The European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

presenting our activities, exploring collaboration

Brussels, March 2016
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- Exploring scope for future collaboration
Who we are
Our Partners and Hubs

International Agencies
- WHO Europe (host)
- European Commission
- World Bank

National Authorities (incl. decentralised)
- Austria
- Belgium
- Finland
- Ireland
- Norway
- Slovenia
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- Veneto Region of Italy
- French Union of Health Insurance Funds

Academia
- London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)
- Technical University of Berlin (TUB) (*)

The European Observatory is a *three-way partnership* building bridges both across borders and between policy makers and researchers.
Our governance model

- Governance manual
- Development plan
- Annual work plan

Steering Committee

Management team

OBS staff expert network

HiTs

Rapid Responses

Working with EU Presidencies

Collaborations

Research projects

Studies

Policy Briefs

Policy dialogues

Windfall studies

Partnership, host, hubs agreements
A public good

- Publishing evidence on an open access basis
- Working directly with policy makers
- Neutral platform for sharing knowledge and experience
What we do
Knowledge broker

Comparative analysis of existing evidence

Bridge

Between policymakers and researchers

Developing practical lessons and options in health policy-making

Core Mission: to support and promote evidence-based health policy-making
4 strands of work

Country monitoring
- Health Systems in Transition (HiT) series
- Health systems Policy Monitor (HSPM)

Policy analysis
- Studies (OSS, OUP, CUP)
- Policy briefs
- Eurohealth
- Health Policy
- BMJ etc.

Performance assessment
- Methodology
- Health Systems Performance Assessment (HSPA)

Dissemination
- Publishing
- Web
- Twitter
- e-newsletter
- Policy dialogues
- Summer School
How we work
Knowledge Broker

The European Observatory is a high-quality knowledge broker based on following principles:

**Translate**
Reorganise the evidence in a way that appeals to policy makers and in a language they understand

**Tailored**
To the specific needs of policy makers

**Trust**
High-quality evidence and a neutral stance recognising the real context and pressures of health systems

**Timely**
Response to policy maker’s needs and requests
Providing evidence to EU Presidencies

Belgium 2010
Addressing financial sustainability in health systems

Hungary 2011

Health Professional Mobility and Health Systems
Evidence from 17 European countries

Czech Republic 2009

Finland 2006
Slovenia 2008

Belgium 2010

Policy summary 2
Assessing future health workforce needs

Giles Dussault, James Buchan, Walter Sermeus, Zilvins Padasys
Policy dialogues

- Demand-driven
- Neutral (non-prescriptive)
- Informal (Chatham House rules)
- Focused – tailored - targeted
- Implementation-oriented
- Shared ownership
OBS policy dialogues (2010-2015 selection)

- Increasing **choice** of primary health care providers (Finland 2010)
- Reforming **health insurance** (Bulgaria 2010)
- Investing in Europe’s health **workforce** of tomorrow (EU Brussels 2010)
- **Public/Private Partnerships** in health care (Bosnia-Herzegovina 2010)
- Alternative **payment systems** for primary health care (France 2010)
- Health professional **mobility** in the EU (Hungary 2011)
- Changing the **hospital payment** system (Bulgaria 2011)
- Pay-for-performance - **P4P** (Norway 2011)
- Rethinking the role of national governments in **decentralised health systems** (Sweden 2012)
- Rethinking the role and **governance of hospitals** (Croatia 2012)
- Moving toward **universal health coverage** (Moldova 2012)

- Introducing **health technology assessment** (Turkey 2012)
- **Pharmaceutical pricing** and reimbursement (Slovak Rep. 2013)
- **Primary care** reform (Austria 2013)
- Improving health care for people with **chronic and long-term conditions**: (Sweden 2014)
- Reducing **Avoidable Mortality** in England (England 2014)
- **Regulating and financing health services** (Israel 2014)
- Stimulating **multi-professional delivery** and coordination in primary care (France 2015)
- Developing a **commissioning** model for Ireland’s health and social services (Ireland 2015)
- Reducing **waiting times** and managing waiting lists: exploring options and implementation strategies (Italy 2015)

- Health financing and purchasing services (Tallinn 2004);
- **Human resources** (Vilnius 2005);
- Provider networks and integrated care (Riga 2006);
- **Governance** of hospitals and health financing agencies to enhance health system performance (Pärnu 2007);
- Policy options and governance issues in the field of **public health** (Vilnius 2008);
- Health system responses to the global **economic crisis**: exploring health policy options and strategies (Riga 2009);
- Ensuring access to medicines: harnessing health policies in face of the crisis (Tallinn 2010)
- Implementing integrated public health strategies to improve health and reduce health inequities (Vilnius 2010);

- Reforming the **hospital sector**: exploring new ways of payment and governance (Riga 2012).
- **Free movement** in health care: a sub-regional approach to cross-border care and health professional mobility (Tallinn 2013)
- Investing in integrated care (Vilnius 2014)
- Investing in national **pharmaceutical policies** to manage introduction and use of medicines (Riga 2015)
Observatory Venice Summer School 2007-2016

- Human Resources for Health (2007)
- Hospital Re-engineering (2008)
- Innovation and HTA (2009)
- Impact of EU law (2010)
- Ageing and health systems’ responses (2011)
- Health systems performance (2012)
- Innovation in public health (2013)
- Pharmaceutical policy (2014)
- Integrated care (2015)
- Primary care (2016)
Primary care: innovating for integrated, more effective care
24-30 July 2016

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How to follow us
European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

The European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies supports and promotes evidence-based health policy-making through comprehensive and rigorous analysis of the dynamics of health care systems in Europe.

