

Expériences internationales avec les cadres HSPA nationaux



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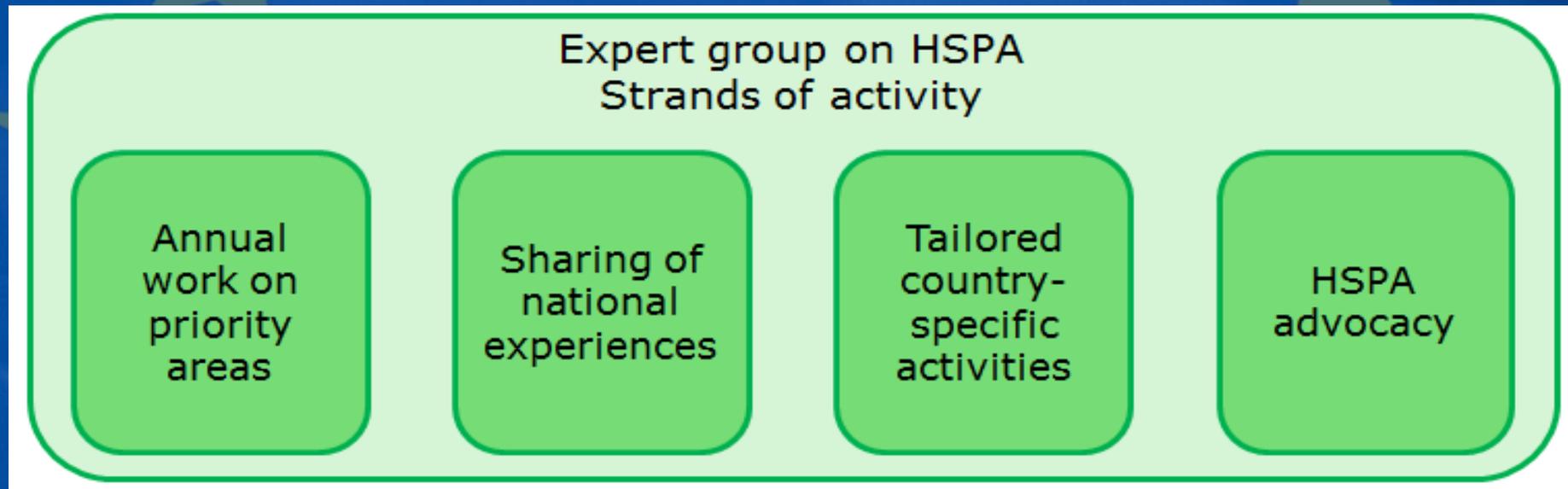
Member States Co-Chair
EU HSPA Expert Group

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Luxembourg*

EU Health Systems Performance Assessment Expert Group

- Established in 2014.
- 38 plenary meetings since 2014
- *Purpose:* to support national policymakers with tools & methodologies to improve the performance of their health systems
- Facilitated and supported the development of several national HSPA frameworks
- *Members:* all EU Member States and European Commission
- *Observers:* Norway (EEA, EFTA States), OECD, WHO Europe, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
- *Co - Chairs:* Member State (currently Malta) & DG SANTE

Expert Group Methodology



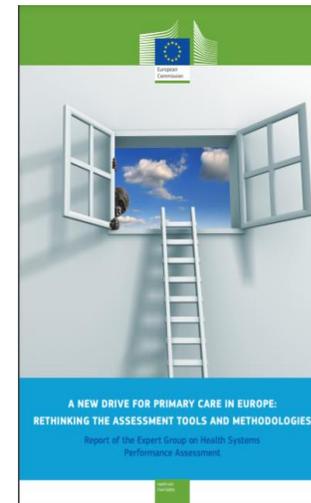
Reports by the HSPA Expert Group (2016-2019)



quality of care
(2016)



integrated care
(2017)



primary care
(2018)



efficiency of health systems
(2019)

