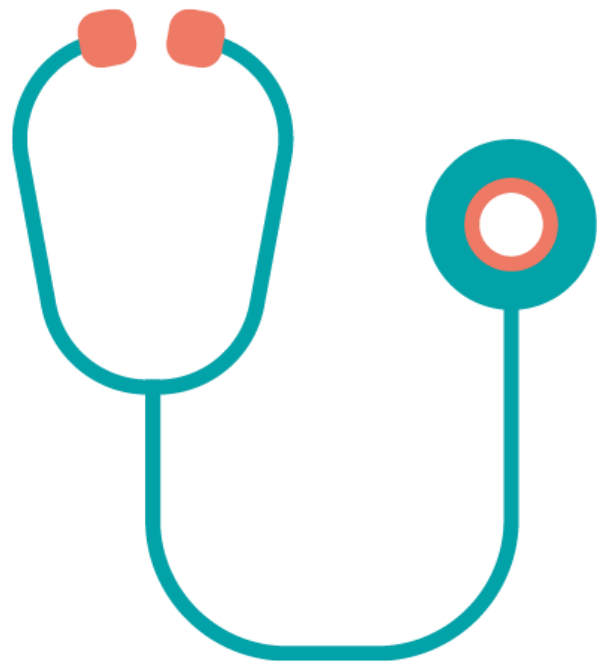




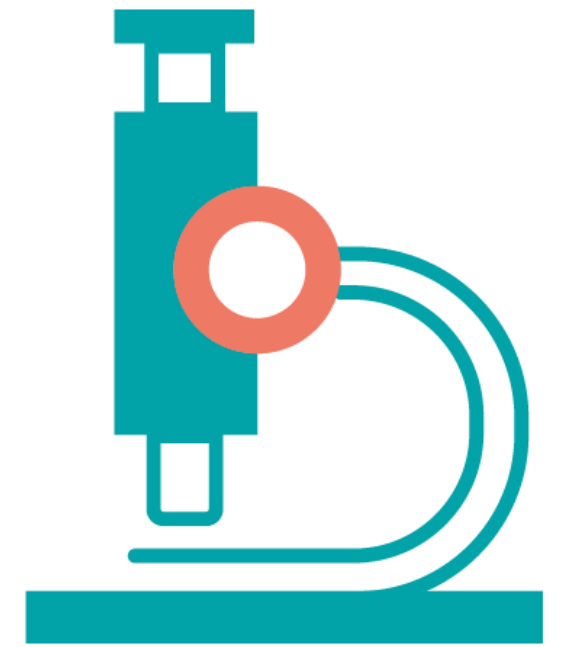
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WHAT IS THE *STATE OF HEALTH IN THE EU?*

- ➔ An infrastructure to make health system **information, expertise and best practices** easily accessible
- ➔ At the service of **policy makers** and **policy influencers**
- ➔ A recurring, **two-year cycle** of knowledge brokering
- ➔ Close collaboration with renowned **experts**





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Delivering on the Commission's policy objectives

EFFECTIVE

ACCESSIBLE &

RESILIENT HEALTH SYSTEMS



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The Country Health Profiles

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COMPANION REPORT

- Pertinent **cross-EU takeaways** from the analysis underpinning the thirty Country Health Profiles
- European Commission perspective, linking to **shared policy objectives** across the EU countries and potential for EU added value

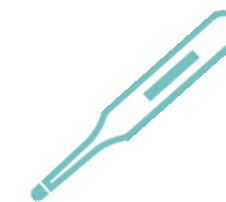
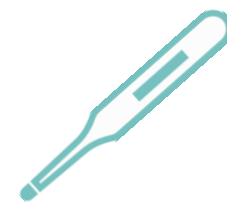
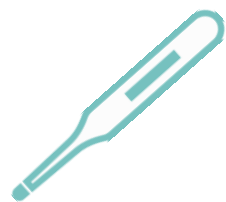




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big trends in the transformation of our health systems



1 *Tackling the decline in vaccination confidence across the EU*

- Vaccination prevents an estimated 2.5 million deaths each year
- Vaccine coverage across the EU is waning
- The WHO named vaccine disinformation as a top public health threat for 2019

***Vaccine hesitancy** is a major public health threat all across Europe, which can be tackled by improving health literacy, countering disinformation and actively involving health workers.*

2) *Harnessing the digital transformation of health promotion and disease prevention*

- Apps, wearable technology and online fora can all empower people to enjoy a healthy lifestyle and prevent them from developing an illness
- To serve prevention/promotion/public health policy objectives
- Need to be aware of risks of the digital divide; misinformation and data protection



3) *Strengthening the evidence base on access to health care*

- European Pillar of Social Rights: Everyone has the right to timely access to affordable, preventive and curative health care of good quality
- Yet gaps in health care accessibility are still very much a reality in the EU / risks of complacency about health system accessibility
- Lack of relevant data/indicators to truly capture access hurdles



4 *Shifting tasks and changing the skill mix to explore new ways of providing care*



Enhancement



Substitution



Innovation

Innovation and experimentation to support the organization of care : stronger primary care ; integration of care, etc

- New “professions”, enhanced roles for undervalued ones, teamwork, coordination and integration reveal the scope for new areas of work and a more flexible distribution of roles among health workers
- Task shifting ultimately aims at health system resilience, ensuring that a certain skill mix can flexibly adapt to foreseen and unforeseen challenges in the future
- A change in roles will often challenge traditional hierarchies and professional norms

5 ***Affordable, innovative and sustainable medicines?** Policymakers struggle to balance accessibility, incentives for pharmaceutical innovation and the fiscal sustainability of health spending.*



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The product life cycle of medicines reveals ample scope for Member State cooperation

- A broader view on pharmaceutical policies is required to better understand the factors that affect patients' timely access to affordable and cost-effective medicines
- Greater cooperation among EU countries could improve the affordability of medicines through more transparent pricing and greater competition among manufacturers





Develop cooperation across the product life cycle of medicines to address factors that affect accessibility availability cost-effectiveness and affordability

- A global approach rather than successive independent steps
- Address shortages
- Cooperation on Health Technology Assessment
- Address factors impacting affordability and sustainability of health systems
- Sharing experiences and pooling expertise on pricing and procurement methods
- Exploiting the potential savings to be reaped from generics and biosimilars

WHAT'S NEXT?

- ➔ **Voluntary exchanges** between the drafters/experts and national Health authorities at their requests
- ➔ Feed-in to **various EU policy processes and cooperations**
- ➔ Feed-in to the **third *State of Health in the EU cycle*** (2020-22)



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