



# ***Social Protection Committee - recent activities related to health***

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# The role of the Social Protection Committee (SPC)

- based on art. 160 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
- formally created in 2000
- vehicle for cooperative exchange between Member States and the European Commission in the framework of the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) in the field of social protection and social inclusion
- main tools – definition of common objectives and common indicators to monitor them



# Common overarching objectives of the social OMC

1. social cohesion, equity between men and women and equal opportunities for all through adequate, accessible, financially sustainable, adaptable and efficient social protection and social inclusion policies
2. effective and mutual interaction between the Lisbon objectives of greater economic growth, more and better jobs and greater social cohesion
3. good governance, transparency and the involvement of stakeholders in the design, implementation and monitoring of policy



# Specific common objectives for health care (i)

**Accessible, high-quality and sustainable health care and long-term care for all by ensuring:**

- Access to **adequate** health and long-term care and that the need for care does not lead to poverty and financial dependency; and that **inequalities** in access to care and in health outcomes are addressed



## Specific common objectives for health care (ii)

**Accessible, high-quality and sustainable health care and long-term care for all by ensuring:**

- **quality** health and long-term care by adapting care to the changing needs and preferences of society and individuals, notably by developing quality standards reflecting best international practice and by strengthening the responsibility of health professionals and of patients and care recipients



## Specific common objectives for health care (iii)

**Accessible, high-quality and sustainable health care and long-term care for all by ensuring:**

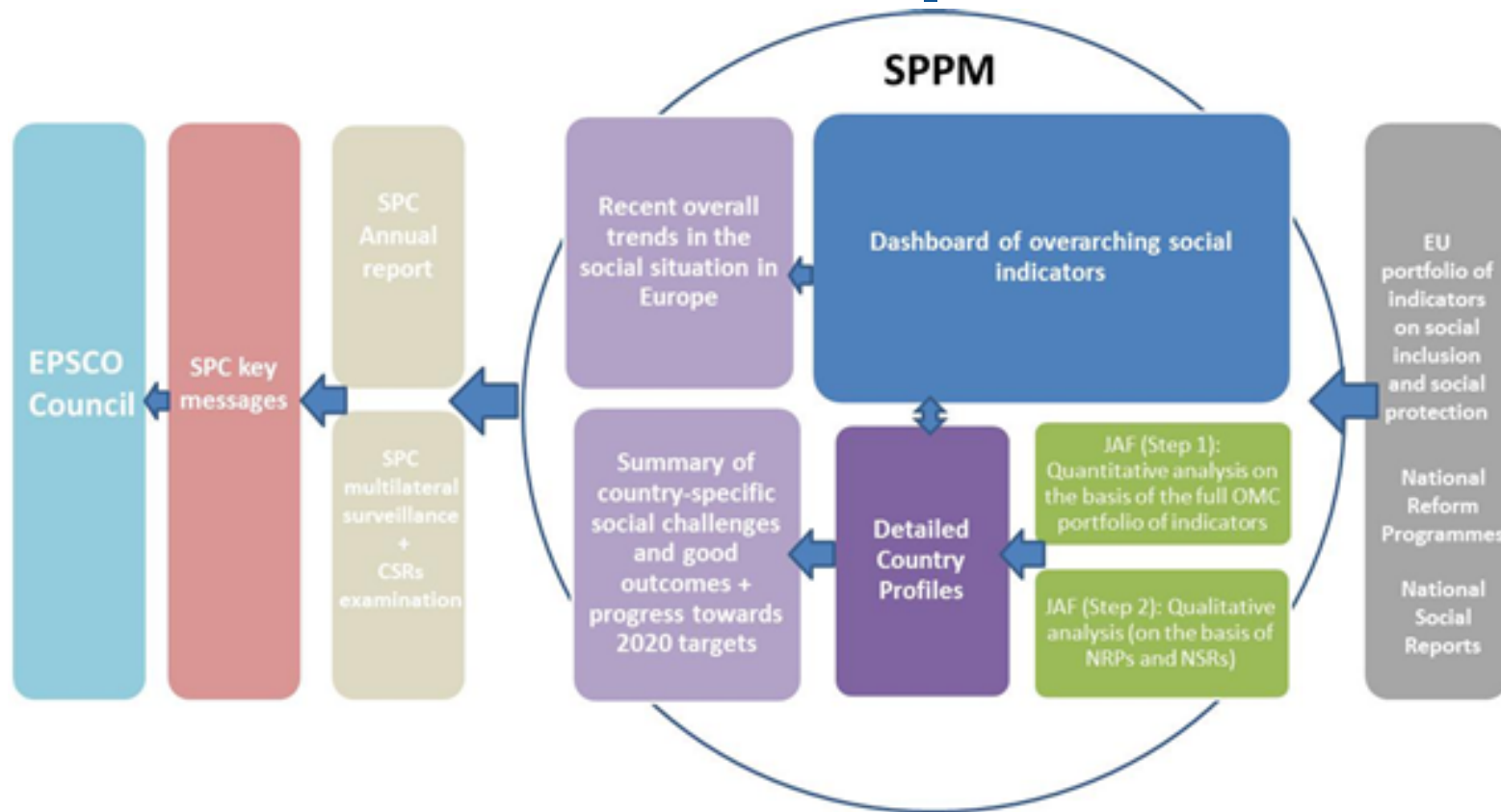
- That adequate and high quality health and long-term care remains affordable and financially sustainable by promoting a rational use of resources, notably through appropriate incentives for users and providers, good governance and coordination between care systems and public and private institutions. **Long-term sustainability** and quality require promotion of healthy and active life styles and good human resources for the care sector



# Common indicators for health and long-term care

- a first list adopted in 2009 based on a review of available data and information within the EU, MS and relevant international organizations

# The SPC monitoring process in the context of Europe 2010







## **Recent SPC activities in the area of health: Thematic review on health policy and CSR surveillance**

- in September 2012 MS reported on actions taken following the Council recommendations in the areas of health, based on their National Social Reports and National Reform Programmes
- in May 2013 a review of the implementation of the health CSRs took place, with self-reporting by the MS and a peer review



## **Recent SPC activities in the area of health: Ongoing work on health indicators**

- Review of the 2009 portfolio started in 2012 – driven by developments in health data availability (notably, EHIS) and parallel review of policy priorities for data development
- In parallel, work has started on developing an indicators-based monitoring framework on health, in the context of the Joint Assessment Framework, to provide evidence base for the involvement of the SPC in the European Semester process on matters related to health



## Joint Assessment Framework (i)

- **analytical tool** developed jointly by the Commission and the Member States to support the identification of key challenges and help Member States establish their priorities – currently used in the areas of social inclusion, employment and education
- value added - EU cross-country comparative dimension, which can, for instance, help MS evaluate the relative magnitude of their challenges



***Thank you!***