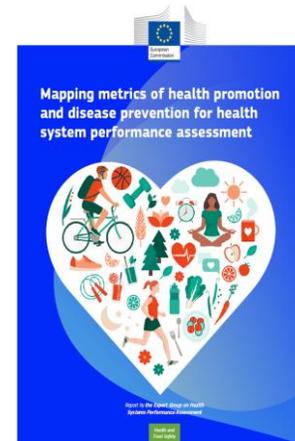
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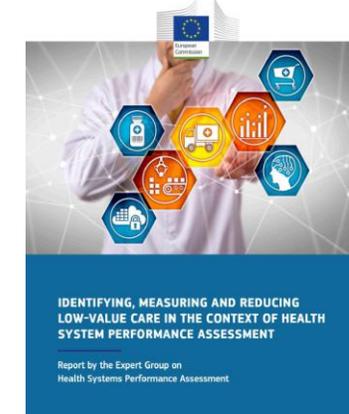
resilience of health systems
(2020)



access to healthcare
(2021)



Prevention
(2023)



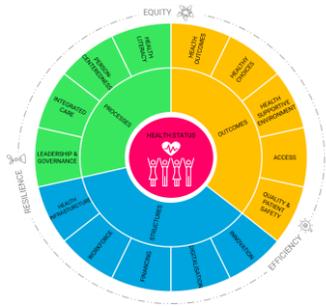
Low Value Health
Care
(2024)

Complementary work on HSPA

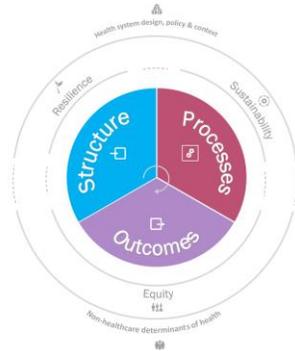
- HSPA Expert Group facilitated and supported development of several national HSPA frameworks triggering greater interest in HSPA at country level, including HSPAs in:
 - Slovenia, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Austria, Romania, Ireland, Croatia, Lithuania, Czechia, Slovakia, Romania, Estonia, Luxembourg etc....
- **HSPA Community of Practice** – countries that have already received DG/SG REFORM technical support, together with experts who assist them
- **Members of the HSPA Expert Group** are among the **experts providing technical assistance** facilitated by SG REFORM

HSPA frameworks have been developed and used increasingly across countries

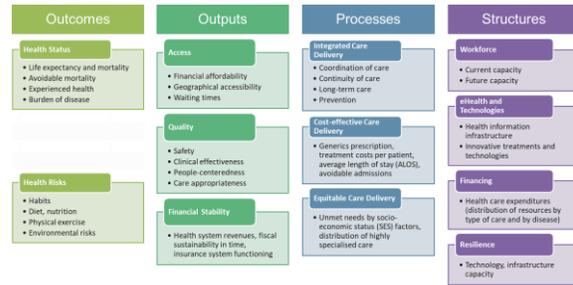
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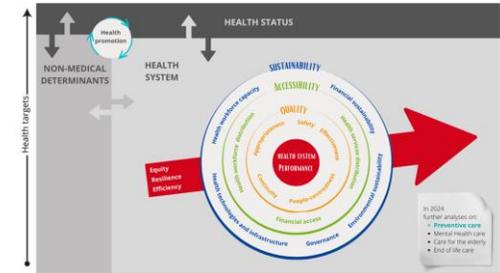
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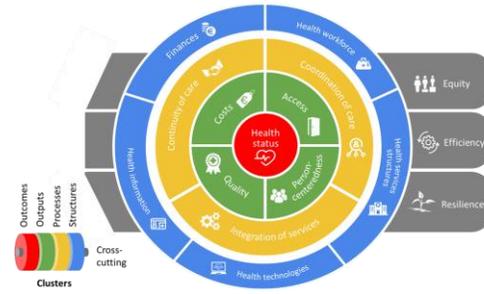
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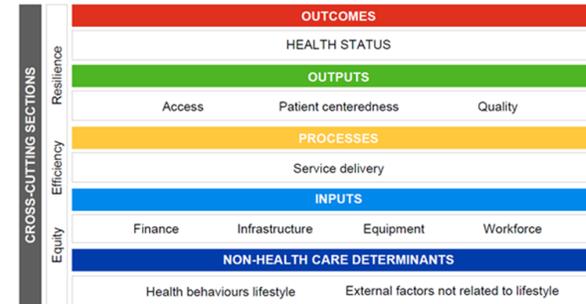
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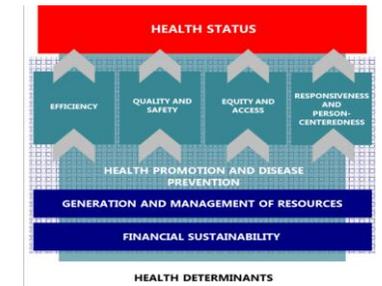
Malta



