

Subgroup 5

Measuring and monitoring the effectiveness of health investments

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Context

- Council Conclusions from June 2011: 'Towards modern, responsive and sustainable health systems', in which health ministers decided to reflect together on the future of their health systems.
- In September 2011 the Working Party on Public Health at Senior Level decided on a number of themes and objectives to be pursued by 5 working groups.
- Group 5 : Measuring and monitoring the effectiveness of health investments
- The sub group is co-ordinated by Sweden. The other members of the group are Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain and United Kingdom.
- Links with EGHI , SPC (ISG) ...

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the joint EC-EPC report

1. ensure a sustainable financing basis and an adequate pooling and distribution of funds;
2. encourage a cost-effective provision and use of health services through adequate incentives;
3. ensure a balanced mix of staff skills and prepare for staff needs due to ageing;
4. reduce the unnecessary use of specialist and hospital care while improving primary health care services;
5. ensure a cost-effective use of medicines while allowing for innovation;
6. improve the general governance (decision-making and management) of the health system;
7. improve existing data to support performance improvement;
8. use health-technology assessment more systematically for decision-making processes;
9. improve health through more effective health promotion and disease prevention in and outside the health sector.
10. improve the general chain of decision-making and management of the health system.

Background

Proposed objectives by the Senior level group

1. Consider which of the recommendations of the joint EC-EPC report could be carried forward.
2. Develop common methodologies for the collection and analysis of information, aiming at assessing – and eventually improving – the performance of health systems (in cooperation with OECD and WHO).
3. Share of best practices which proves effective in improving the performance of health systems.

Many actors in the field of HSPA

Development and Actors

WHO, the World Health Report 2000

WHO, further work on HSPA
Tallin charter 2008

The European Observatory
2009, 2010, 2012

OECD, measuring quality
and efficiency

OECD, Health at a Glance
2010, 2011

The Commonwealth Fund



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Aims decided by the sub group

- **Improving policy usefulness of comparisons** by:
 - increasing visibility, transparency and validity of comparisons
 - providing a basis for policy decisions on prioritized areas for comparison and assessment
- **Exchange of experience and knowledge**

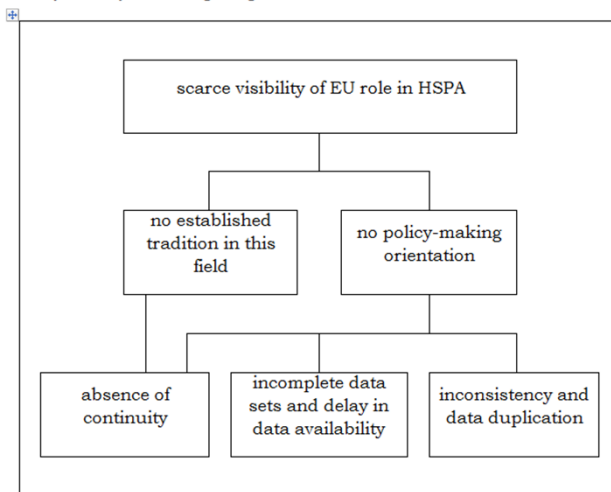
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Graph: main problems regarding EU role in HSPA



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Pillar 2: Prioritizing areas for comparison and assessment

- **Where is the greatest potential for improvements and for impacting our capability to deliver health and health care?**
- **The group is working on a model to identify prioritized areas. The group will:**
 - decide on criteria for including areas to a list of prioritized areas of comparison and assessment
 - decide on what areas to include on the draft list of prioritized areas of comparison and assessment,
 - perform an investigation on preconditions, i.e. an inventory of current status for comparisons and improvement within the draft prioritized areas including e.g. increasing visibility, transparency and validity of comparisons, assessment of feasibility, availability of data,
 - make a final pick of recommended prioritized areas to start measure, compare and improve.

**Preliminary recommendations:
(increase general validity, visibility, and
transparency and specific action within
prioritized areas) (to be adapted ...)**

- ***Harmonisation and coordination***
- ***Streamlining and prioritisation***
- ***Specialisation***
- ***Tailored reporting system***
- ***Creating momentum***
- ***Structure for learning and exchange of
knowledge and experience***
- ***Comparing for improving***
- ***Regional dimension***

Deliverables for the final report 2013

- **Recommendations on action to increase general validity, visibility, and transparency and specific action within prioritized areas,**
- **Recommendations on prioritized areas of comparison and assessment**
 - including a model that will provide as far as possible clear and well-founded arguments to why these areas should be prioritized.
- **Recommendations on next steps for the EU.**