Learning from health systems: monitoring, assessing, and comparing

European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

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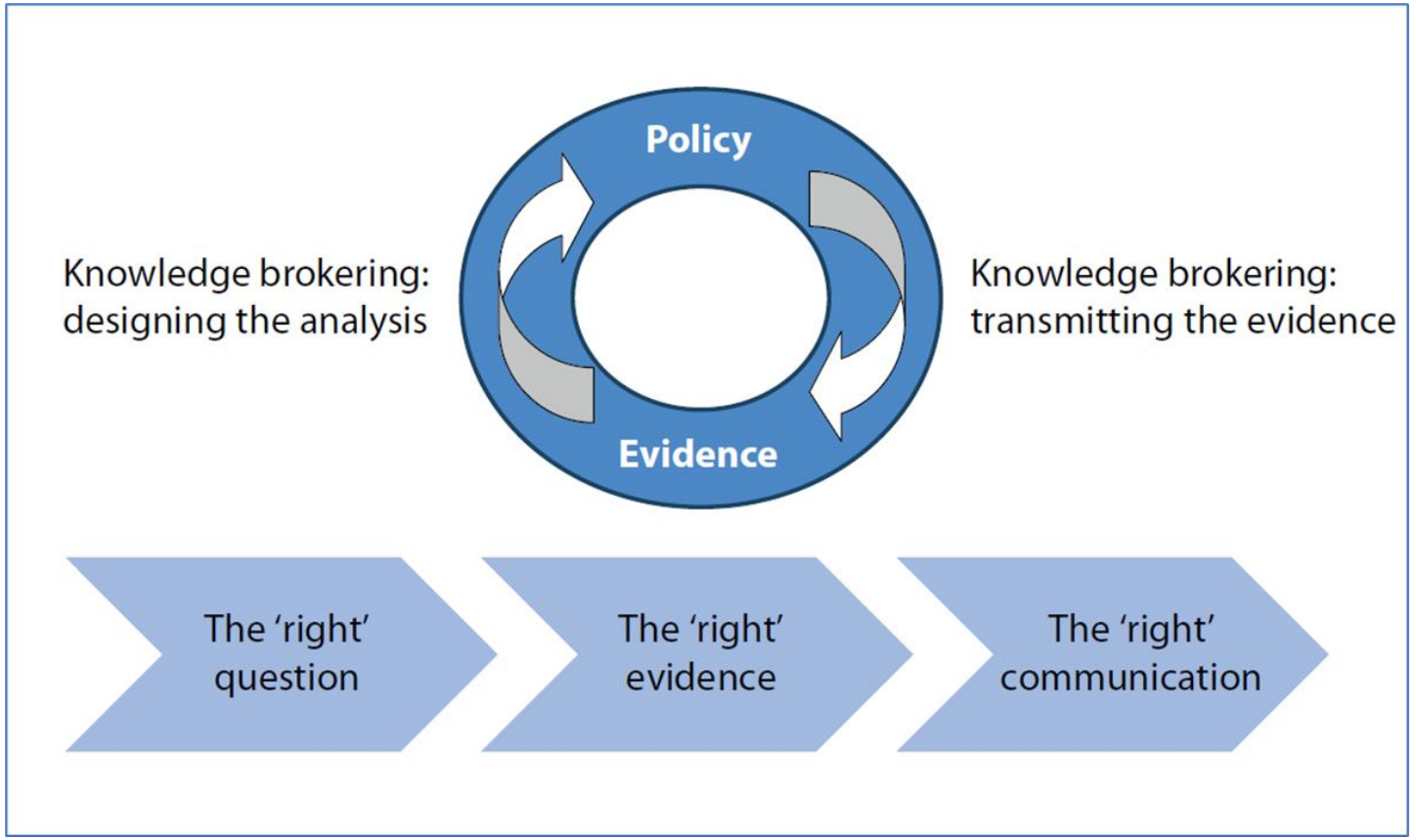
The European Observatory is a WHO-hosted partnership that **generates and communicates evidence for policy**.

