health 2020
- by 30 September 2015 – first Implementation Report of the National Strategy Health 2020 submitted to the Government and the Chamber of Deputies
- **by 31 December 2015 – approval of Action Plans = the criteria of the ex-ante conditionality fulfilled**

### 2.1.3 Strategic framework for health policy contains monitoring and evaluation system

In accordance with Government Resolution no. 1046/2002 and no. 936/2007, regular annual implementation reports on fulfilling Health 21 will continue to be submitted. Subsequently, within the meaning of the National Strategy, regular implementation reports will be submitted according to the new Government Resolution.

The original values of the monitoring indicators to evaluate the implementation of the National Strategy form the output of the "Report on the Evaluation of Achieving the Individual Objectives of the Document Health 21 from 2003 to 2012."

#### 2.1.3.1 Next Steps

Partial implementation documents – Action Plans – will include individual monitoring and evaluation systems, including a system of indicators.

#### 2.1.3.2 Schedule of fulfilling the criteria of ex-ante conditionality

The schedule for fulfilling this criterion is based on the implementation schedule of the previous criteria, i.e. the preparation of individual Action Plans:

- 8 January 2014 – Health 2020 – National Strategy for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention approved by the Government of the Czech Republic (OJ no. 23/2014) (*fulfilled*)
- 5 February 2014 – the first meeting of the MWG H2020 (*fulfilled*)
- 2 and 24 April 2014 – training of coordinators of the individual themes of the National Strategy Health 2020 in collaboration with the Department of Advisors, Analyses and Strategy Development of the Ministry of Health (*fulfilled*)
- 11 June 2014 – the Draft Strategy of Follow-up Care approved by the management of the Ministry of Health (*fulfilled*)
- 20 June 2014 – Nomination of members of working groups on various themes of the National Strategy H2020 and the subsequent appointment (*fulfilled*)
- 25 June 2014 – the second meeting of the MWG H2020 (*fulfilled*)
- by 30 September 2014 – the first working draft of the structure of Action Plans of the National Strategy Health 2020 (responsible person – MWG H2020 chairman) – completion of the documents at 20% (*fulfilled – see Section 2.2*)
- by 30 September 2014 – finalization of the Strategy of Follow-up Care by adding a regional dimension (*fulfilled*)
- 2 December 2014 – the Strategy of Follow-up Care approved by the management of the Ministry of Health and published (*fulfilled*)

- 2 December 2014 – the third meeting of the MWG H2020 (*fulfilled*)
- 19 February 2015 – joint workshop of all experts from working groups for implementation of the National Strategy Health 2020
- by 15 March 2015 – the second working draft of the extended structure of Action Plans of the National Strategy Health 2020 including a proposal for the indicator system – document completion at 50% [responsible person – the Strategy sponsor (DM<sup>7</sup> and the Strategy coordinator (C&AU)<sup>8</sup>]
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- by 30 September 2015 – first Implementation Report of the National Strategy Health 2020 submitted to the Government and the Chamber of Deputies
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#### **2.1.4 A Member State or region has adopted a framework outlining available budgetary resources on an indicative basis and a cost-effective concentration of resources for prioritised needs in the health care sector.**

The indicative framework of resources designated for healthcare is featured in the "Medium-term Outlook" for the national budget under Section 4 of Act No. 218/2000 Coll., on budgetary rules. This outlook is always prepared for a period of two years following the year for which the national budget is submitted. It therefore also contains an indicative proposal of the funds that will be designated to finance healthcare and health protection and promotion and disease prevention in the planned future national budgets, down to the level of the individual chapters and the programmes and projects that will be supported.

In its resolution no. 175 dated 20 March 2014, the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament, *inter alia*, urged the Government to take account of the fulfilment of the strategy across Ministries in the creation of the state budget.

The "Medium-term Expenditure Framework" is also prepared for the same time period in accordance with Section 8 of Act No. 218/2000 Coll., on budgetary rules, specifically for each year of the medium-term outlook.

