

The European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

presenting our activities, exploring collaboration



Brussels, March 2016

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Who we are





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Belgium

Finland

Ireland

Norway

Slovenia

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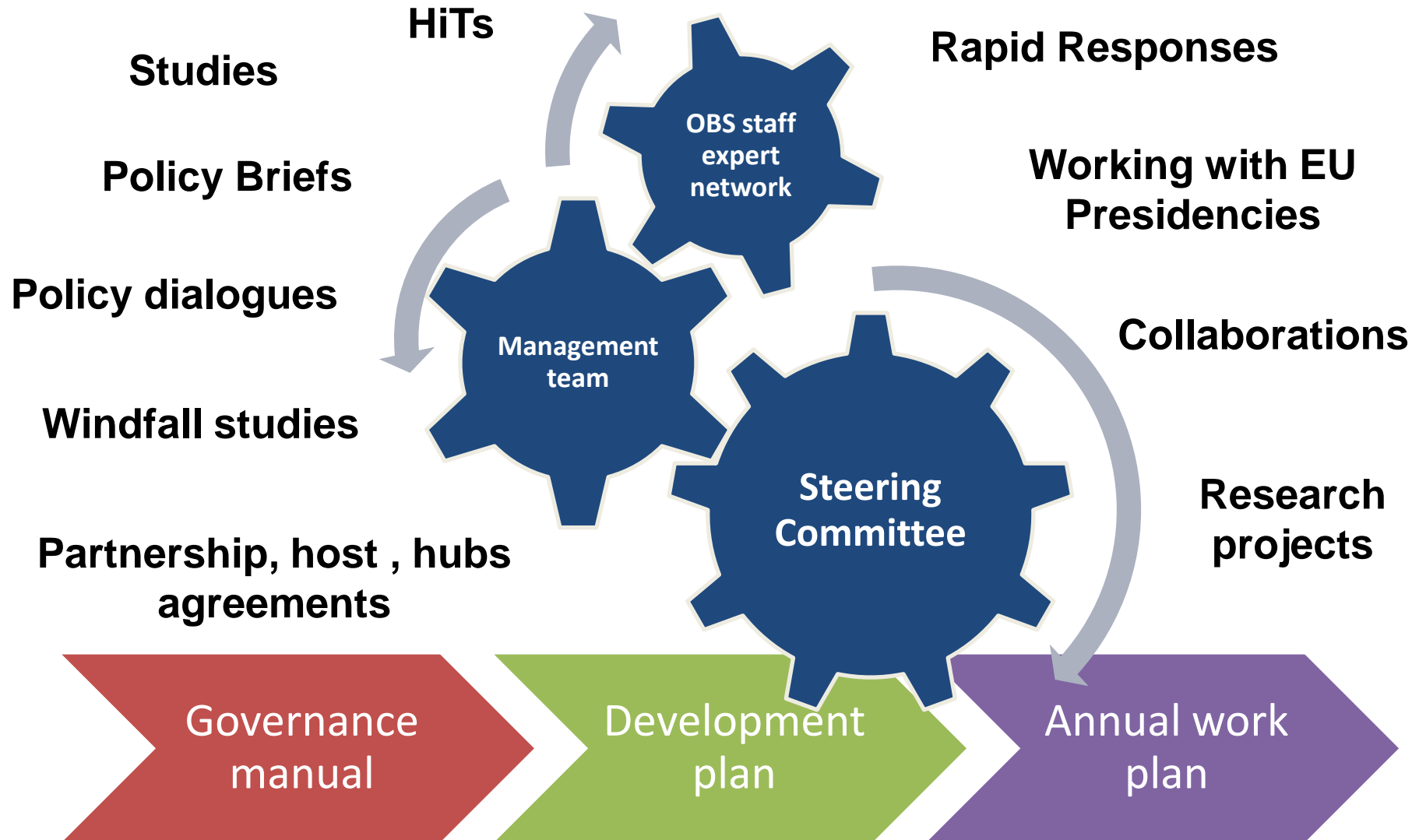
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Berlin (TUB) (*)