What the European Observatory does?

The Observatory has four functions:

- Country monitoring
- Analysis
- Health systems performance assessment
- Knowledge brokering



Country monitoring

Country monitoring offers policy-makers

- Consistent, comparable descriptions of health system
- Updates on reforms
- Access to networks
- Entry points for discussions in countries

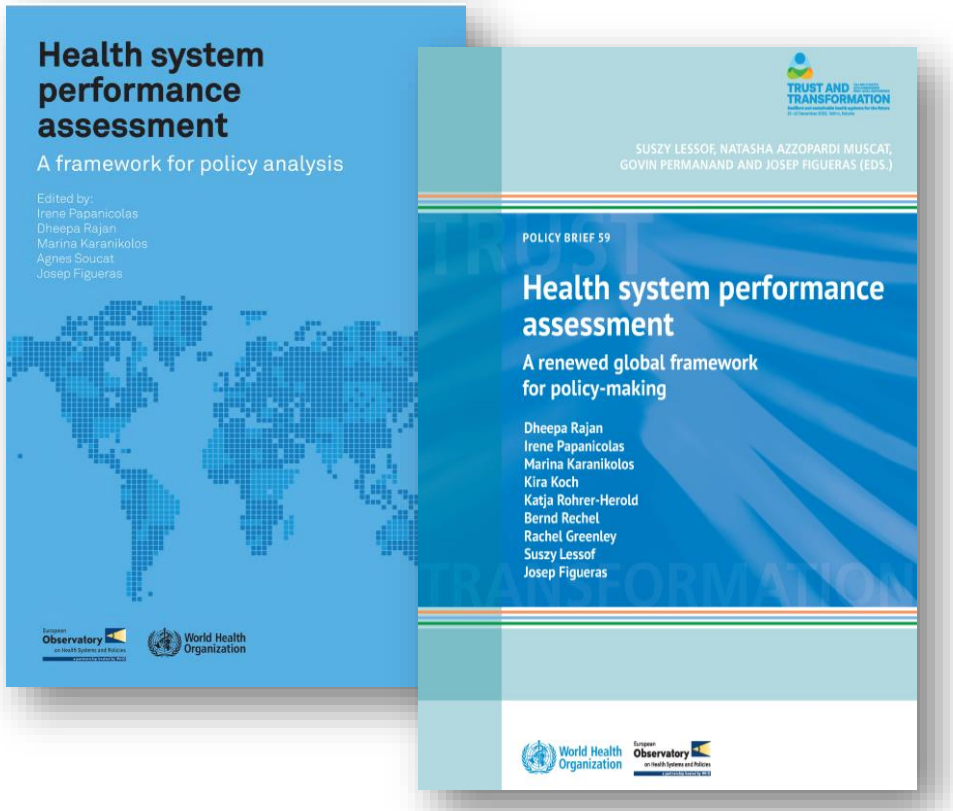
Analysis

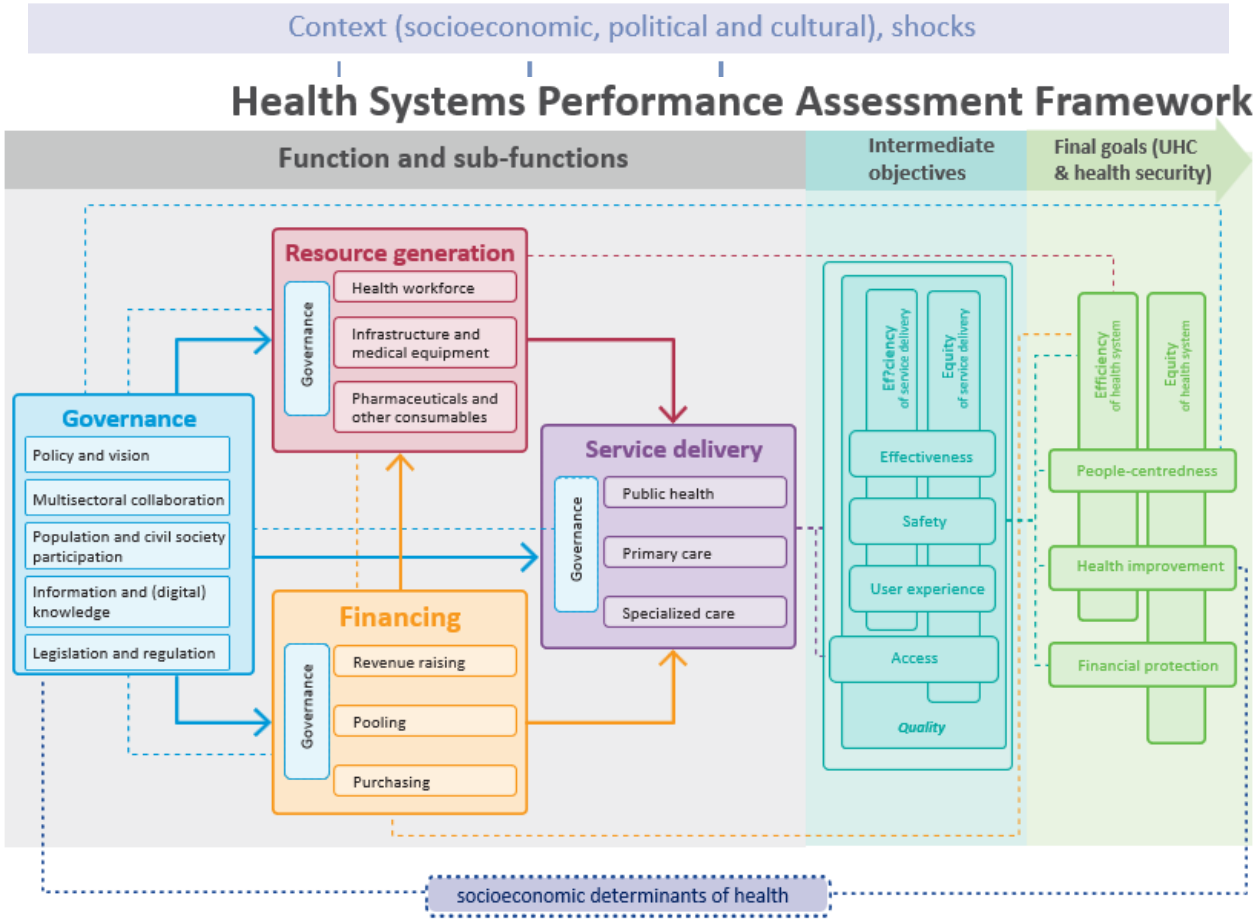
Analysis supports policy-makers through

- In-depth analysis, primers and studies
- Policy briefs
- Short studies, case studies and articles
- Rapid evidence responses
- A pool of evidence that feeds into policy dialogue and country work and shares understanding.

HSPA

- **HSPA offers policy-makers** a structured and consistent way of looking at a health system, diagnosing problems and testing solutions. The work of the HiT is indispensable for HSPA. It provides the qualitative information and the context to make sense of the quantitative data.





Knowledge brokering

Knowledge brokering supports action by unpacking evidence in

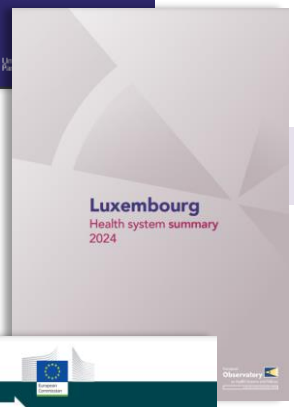
- Summaries and key messages
- Webinars
- Policy dialogues
- Journals (Eurohealth; Health Policy)
- Key events (Summer School; Gastein; EUPHA) and presentations
- OBS Website, social media and e-bulletins

Why monitoring health systems?