The effectiveness of the spending of the funds designated (not only) for health is determined by Section 14 of Act No. 219/2000 Coll. on the Assets of the Czech Republic, which states:

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The budget and sources of funding are also included in the Psychiatric Care Reform Strategy and the National Strategy Health 2020.

#### 2.1.4.1 Next Steps

Each implementation document for Health 2020 will specify the requirements for financial and material provision for the necessary associated costs. Allocation of available relevant funds will be planned and determined in accordance with specific tasks.

#### 2.1.4.2 Schedule of fulfilling the criteria of ex-ante conditionality

The schedule for fulfilling this criterion is based on the implementation schedule of the previous criteria, i.e. the preparation of individual Action Plans:

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- 5 February 2014 – 1st meeting of the MWG H2020 (*fulfilled*)
- 2 and 24 April 2014 – training of coordinators of the individual themes of the National Strategy Health 2020 in collaboration with the Department of Advisors, Analyses and Strategy Development of the Ministry of Health (*fulfilled*)
- 11 June 2014 – the Draft Strategy of Follow-up Care approved by the management of the Ministry of Health (*fulfilled*)
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- by 30 September 2014 – finalization of the Strategy of Follow-up Care by adding a regional dimension (*fulfilled*)
- 2 December 2014 – the Strategy of Follow-up Care approved by the management of the Ministry of Health, and published (*fulfilled*)
- 2 December 2014 – the third meeting of the MWG H2020 (*fulfilled*)
- 19 February 2015 – joint workshop of all experts from working groups for implementation of the National Strategy Health 2020
- by 15 March 2015 – the second working draft of the structure of Action Plans of the National Strategy Health 2020 including a proposal for the indicator system – document completion at 50% [responsible person – the Strategy sponsor (DM<sup>9</sup> and the Strategy coordinator (C&AU)<sup>10</sup>]
- by 31 May 2015 – approval of the Action Plans of the National Strategy Health 2020 in MWG H2020 – document completion at 90%
- by 30 June 2015 – submission of the Action Plans of the National Strategy Health 2020 at the meeting of the management of the Ministry of Health

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<sup>10</sup> C&AU – Consultancy and Analyses Unit

- from 1 July to 31 July 2015 – public consultation on the Action Plans of the National Strategy Health 2020
- by 30 September 2015 – first Implementation Report of the National Strategy Health 2020 submitted to the Government and the Chamber of Deputies
- **by 31 December 2015 – approval of Action Plans = the criteria of the ex-ante conditionality fulfilled**

## **2.2 The state of preparation of individual implementation documents of the National Strategy Health 2020 as of 20 November 2014**

All working groups have been appointed and are working on the preparation of the implementation documents. Below is an overview of the degree of elaboration of individual Action Plans. The final form of the documents will be made available according to the schedule above. At this point, the documents are in working versions.

- Action Plan for the protection and promotion of health and disease prevention
  - sufficient physical activity of the population  
*Global objectives have been defined; definition of individual measures is now underway.*
  - good nutrition and eating habits (20% of the document finalized)
    - good nutrition and obesity prevention  
*Logical framework available – see Annex 1*
    - Food safety  
*The approved Strategy for Food Safety and Nutrition 2014–2020 is the underlying document, available at: [http://www.bezpecnostpotravin.cz/UserFiles/Benes/SBPV\\_14\\_2\\_0\\_web.pdf](http://www.bezpecnostpotravin.cz/UserFiles/Benes/SBPV_14_2_0_web.pdf)*
  - Stress management and mental health
    - to be implemented within the Psychiatric Care Reform Strategy (document finalised)  
*The strategic document is available on [www.reformapsychiatrie.cz](http://www.reformapsychiatrie.cz)*
  - reduction of health-risk behaviour  
*The objectives are defined, elaboration of the structure of the Action Plan is underway.*
  - reduction of health risks from living and working environment (20% of the document finalized)  
*Logical framework available – see Annex 2*
  - management of infectious diseases (20% of the document finalized)
    - management of infectious diseases  
*Logical framework available – see Annex 3*
    - Action Plan to promote vaccination

*Logical framework and SWOT analysis available – see Annexes 4 and 5*

- screening programmes (20% of the document finalized)