Ireland



Lithuania



Slovenia



European Commission

The cover features the European Commission logo at the top. The main title is 'Health system performance assessment' in white text on a blue background. Below it, 'Reporting and Communicating' is written in a larger, bold white font. A central graphic consists of several overlapping, fan-shaped segments in shades of red and pink, radiating from a black center. At the bottom right, the subtitle 'Practical guide for policy makers' is written in white, followed by 'HSPA Policy Paper' in a smaller white font. The bottom left corner has a small green box with the text 'Health and Food Safety'.



Health

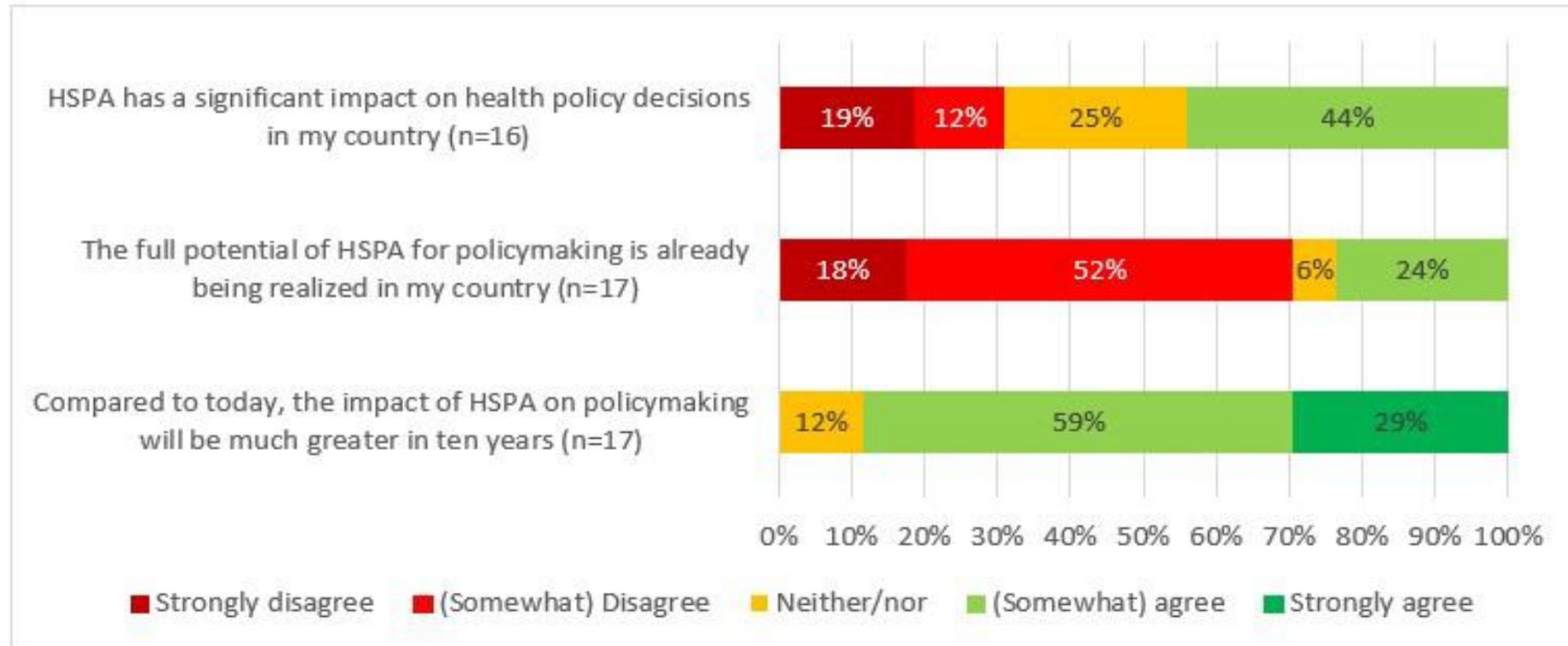


European Commission

HSPA Governance in Member States

- Expert Group carried out mapping of HSPA governance in the EU: survey by Germany & Technical University of Berlin
- Several have a legal or administrative basis for HSPA; many don't
- Indicators numbers vary from 40 to over 150
- Target groups – public; policy makers (executive & parliament); providers, funders
- HSPA use for political decision-making limited but increasing
- Increased linking of results with political accountability and decision-making
- Sharing of best practices

