

Innovation for health system transformation

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The European Health Sector – Health systems

Healthcare expenditure on GDP, in the EU: 10.2% of GDP (2009)



- Health contributes to overall employability by enhancing the productivity of the workforce and offering quality jobs;
- and

Private

2,2%

Public

8%

 Health investments serve as an effective safeguard against poverty



Health systems under stress

- Health spending is growing at a faster pace than GDP
 - Driven by: ageing population; increasing patients expectations and demands on health care...
- Health inequalities are rising

=> need for transformation to ensure cost effectiveness & sustainability and access to high quality healthcare



Health System Transformation



Investing now in the right research will pay off

Wanted:

- Through better health promotion and disease prevention, fewer 'chronic patients'
- Simpler, more personalised and costeffective technologies and treatments
- Integrated and patient-centred services
- Safety, quality and continuum of care
- Diverse and skilled health workforce



Health systems – opportunities for innovation

- Sector with high potential of innovation and competitiveness:
 - Highly specialised labour force
 - Innovation-driven sub-sectors: pharmaceuticals, medical devices, equipment ...
 - E-health
- Can capitalise on innovations from other sectors (ICT, nanotechnology...)
- Should engage with the empowered citizen





Opportunities for innovation: The 'Horizon 2020' research and innovation framework programme

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Three priorities

Excellent science

Industrial Societal leadership challenges



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Health, Demographic change and wellbeing aim

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- Translate science to benefit citizens
- Test and demonstrate new healthcare models, approaches and tools
- Promote healthy and active ageing
- Improve health outcomes, reduce inequalities
- Support a competitive health sector



General approach to the implementation of the Health challenge

- EU added value, capitalising on its diversity of (health) systems
- Cooperation between excellent, multidisciplinary and multi-sector teams proposing how to address the challenges
- Involvement of patient organisations, policy makers and other end users
- Partnerships (public-public, public-private)& international collaboration
- Support to the full spectrum of research, development and innovation



Integrated approach to address key research challenges

Breaking barriers & speaking the same language – European added value

Multi-discipline & intersectoral approaches; capacity building; international collaboration

Generating knowledge & developing the right tools

Standard development; adaptation of tools; robust methodology; data collection & better use of health data



Translating knowledge to policy and practice

Coproduction; scientific tools/methods; policy briefs; communication & knowledge brokering

Understanding the value & economic aspects

Pilots; HTA; Comparative Effectiveness Research; cost effectiveness of approaches/interventions; health outcomes

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Horizon 2020 – Health Theme – Importance of innovation also in research

- Managing the cultural shift from research to research and innovation.
- Implementing innovation requires a "mind-set" change of all stakeholders involved, notably in academia.
- There is also a need to promote an entrepreneurship culture
- More and better information on innovative approaches, strengthening of trust between "providers and users" as well as education and training of healthcare practitioners enabling the wider application of innovation.





More information on Horizon 2020

http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/home

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Thank you

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