- Providing an **in-depth description** of the health systems using a **standardized template** to deliver an overview and offer a basis for comparison
- Gives a common ground for everyone to talk about HiTs in the same way using **reliable systematic information**
- **Assessing the performance** of a health system, understanding its structures and functions supports improvement

Country monitoring portfolio

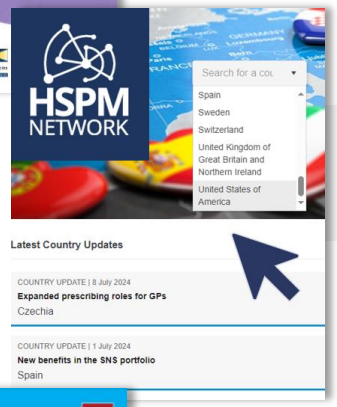
1. “HiTs” or Health system reviews



2. Health System Summaries

3. SoHEU Country Health Profiles (together with OECD for DG SANTE)

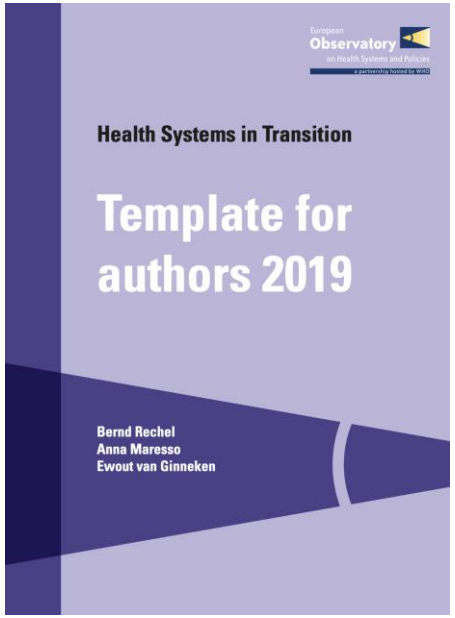
4. Health Systems in Action (HSiA) Insights (with WHO Europe)