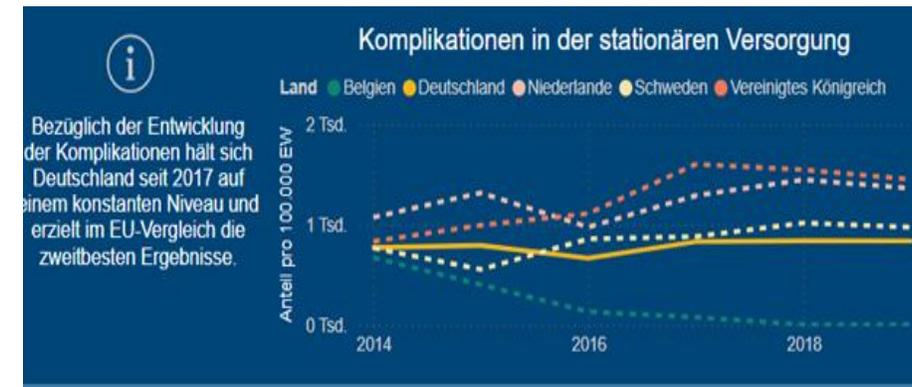
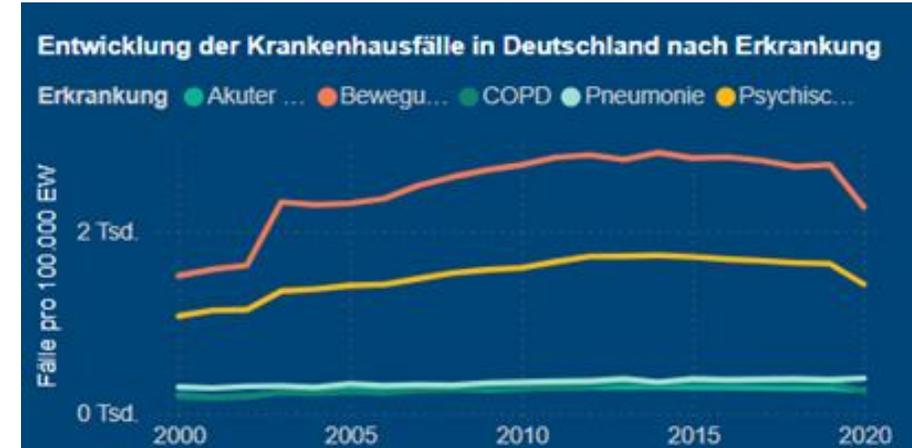
HSPA Policy Cycle in Member States



Use of performance assessment in Members States

- Finland – THL assess population health, developmental needs, healthcare quality and effectiveness & investments in healthcare
- Italy - integrating benchmarking practices & variation analysis between regions
- Latvia - 3 Levels for evaluation performance in Latvia (country, regional and provider level)
- Ireland – link with Sláintecare reforms and overhaul of data infrastructure
- Czechia - public reporting on the performance of the health care system with benchmarking & identification of strategic priorities/monitoring of reforms
- Germany - pilot project for a systematic measurement of the performance and efficiency of the German healthcare system