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



Our governance model





A public good



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

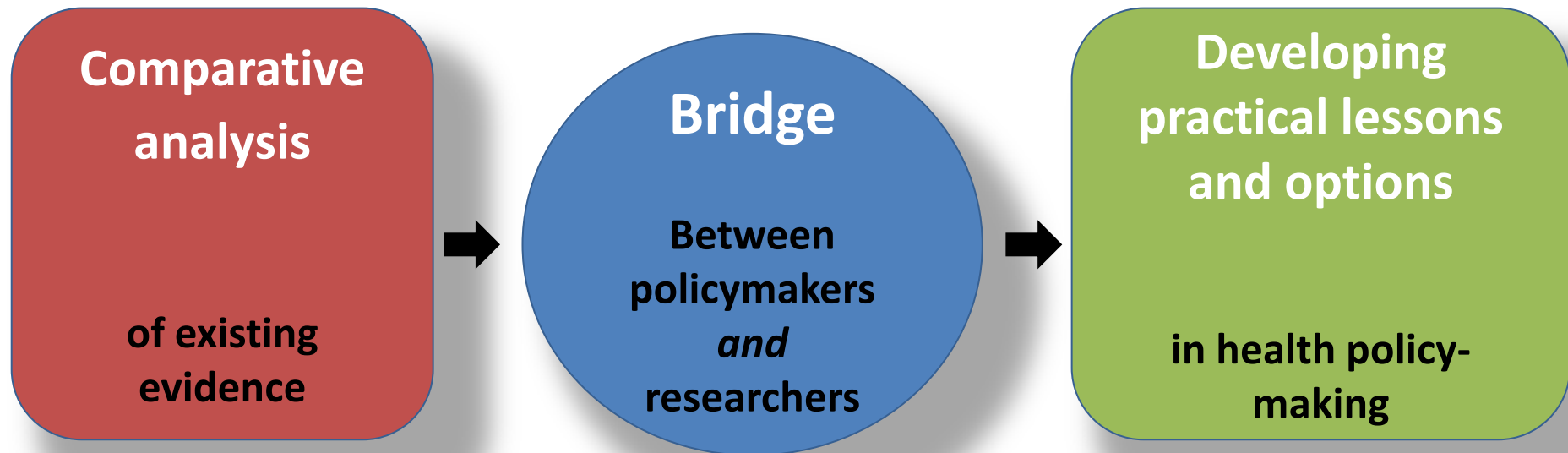


What we do





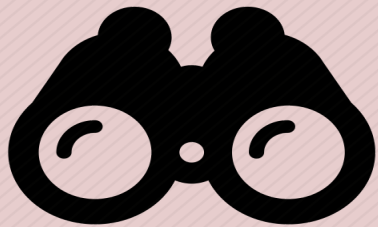
Knowledge broker



**Core Mission: to support and promote
evidence-based health policy-making**
informed



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.



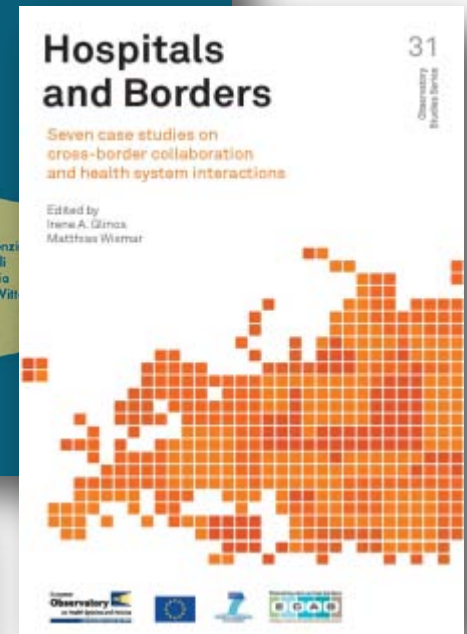
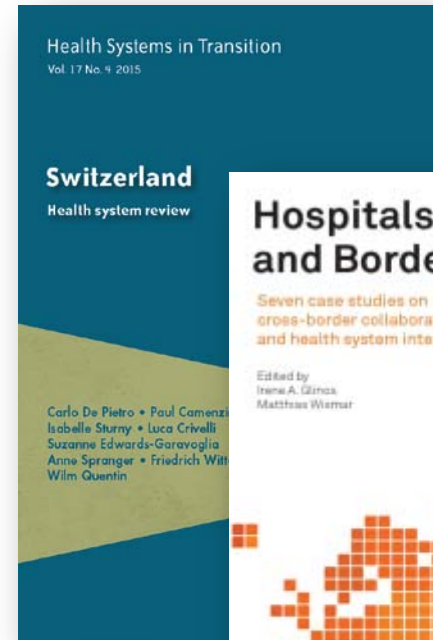
Performance assessment