*Logical framework available – see Annex 6*

- Action Plan and inter-ministerial strategic documents in the area of tobacco control and limiting the damage caused by alcohol (20% of the document finalized)

*Preparation of the logical framework for tobacco control is underway.*

*Logical framework to limit the damage caused by alcohol available – see Annex 7*

- Action Plan to improve the availability and quality of health care, incl. follow-up care and long-term care

- Action plan for post-acute (follow-up, long-term and home) care from 2016 to 2026 (40% of the document finalized)

*Partial AP output available – see Annex 8*

- Strategy of Follow-up Care (Strategy is finalized in terms of content and approved by all stakeholders involved in its preparation). Strategy of Follow-up Care was approved by the management of the Ministry of Health on 2 December 2014) – see Annex 12.

- Action Plan for the quality and safety of health care services

- to be implemented within the Strategy for the Quality and Safety of Health Care Services (20% of the document finalized)

*Logical framework available – see Annex 9*

- Action plan for the implementation of electronic instruments of health care

- to be implemented within the National Strategy for eHealth (30% of the document finalized)

*Situation analysis (i.e. Input report according to the Methodology for the preparation of public strategies) available – see Annex 10*

- Action Plan for the education of health care workers

- to be implemented within the Strategy for Innovation of Education of Health Care Professionals (medical and non-medical professions)

- undergraduate education
- postgraduate (specialization) education
- lifelong learning

*Draft logical framework is in the preparation phase.*

### 3 Final summary

The ex-ante conditionality 9.3 provided in the General Regulation, which requires the existence of a national or regional strategic framework for health policy is not currently completely fulfilled in the Czech Republic as the partial implementation documents (Action Plans) that largely form the substantive content of the National Strategy Health 2020 have not yet been approved.

The content of the implementation documents (Action Plans) will at the same time complement the requirements for partial criteria and sub-criteria of the ex-ante conditionality 9.3.

The Ministry of Health, which is responsible for this ex-ante conditionality, has prepared a schedule for implementing the ex-ante conditionality, which consists of the following steps:

- 8 January 2014 – Health 2020 – National Strategy for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention approved by the Government of the Czech Republic (OJ no. 23/2014) (*fulfilled*)
- 5 February 2014 – 1st meeting of the MWG H2020 (*fulfilled*)
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- by 30 November 2014 – the Strategy of Follow-up Care approved by the management of the Ministry of Health, and published
- 2 December 2014 – the third meeting of the MWG H2020 (*fulfilled*)
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<sup>12</sup> C&AU – Consultancy and Analyses Unit

- by 31 December 2015 – approval of Action Plans = the criteria of the ex-ante conditionality fulfilled

### **3.1 Prerequisites for the successful fulfilment of the ex-ante conditionality**

The basic prerequisite for the successful fulfilment of the ex-ante conditionality is the long term functioning of the ministerial working group to promote and protect public health and prevent diseases and implement Health 2020 in the Czech Republic.

The activity of the MWG H2020 falls under the responsibility of the Deputy Minister for Protecting and Promoting Public Health and Chief Hygienist of the Czech Republic.

Coordinators have been appointed for individual Action Plans; the coordinators will guarantee the preparation of these implementation documents and by 30 June 2014 working groups to prepare the individual Action Plans will be established. All relevant divisions of the Ministry of Health will be involved in the preparation of Action Plans and fulfilling the ex-ante conditionality with full responsibility.

## **4 Appendices<sup>13</sup>**

1. Good nutrition and obesity prevention – logical framework
2. Living and working environment – logical framework
3. Management of infectious diseases – logical framework
4. Action Plan to promote vaccination – logical framework
5. Action Plan to promote vaccination – SWOT analysis
6. Screening – logical framework
7. Limiting the damage caused by alcohol – logical framework
8. Action Plan Follow-up and long-term care - strategy
9. Quality and safety of health services – logical framework
10. National Strategy for eHealth – input report
11. List of working groups and their members
12. Strategy of Follow-up Care

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<sup>13</sup> Appendices available separately