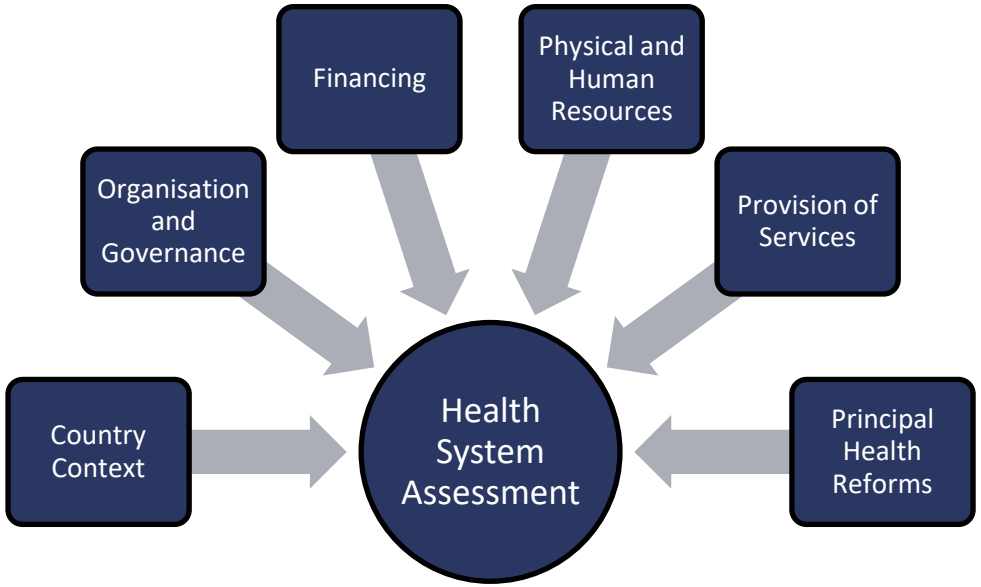


5. HSPM Country updates and Policy Analyses

6. Health and the Economy Snapshots

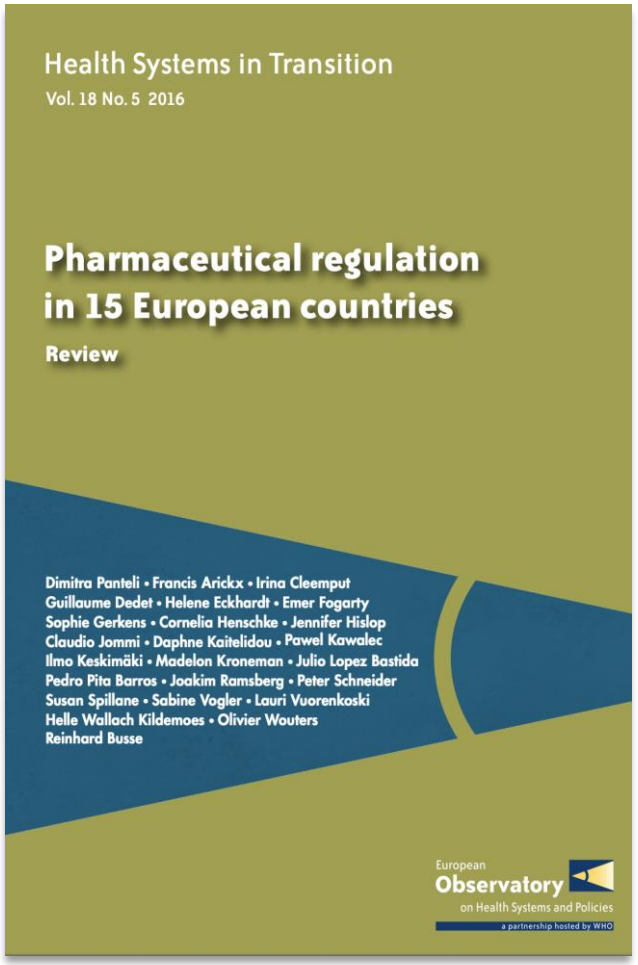
What is a HiT?

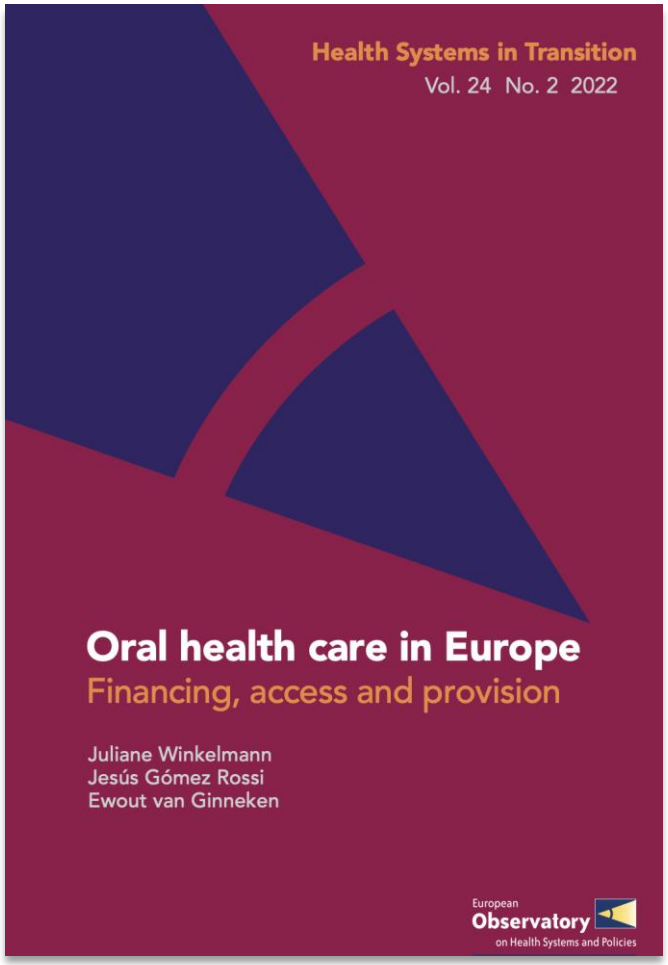




HiTs are the **classic flagship series** of the Observatory, which are **consistent** and **clearly sign posted**, **across countries** and **across time**, and provide **comparable data** to describe and analyze European health systems.