- 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





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)



Baltic policy dialogue series (2004-2015)

- 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)**



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Improving the use of antibiotics
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United Kingdom: steady progress but renewed investment needed to advance outcomes
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EUPHA Conference
17-02-2016

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Web platform providing up-to-date information about ongoing health system reforms and changes

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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





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> Electing health: the Europe we want

- Health and Europe
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- Strengthening EU health system
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> Health system developments in former Soviet countries

- Primary
- Challenging inpatient
- Access to
- Perform
- Challenging in Uzbekistan

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> Migrants and Health

- Infectious disease burden
- Access to health care
- Undocumented migrants
- Hepatitis screening

- Health workforce
- EU Health inequality
- Public hospitals
- Affordability of the Netherlands
- Available medicines



A taste of recent and future work Exploring scope for future collaboration





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

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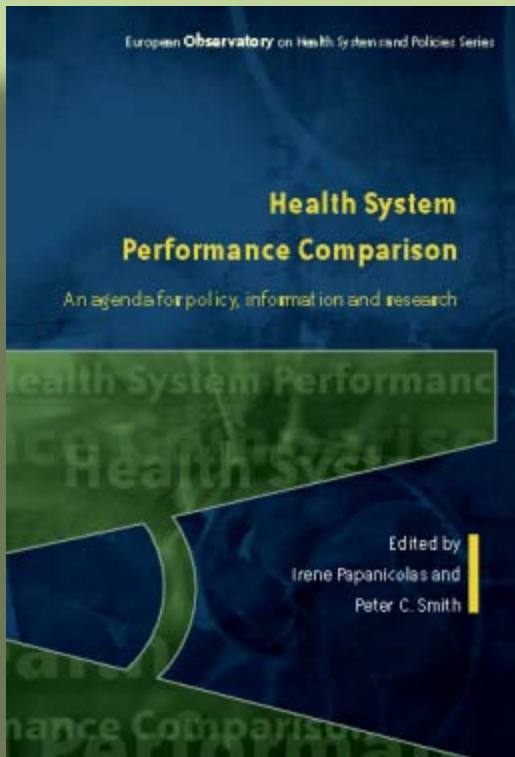
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- Health in the European Union. Trends and analysis (2009)
- Performance Measurement for Health System Improvement: Experiences, Challenges and Prospects (2009)
- Nordic health care systems. Recent reforms and current policy challenges (2009)
- **Health system performance comparison. An agenda for policy, information and research (2013)**
- Trends in health systems in the former Soviet countries (2014)

MONITORING & ASSESSMENT

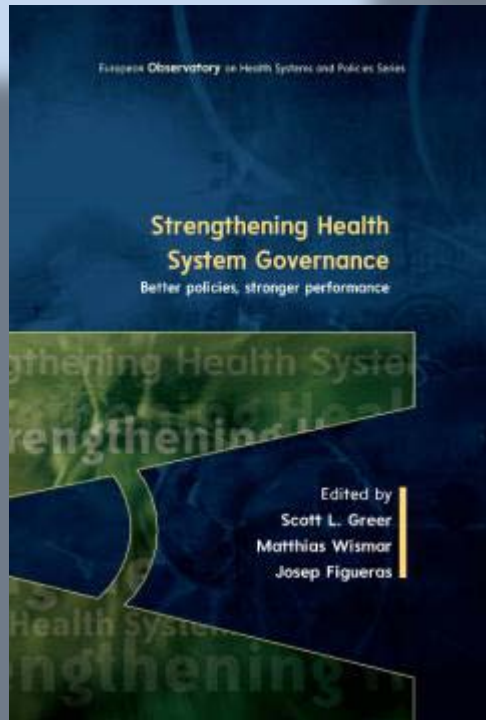




A taste of recent and future work Exploring scope for future collaboration



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)**

GOVERNANCE





- Patient mobility in the European Union. Learning from experience (2006)
- 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)**