Read more
New book: *Strengthening Health System Governance: Better policies, stronger performance*

Governance is the systematic, patterned way in which decisions are made and implemented. The governance of a health system therefore shapes its ability to respond to the various well documented challenges that health systems face today, and its capacity to cope with both everyday challenges and new policies and problems.

This book provides a robust framework that identifies five key aspects of governance, distilled from a large body of literature, that are important in explaining the ability of health systems to provide accessible, high-quality, sustainable services.
Twitter - @OBSHealth
A taste of recent and future work
Exploring scope for future collaboration

Country monitoring & assessment
Health systems in Transition (HiT) health system reviews

- Covering the whole European region + selection of OECD countries
- Based on a common template
- Written by country experts and supported by OBS editorial team
- Performance assessment section
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• An international network of prestigious national institutions
• Monitoring online health reforms and policy developments at national level
• Comparing key aspects of health systems
- Performance Measurement for Health System Improvement: Experiences, Challenges and Prospects (2009)
- Nordic health care systems. Recent reforms and current policy challenges (2009)
- Health system performance comparison. An agenda for policy, information and research (2013)
- Trends in health systems in the former Soviet countries (2014)
A taste of recent and future work
Exploring scope for future collaboration

Governance & EU
• Regulating entrepreneurial behaviour in European health care systems (2002)
• **Decentralization** in health care. Strategies and outcomes (2007)
• **Governing public hospitals.** Reform strategies and the movement towards institutional autonomy (2011)
• How can health systems respond to population ageing? (2009)
• Health systems, health, wealth and societal well-being. Assessing the case for investing in health systems (2012)
• The **changing national role in health system governance.** A case-based study of 11 European countries and Australia (2013)
• **Strengthening health system governance : better policies, stronger performance** (2015)
• Health Systems Governance in Europe: The Role of EU Law and Policy (2010)
• Cross-border health care in the European Union. Mapping and analysing practices and policies (2011)
• Building European reference networks in health care. Exploring concepts and national practices in the European Union
• Hospitals and borders. Seven case studies on cross-border collaboration and health system interactions (2013)
• Everything you always wanted to know about European Union health policies but were afraid to ask (2014)
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Health Workforce
• BEL EU Presidency briefs (2010) on
  - attractive and supportive working environment for health professionals;
  - adapting physicians’ skills to new needs and lifelong learning;
  - assessing future health workforce needs;
  - using audit and feedback to improve quality and safety of health care

• Health professional mobility and health systems. Evidence from 17 European countries (2011)

• Addressing needs in the public health workforce in Europe (2014)

• Health professional mobility in a changing Europe. New dynamics, mobile individuals and diverse responses (2014)

• How can countries address the efficiency and equity implications of health professional mobility in Europe? (2015)
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Public health & HiAP
• Making decisions on public health: a review of eight countries (2004)
• Screening in disease prevention: what works? (2005)
• Health systems and the challenge of communicable diseases in Europe and Latin America (2008)
• Promoting health, preventing disease: is there an economic case? (2013)
• **Successes and failures** of health policy in Europe. Four decades of divergent trends and converging challenges (2013)
• Facets of public health in Europe (2013)
• Strengthening **child health** and health services (2014)
• What do we know about the strengths and weakness of different policy mechanisms to influence health behaviour in the population? (2014)
• **Promoting Health, Preventing Disease: The economic case** (2015)
- The effectiveness of health impact assessment (2007)
- **Health targets** in Europe. Learning from experience (2008)
- Intersectoral governance for Health in All Policies. Structures, actions and experiences (2012)
- Health in All Policies - Seizing opportunities, implementing policies (2013)
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Healthcare delivery
• Health care outside hospital. Accessing generalist and specialist care in 8 countries (2006)
• Primary care in the driver's seat? (2006)
• Caring for people with chronic conditions. A health system perspective (2008)
• Tackling chronic disease in Europe: strategies, interventions and challenges (2010)
• How can telehealth help in the provision of integrated care? (2010)
• What is the evidence on the economic impacts of integrated care? (2014)
• Assessing chronic disease management in European health systems: concepts and approaches + country experiences (2014 - 2015)
• Building primary care in a changing Europe (2015)
• Regulating pharmaceuticals in Europe: striving for efficiency, equity and quality (2004)
• Health technology assessment and health policy-making in Europe. Current status, challenges and potential (2008)
• Policies and incentives for promoting innovation in antibiotic research (2010)
• Clinical guidelines for chronic conditions in the European Union (2013)
• Boosting innovation and cooperation in European cancer control (2014)
• Regulating long-term care quality: an international comparison (2014)
• Ensuring innovation in diagnostics for bacterial infection: implications for policy
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Healthcare financing
- Social health insurance systems in western Europe (2004)
- Purchasing to improve health systems performance (2005)
- Capital investment for health. Case studies from Europe (2009)
- Investing in hospitals of the future (2009)
- Diagnosis-related groups in Europe (2011)
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• Health: a vital investment for economic development in eastern Europe and central Asia (2007)
• How can European states design efficient, equitable and sustainable funding systems for long-term care for older people? (2009)
• Addressing financial sustainability in health systems (2009)
• Health policy responses to the financial crisis in Europe (2012)
• Economic crisis, health systems and health in Europe: impact and implications for policy (2014)
• Health system responses to financial pressures in Ireland (2014)
• Economic crisis, health systems and health in Europe: country experiences (2015)
HEALTH & FINANCIAL CRISIS MONITOR

This web monitor is an evidence resource engine dedicated to monitoring the effects of the financial crisis on health and health systems in Europe.

The HFCM platform features the following services:

- a web platform with regular updates
- the impact of the financial crisis on health and health systems in Europe
- database with scientific data and publications

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