Cross-country HiTs





How do policy-makers use country monitoring?

- **Examine different approaches** to the organisation, financing and delivery of health services, and the role of actors
- Describe the **institutional framework** for and the process, content and implementation of health policy;
- **Highlight challenges** and areas requiring more detailed analysis;
- Provide a **tool for disseminating information** on health systems;
- Facilitate **the exchange of reform experiences** across countries;
- Establish a **baseline** for assessing the impact of reforms; and
- Inform **comparative analysis** and **teaching.**
- Identify **emerging trends**

Increasing need for timely information requires a network

- The **Health Systems and Policy Monitor (HSPM)** developed over the last 10 years as a network and a **core European Observatory resource**.

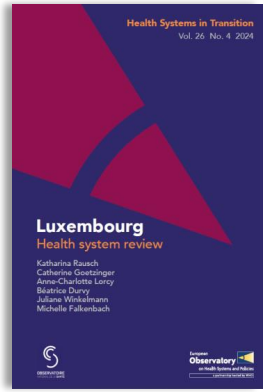
Annual meeting 2023, Riga

- It provides the backbone for **country monitoring** in EU Member States (and beyond).

- It helps cement the European Observatory's reputation as a **leader in health system evidence**.

HSPM NETWORK

Activities of the HSPM network



Authoring **HiTs**

Reviewing **SoHEU profiles**

Updating **HSPM website**

Participating in **webinars**

Providing **policy updates**

Contributing to **rapid responses**, as well as articles for **Eurohealth** and the **Health Policy Journal**

The Health Reform Tracker: a new monitoring tool

- Born from the yearly **Reform Roundup exercise** at the annual HSPM meeting, where experts report the **top three reforms** in their country from the past year

- These reforms are now **displayed in this new tracking tool**

https://www.obshealthreformtracker.com/

The Health Reform Tracker: a new monitoring tool

Reforms

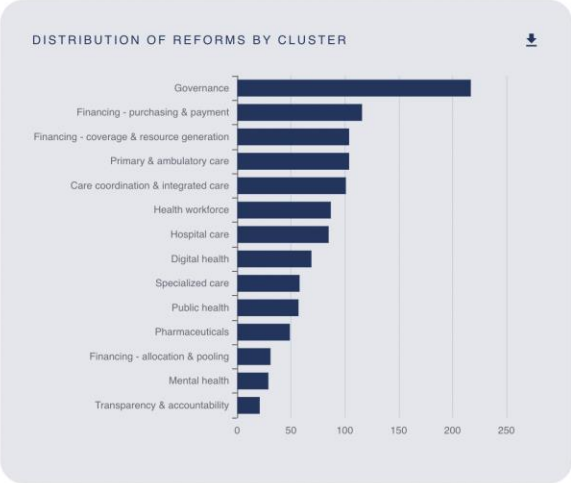
This page enables a detailed analysis of the health system and policy reforms since 2018 as reported by country experts. You can filter the reforms by type, policy originator, country, year, and cluster or cluster combination (of two). Alternatively, you can search for a reforms by name or keywords in the keyword-search.

