

POLAND

Decision-Making

Decision-making Stakeholders: The Ministry of Health, the National Institute of Public Health, and the Main Sanitary Inspectorate are primary decision-makers in Poland's NIP. There is a NITAG, but it has limited power.

Funding of NIP Innovation: Poland shows low acceptance of innovative vaccine delivery methods, with a conservative approach to new vaccine technologies, e.g., Poland is the only country in Europe that has not combined 6-in-1 or 5-in-1 vaccines in the NIP. The NITAG is not supportive of this type of innovation.

Ministry of Finance Involvement: The Ministry of Finance is involved in the financial planning and approval of vaccine budgets

Financing

Primary Funding Sources: National Health Fund, Municipal Health Program and the President's Medical Fund

Ringfencing: Yes. However, since the expenditures are not reliably planned, the funds are insufficient, leading to annual negotiations with the Ministry of Finance.

Critical Financing Challenges: Strategic planning and budgeting are competing financial constraints, often leading to tough negotiations on vaccine prices.

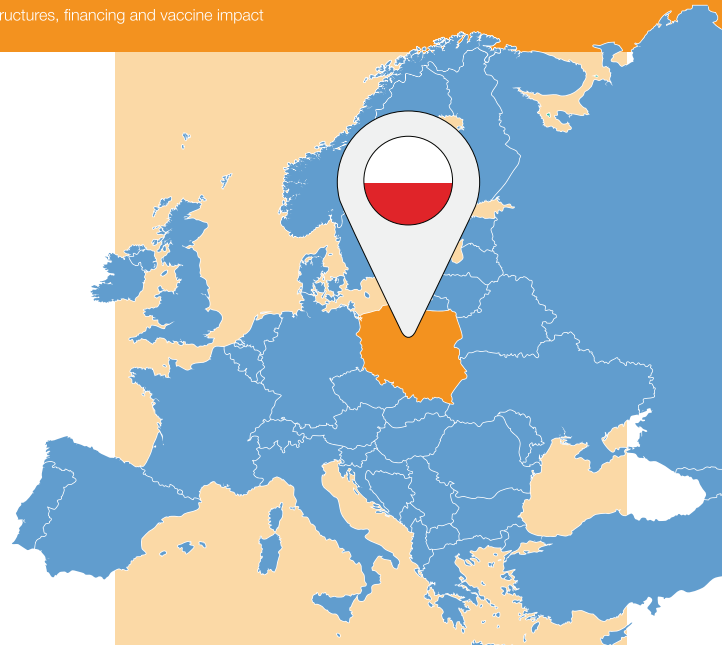
	Yes	No
Ministry of Finance Involvement	✓	
Ringfencing	✓	
Financial Mechanisms for Sustainability		✓
External Funding Sources		✓
Influence of Public-Private Partnerships		✓

Landscape

History: Before 2018, only mandatory vaccinations were reimbursed. Since 2018, recommended vaccines have been reimbursed by the National Health Fund, expanding the availability of vaccines beyond obligatory schedules. Vaccines can also be paid from the Municipal Health Programs and, since 2023, from the Medical Fund (a particular budget for medicines & prevention established by the President of Poland).

Most Funded Campaign: The HPV vaccination campaign was the most financially significant but struggled with low uptake due to poor organisation and public education.

Future: The recent change in government brings some hope for improvement, but the overall strategy for vaccine financing remains uncertain.



Centralised Health System



6.7%

of GDP spent on healthcare



2.1%

of healthcare budget is spent on prevention



10%

Over-65 influenza vaccination coverage (2022)

Adult vaccination (18+) recommendation against 11 diseases:

COVID-19*
Diphtheria**
Tetanus**
Pertussis*
Meningococcal disease
Influenza
Pneumococcal disease
Measles*
Mumps*
Rubella*
Varicella*

*8/11 are government funded

** Indicates mandatory vaccination

