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Towards modern, responsive and sustainable health systems: the Council reflection process and the “*Health for Growth 2014-2020*” Commission’s programme

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EU Health Policy

Major challenges call for an EU approach

- Ageing population
- Financial sustainability of health systems
- Health workforce shortages
- Control and prevention of chronic diseases
- Increasing inequalities in health throughout Europe
- Global and cross-border threats
- Rapid development of health technologies



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- **Towards modern, responsive and sustainable health systems**
 - *Adoption of Council conclusions at EPSCO Council, 06/06/2011*
- 1. **Common challenges:** *ageing population, changing population needs, increasing patient expectations, rapid technology diffusion and growing costs of health care global economic and financial crisis;*
- 2. **Responsible innovation,** *including social and organisational innovation, to balance future demands;*
- 3. *health sector should play an adequate role in the implementation of the **Europe 2020 Strategy**;*
- 4. **effectiveness of investments** *in the health systems of the future;*
- 5. **sharing evidence on health systems' modernisation** *and of new health care approaches*



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➤ **Mandate of the Working Party on Public Health at Senior Level**

Among others, the Working Party will:

1. be a forum for discussing major common strategic issues in health;
2. identify priorities, objectives and actions for EU health action and how to implement them;
3. assess the integration of health concerns in their policies.



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- **Reflection process under the auspices of the Working Party on Public Health at Senior Level**
 1. ***Leading role of Ministers of Health*** in developing and pursuing effective, health policy-driven approaches and ensure future long-term health sector strategies (investment and human resource strategies);
 2. ***health adequately ensured in the National Reform Programmes for Europe 2020 Strategy;***
 3. ***aim of moving away from hospital-centred systems towards integrated care systems;***
 4. ***Health in All Policies approach;***
 5. ***foster health technology assessments and ensure smarter use of e-health solutions;***
 6. ***make smarter use of EU financial programmes, including inter alia Structural Funds***

- **Reflection process: member States and Commission should identify effective ways of investing in health, so as to pursue modern, responsive and sustainable health systems.**

Objectives:

- ✓ *enhancing the **adequate representation of health** in the framework of the Europe 2020 Strategy and in the process of the European Semester;*
- ✓ *sharing and analysing experiences, best practices, to build up success factors for the **effective use of Structural Funds** for health investments;*
- ✓ *sharing experiences, best practices and expertise and designing health sector investments effectively and efficiently;*
- ✓ *cooperating on **measuring and monitoring** the effectiveness of health investments;*
- ✓ *taking into account **programmes**, data, knowledge, evidence and expertise existing within **intergovernmental organisations**.*



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- Reflection process: composition of the 5 working subgroups

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| <p>Subgroup 1 (Europe 2020 Strategy)</p> | <p><i>Coordinator: European Commission</i> <i>Members: Belgium, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Lithuania, Slovenia</i></p> |
| <p>Subgroup 2 (effective use of Struct. Funds)</p> | <p><i>Coordinator: Hungary</i> <i>Members: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, European Commission, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia</i></p> |
| <p>Subgroup 3 (cost-effective use of medicines)</p> | <p><i>Coordinator: The Netherlands</i> <i>Members: Belgium, European Commission, Cyprus, Greece, Poland, Spain</i></p> |



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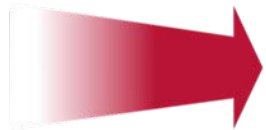
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| <p>Subgroup 4 (Integrated care models and better hospital management)</p> | <p><i>Coordinator: Poland</i> <i>Members: Belgium, European Commission, Denmark, Finland, France Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Malta, Spain, Slovenia</i></p> |
| <p>Subgroup 5 (Measuring and monitoring the effectiveness of health investments)</p> | <p><i>Coordinator: Sweden</i> <i>Members: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, European Commission, Denmark, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain United Kingdom</i></p> |

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- **Multi-annual work programme 2011-2014 of the Working party on Public Health at Senior level: further areas of interest**



previous discussions can also be seen as somewhat **fragmented and lacking** a coherent approach;

A standing list of items on the agenda will include items from any of the following:

- *The **monitoring** of the EU Public Health Strategy;*
- *The **EU Role in Global Health** including international Health Fora (WHO, UN, OECD)*
- ***Chronic diseases** in public health and healthcare systems*

E.g. Role of the Council in highlighting actions, crucial in the area of chronic disease:

1. *to facilitate healthy choices in life for all citizens;*
2. *to establish health promotion communication messages and interventions for all chronic diseases;*
3. *to integrate health into education programmes;*
4. *to further develop quantitative analysis of the cost effectiveness and health gains of health promotion and prevention;*
5. *to explore, based on scientific evidence, the scope for early detection of relevant risk factors for chronic diseases;*
6. *to strengthen prevention by applying the principles of health in all policies;*



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Mid-Term Evaluation of the EU Health Strategy 2008-2013: coordination mechanisms supporting health strategy:

1. EU Health Policy Forum (EUHPF),
2. **Working Party on Public Health at Senior Level (SLWP)**

Outputs: **lacking of continuity in its activities** and ensuring the follow-up of its recommendations;

contribution to health policy developments and awareness at MS level **to a very limited extent only**;

participation of **high-level officials** has waned over time.