EU INTEGRATION





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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)**

HEALTH WORKFORCE





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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)**

PUBLIC HEALTH





- Health in All Policies. Prospects and potentials (2006)
- 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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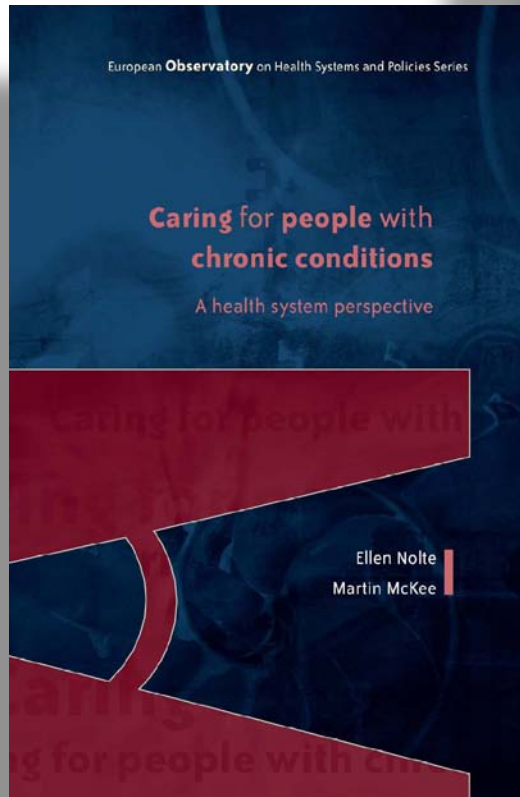




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Healthcare delivery



- 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)
- Home care across Europe. Current structure and future challenges (2012)
- 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)

HEALTHCARE DELIVERY





- Regulating pharmaceuticals in Europe: striving for efficiency, equity and quality (2004)
- Ensuring value for money in health care: the role of **health technology assessment** in the European Union (2008)
- 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**

INNOVATION & QUALITY

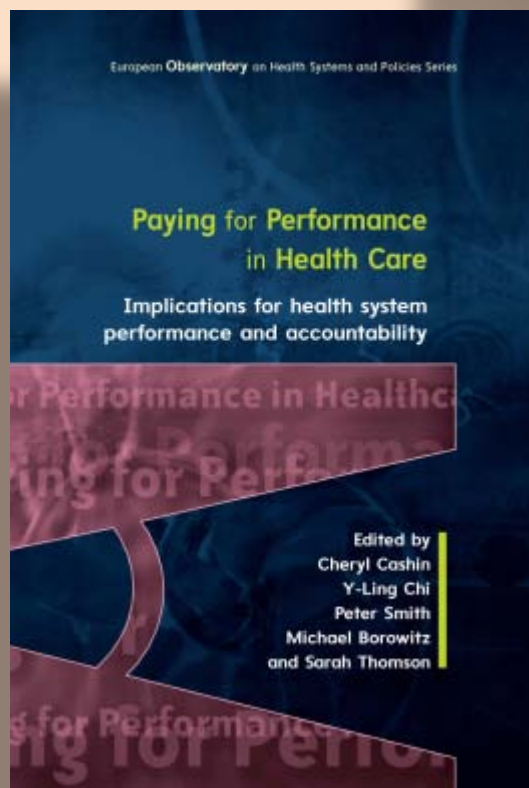




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Healthcare financing



- **Social health insurance** systems in western Europe (2004)
- **Purchasing** to improve health systems performance (2005)
- Capacity planning in health care. A review of the international experience (2008)
- Financing health care in the European Union (2009)
- Capital investment for health. Case studies from Europe (2009)
- Investing in **hospitals of the future** (2009)
- Implementing health financing reform. Lessons from countries in transition (2010)
- **Diagnosis-related groups** in Europe (2011)
- **Paying for performance in health care. Implications for health system performance and accountability** (2014)

FINANCING





- 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)
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FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY



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