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European Commission make country specific recommendations on health and hospital care

Slovenia
For the Commission points out that the country:

Czech Republic
The high level of pharmaceutical expenditure is another challenge, with expenditure on out-patient drugs being comparatively high.

Ireland,
UK
Inefficient use of resources and poor management increase the fiscal sustainability risk in the health sector. Widespread underutilisation of primary care facilities and overuse of hospital in-patient care and strengthening primary care and referral systems will increase cost-effectiveness.

Bulgaria
For EU Funding opportunities: National information days here

Costs of medicines are also highlighted:

there is implicit criticism of spending on health.

EAHP EU Monitor 15 April 2014 here

Bulgaria,
here
For cooperation projects at the EU level, the Commission recommend the country:

(24 June)
Slovakia

Portugal
The EU is commencing its third ?Health Programme? (2014-2020) this year, a 450m euro package with grants available for:

Austria,
Spain
the Commission warns:

Lithuania
Croatia
4 June 2014.

A recent report in the European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy (EJHP) investigates the issue of screening for... of intravenous drugs in intensive care units ? in particular the case of monobasic potassium phosphate and furosemide.

For ?ensure effective implementation of the on-going administrative reforms concerning municipal structure and social and healthcare services, in order to increase the cost-effectiveness in the provision of public services?

the Commission recommends:

(11 July)
(12-13 June)
For cooperation with international organisations.

Latvia
(13 June)
?Take measures to improve significantly the cost-effectiveness and governance of the healthcare sector, in particular for hospital care.?

For
?access to healthcare is hampered by costs, including high out-of-pocket payments and prevalent informal payments, ... room to enhance the efficiency of the system, ensure cost-effective financing and promote disease prevention activities.?

?only limited progress has been made? in enhancing the cost effectiveness of public spending on healthcare?

(2-5 July)
Portugal
actions jointly undertaken by Member State health authorities,

For
, the Commission states:

See

(2nd half of June tbc)
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For the
(2nd half of June tbc)
?increase the cost-effectiveness of the health-care sector, in particular by further rationalising pharmaceutical ... in hospitals and strengthening coordination across types of care, while maintaining accessibility for vulnerable groups.?

, the Commission recommends continuing to

and that

cooperation with international organisations.

Spain

For
, the Commission states:

The full report and conclusions are available

Finland
The Commission therefore recommends advancing the reform of the healthcare sector and pursuing

Poland
Country specific recommendations

curbing healthcare and pension costs, for example through setting more ambitious annual healthcare expenditure targets?.

Norway

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