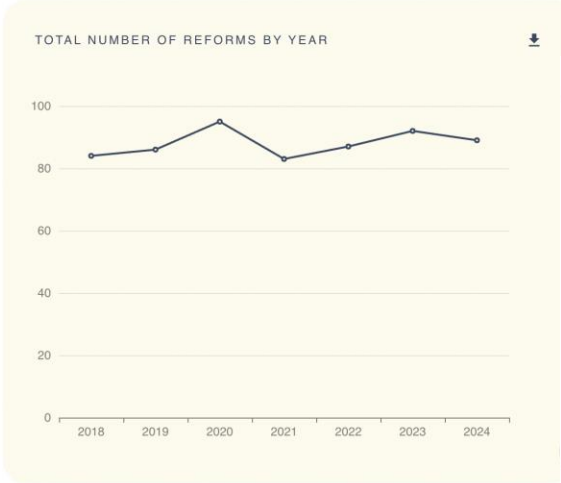
Keyword-Search

ADVANCED FILTERS

Charts

Explore the distribution of reforms according to the filters through the various figures below, and see a detailed list of reforms that match the filter(s) further below.





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		Governance	Financing - coverage & resource generation	Financing - allocation & pooling	Financing - purchasing & payment	Health workforce	Transparency & accountability	Care coordination & integrated care	Public health	Digital health	Primary & ambulatory care	Hospital care	Mental health	Specialized care	Pharmaceuticals
Function	Governance	27	18	5	6	13	9	28	23	16	26	17	5	17	7
	Financing - coverage & resource generation		14	7	14	3	-	-	9	2	8	5	3	15	6
	Financing - allocation & pooling			6	5	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	2	2	1
	Financing - purchasing & payment				4	14	3	5	2	9	11	20	6	1	16
	Health workforce					15	-	5	1	2	15	8	1	5	5
	Transparency & accountability							-	1	4	1	2	-	1	-
	Care coordination & integrated care							2	4	13	17	13	7	6	-
Care area	Public health								7	4	3	1	1	1	-
	Digital health									5	4	2	-	-	8
	Primary & ambulatory care										6	4	2	2	2
	Hospital care											8	-	4	-
	Mental health												1	1	-
	Specialized care													3	-
	Pharmaceuticals														4
	Total	217	104	31	116	87	21	101	57	69	103	85	29	58	49

A warm welcome to Luxembourg!

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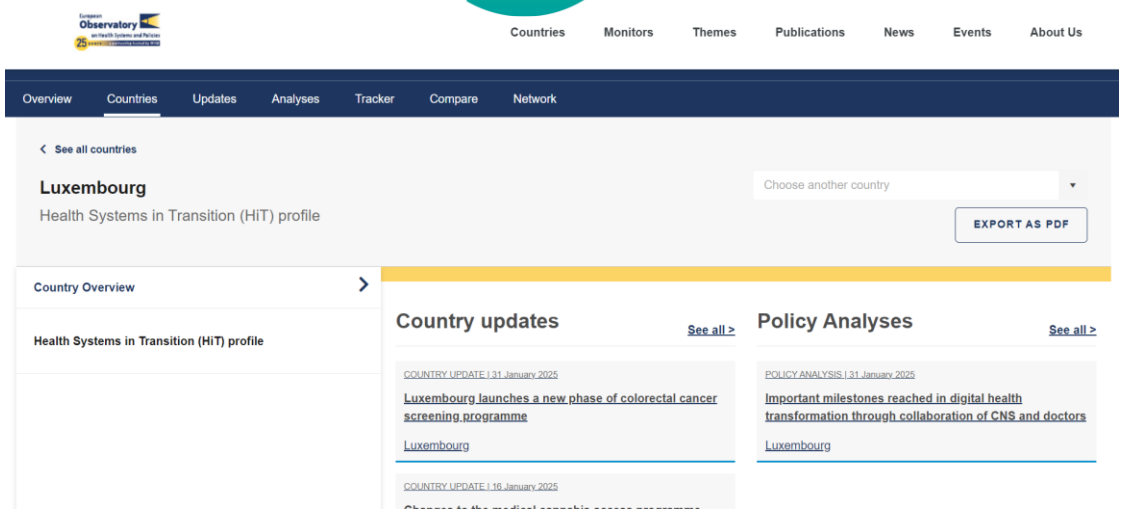

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