Germany's internal dashboard



The HSPA results visual representation

Country

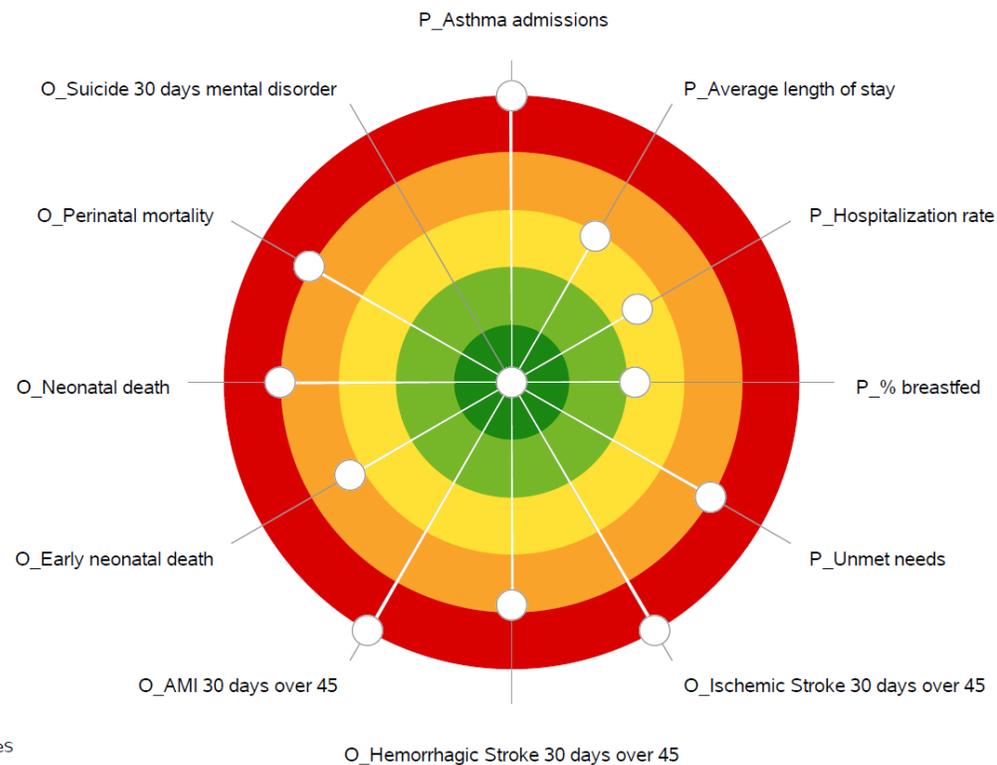


LATVIA - 2017

HEALTH OUTCOME	
Infant mortality	Yellow
Premature mortality circulatory 0-64	Red
Mortality malignant neoplasm (0-64)	Yellow
Mortality malignant neoplasm	Yellow
Mortality breast cancer	Red
Mortality cervical cancer	Red
Mortality prostatic cancer	Red
Mortality colorectal cancer	Yellow
Mortality lung cancer	Green
Mortality from suicides	Yellow



STRUCTURE		% Public
Health exp per capita	Yellow	62,76%
Practising doctors	Dark Green	
Practising nurses	Yellow	

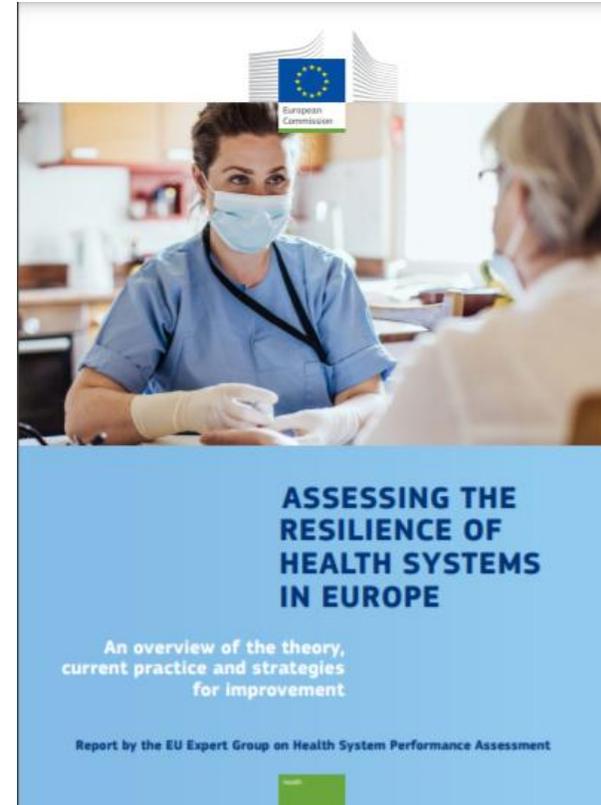
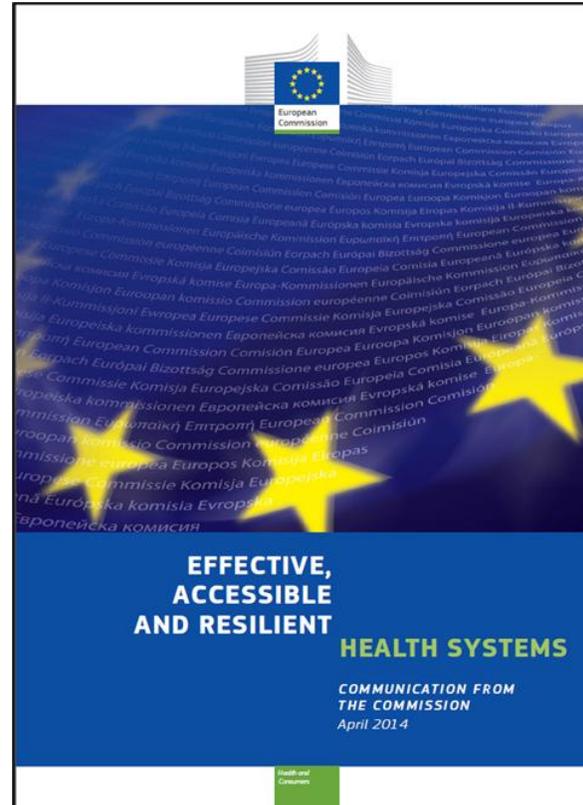


