



# Update from DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

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# Outline

- 1. Update on the Joint Assessment Framework on Health*
- 2. European Semester*
- 3. Peer Review on Health System Performance Assessment (HSPA)*
- 4. Joint project with OECD on health system efficiency and health system performance assessment*

# SPC/ISG: Joint Assessment Framework on Health (pilot phase in 2014)

## Overall Health Outcomes

*How healthy are citizens of MS and what are their health outcomes?*

### Determinants of the health care performance

*Do all people in need of health care get access to quality health care?*

Efficiency

Access

Quality

Resources

### Non-health care determinants

*What is the general profile in terms of non-healthcare factors?*

Health behaviours  
Lifestyle

External factors not related to lifestyle

Equity

### Context information

*Demographics, Poverty and social exclusion, GDP per capita, Educational status, Spending on Health*

# Review of Joint Assessment Framework on Health

- *Use of the framework during the European Semester:*
  - Geo desks
  - SPC members
- *Presentations in various fora (eg. EGHI, Eurostat)*
- *Taking note of data collection developments*
- *Expert meeting (20<sup>th</sup> June)*
  - Review of the framework
  - Validity of the current set of indicators
  - Possible new indicators
  - Priority for future data collection
- *Review by the ISG (October 2014)*
- *Review by the SPC*
  - Feedback from the pilot phase
  - Final adoption

# European Semester 2014

- *JAF (but also TAF) – first step screening device, no automatic link to a possible CSR*
- *Joint review of health-related CSRs by the SPC and the WPPHSL (June 2014)*
- *Preparation of the next Annual Growth Survey*
- *Public consultation on the Europe 2020 Strategy: towards mid-term review (until 31 October 2014)*  
[http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/public-consultation/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/public-consultation/index_en.htm)

# Policy background for the HSPA Peer Review

- *Council of the European Union set up "a reflection process ... to identify effective ways of investing in health, so as to pursue modern, responsive and sustainable health systems" (2011).*
- *A subgroup on "measuring and monitoring the effectiveness of health investments" was set up as part of this reflection process. It focused on the role of member states and the Commission in promoting HSPA (2013).*
- *In its conclusions (December 2013) the Council recommended that member states should "use health system performance assessment (HSPA) for policymaking, accountability and transparency" ; and*
- *The Council also asked the EU to improve the coordination on Health systems performance assessment at EU level and to support Member States with using HSPA (2013)*
- *Closer collaboration between WPPHSL and SPC in the area of HSPA*

# Peer Review on HSPA

- *19-20 May 2014, hosted by Belgium*
- *Participation of AT, DE, PT, SE, NL, UK, MT, EE*
- *OECD and European Observatory and observers*
- *Independent expert: Professor Peter Smith*
- *Main themes:*
  1. Developments of HSPA in an international policy context
  2. National approaches to HSPA
    - End goal of HSPA?
    - Methodology?
    - Impact and monitoring?
    - Governance process?
  3. What kind of EU and international level support would be needed in the Member States to support further development of HSPA at national level

# Technical challenges

- *Equity (need for personal surveys if no UPI)*
- *Efficiency (a residual or a 'bad' output)*
- *Attribution of health outcomes to the health system (non-system determinants of health)*
- *Role of patient 'vignettes' as a basis for comparison*
- *Patient reported outcomes (PROMs)*
- *Data gaps: mental health care, primary care*



# Actions at the EU level

- *Prompting and promoting HSPA (but not a EuroHSPA)*
- *Acting as a forum for sharing experience*
- *Information:*
  - Mandating
  - Specification
  - Collection
  - Hub
  - Correcting gaps and deficiencies
  - Research
- *Maximum flexibility on benchmarking*
- *Access to resources beyond conventional datasets (HiTs, national reports etc)*

# Next steps – ideas from the Peer Review

- *Joint Action financing for network on HSPA*
- *Further collaboration between WPPHSL and SPC in the area of HSPA*
  - **Dedicated feedback from the peer review**
- *Encourage feedback to data collection bodies to close data gaps*
- *Share relevant policy documents*
- *Another Peer Review in due time ?*

# Joint project with the OECD on measuring efficiency of health systems and HSPA

- *Methodological paper on health system efficiency measurement:*
  - **Building on the JAF framework**
  - **Developing the efficiency dimension**
- *Report on Health System Performance Assessment in Europe*
- *Review of health systems of interested countries*

*Thank you*