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Mid-Term Evaluation of the EU Health Strategy 2008-2013: evaluation of the policy impact by focusing on two main areas:

- the impact on EU policies, activities and funding programmes in areas other than public health; (***particularly relevant*** to the work of DG INFSO and DG RTD. Limited in social, cohesion, development and research policy areas)
- the impact on the health policies of MS (***key national priorities reflected in health policy***, significant influence exerted only on ***nearly half of all MS*** Only ***seven MS*** have adopted new national health strategies, and ***four MS*** have revised their pre-existing national health strategies.



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Health and Growth Programme, the third multi-annual programme of EU action in the field of health for the period 2014-2020 : setting of the proposal

- strengthens and emphasises the ***links between economic growth and a healthy population***;
- promotes actions with clear ***EU added value***, in line with the Europe 2020 objectives;
- highlights the need to ***improve the cost-effectiveness*** of health systems;
- contributes to improve the ***quality, efficiency and sustainability of health systems*** by innovation, human capital and the exchange of good practices ;



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General objectives of the Health for Growth Programme: improve the health of EU citizens and reduce health inequalities by promoting health, encourage innovation in healthcare and increase the sustainability of health systems

Specific objectives:

- 1. to contribute to innovative and sustainable health systems;***
- 2. to increase access to better and safer healthcare for EU citizens;***
- 3. to prevent diseases and promote good health;***
- 4. to protect citizens from cross-border health threats.***

Contribute to innovative and sustainable health systems

- *innovation in how healthcare is organised (greater shift towards community care and integrated care)*
- *cooperation on health technology assessment for sustainable innovation in health products and services.*
- *e-Health and ICT for Health, including a dedicated e-Health network (e.g. cooperation among electronic patient registries, as part of the implementation of the Directive on patients' rights in cross border healthcare)*
- *actions will address shortages in the health workforce;*
- *measures setting high standards of safety, quality and efficacy for devices for medical use*
- *support, under its different objectives, to specific actions under the EU Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing in its three themes: innovation in awareness, prevention and early diagnosis; innovation in cure and care and innovation for active ageing and independent living.*



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Access to better and safer healthcare for EU citizens

- *networking of specialised European centres of reference accessible to all citizens across the EU where national capacity is scarce.*
- *actions under this objective will also support measures setting high standards of safety, quality and efficacy of blood, organs, tissues and cells, of pharmaceutical products and patients' rights in cross border health care*



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Prevention of diseases and promotion of good health;

- ***Prevention of chronic diseases as result of smoking, harmful alcohol consumption, poor diet and insufficient physical activity.***
- ***Best practice in health promotion and cost-effective prevention targeting key health determinants namely smoking, abuse of alcohol and obesity, as well as HIV/AIDS, with a focus on cross border issues.***
- ***Prevention of chronic diseases, e.g. fostering guidelines on quality cancer screening.***

Protection of citizens from cross-border health threats.

- ***cross-border threats to health, such as pandemic influenza or SARS;***
- ***co-ordination of a response to such health emergencies;***
- ***measures designed to protect and improve human health against communicable diseases, major cross-border health scourges, measures concerning monitoring, early warning of and combating serious cross-border threats;***

Council amendments to the specific objectives and indicators of the “Health and Growth Programme” : (1)

- (13) To identify, disseminate and promote the up-take of ~~validated best~~ **good** practices for cost-effective prevention measures **and to foster supportive environments for healthy lifestyles** by addressing the key **health determinants** ~~risk factors~~, **especially** ~~namely~~ **use of tobacco** ~~smoking~~, **harmful use** ~~abuse~~ of alcohol, **unhealthy eating habits and physical inactivity** ~~and obesity~~, as well as HIV/AIDS, with a focus on the **cross-border** dimension, in order to prevent diseases and promote good health



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Council amendments to the specific objectives and indicators of the “Health and Growth Programme” : (2)

- (24) To ***identify and*** develop common approaches and ***promote their implementation*** ~~demonstrate their value~~ for better preparedness and coordination in health emergencies in order to protect citizens from cross-border health threats.



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Council amendments to the specific objectives and indicators of the “Health and Growth Programme” : (3)

- (31) To ***identify and*** develop ~~common~~ tools and mechanisms at ~~EU~~-***Union*** level to address shortages of resources, both human and financial, and to facilitate ***the voluntary*** up-take of innovation in healthcare ***and in public health as well as to support public health capacity building*** in order to contribute to innovative, ***efficient*** and sustainable health systems.



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Council amendments to the specific objectives and indicators of the “Health and Growth Programme” : (4)

- (42) To increase access to medical expertise and information for specific conditions also beyond national borders, and to develop ~~shared~~ solutions and */or* guidelines ***for the to improvement of*** healthcare quality and patient safety in order to ***facilitate increase*** access to better and safer healthcare for ~~EU~~***Union*** citizens.

Conclusions

- *Simplification*
- *Effectiveness*
- *Increased performance of the programme*