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Pilot evaluation based on data available

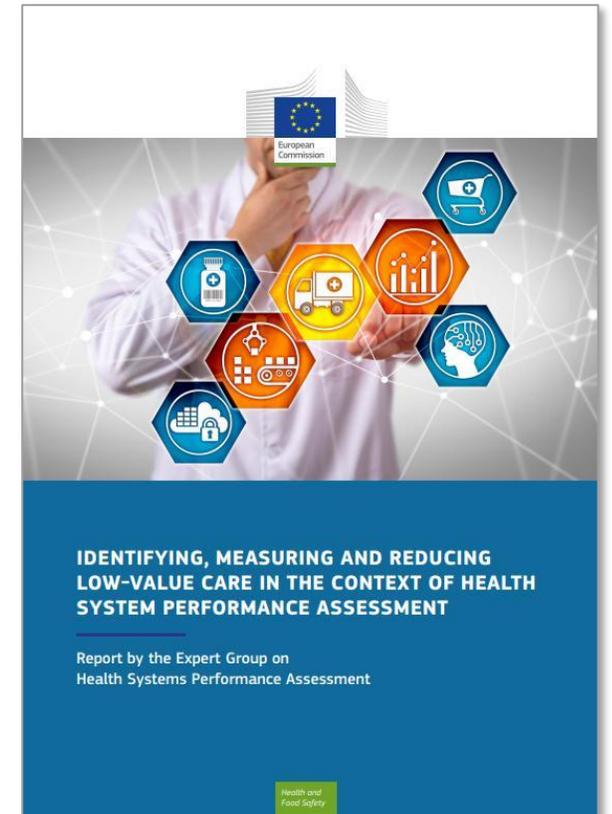
Resilience Report 2019 (Pre-Covid)

- Resilience on EU agenda for many years
- Need for exact definition, measurement & assessment methods for policy makers to gauge resilience of their HCS.
- Only few European governments had operationalised resilience as a separate measure pre-COVID



Low-value care Report 2025

- Priority topic: value-based healthcare
- HSPA EG survey + literature review
- Systems approach to low value care
- New, comprehensive definition of low-value care (overuse, misuse, underuse)
- Reporting of:
 - indicators for identifying low-value care within HSPA in many countries
 - main methodological obstacles: data access and data quality
 - practices & policies to reduce low-value care



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Use of performance assessment to measure investment vs return

- Investments by EU wisely imperative which need to be monitored and audited – measures of value for money/cost-effectiveness
- We need measurable interventions – indicators that are useful for performance/policy making
- EU Recovery and Resilience Plan – HSPA is a robust tool to monitor implementation of this plan
- Post COVID (NCD, surge capacity, mental health, workforce capacity) - importance of using intelligence generated by HSPA to support decisions in managing systems post-COVID

Latest developments in HSPA

- Standardisation of methodologies
- Evolution of frameworks
 - Donabedian, service/patient oriented, wider health system, beyond confines of health
- Inclusion of new domains/indicators
 - Integrated care, resilience, crisis intervention, patient centredness/experience/journey, ONE Health, climate equity, value-based care....
- Significant investment in data capture and integrative IT systems

Thank you

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