



Directions and level of health investment under Cohesion policy post-2014: a critical perspective

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- Context for the debate
- Implications for cohesion policy & health
- Next Steps



About AER...

- An independent network of European regions, founded in 1985
- The largest interregional organisation in wider Europe
- Over 270 member regions from 33 countries of Europe
- 16 interregional organisations



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Demographic change

E-health

Structuring, financing and providing regional healthcare

Social inclusion

Disabilities

Public health-preventing alcohol-related harm



Health - citizens' n°1 priority!

QuickTime™ and a
decompressor
are needed to see this picture.



Health - an expensive business!

- ❑ Almost 15% of EU government's public expenditure is for health (WHO estimate, 2005)
- ❑ 75% of total health expenditure is public sector expenditure (WHO estimates, 2005)

The impact of the crisis?



today

Health & Structural Funds

- 5 billion euro directly allocated to health infrastructure during the current funding period
- Indirect health investment



the question:

Will health benefit from the structural funds post-2014?



Cutting the cake!



... but is the
cake big
enough?



NEW EU institutional settings

Lisbon Treaty (1st December 2009):

- ❑ New full-time President of the European Council
- ❑ New role for the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
- ❑ New European External Action Service
- ❑ New decision-making powers for the European Parliament



NEW EU political priorities

- EU foreign policy aspirations
- EU's green aspirations

EU2020 Strategy

Commission Consultation (Nov. 2009)

- Base growth on knowledge
- Empower people in inclusive societies
- Create competitive, connected and greener economy



NEW EU budget

EU budget review :

Commission Communication October 2009:
Reforming the Budget-Changing Europe

- Growth & Jobs
- Climate & Energy
- EU external policy

Concentrate priorities; ensure EU added value; flexibility & simplification; reconsider financing and correction mechanisms



...and cohesion policy post-2014?

- ❑ Implications for future cohesion policy
- ❑ Implications for health and structural funds



The future (of?) Cohesion Policy

The Barca report

'An agenda for a reformed cohesion policy' (April 2009)

- Allocate a large share of EU budget to place-based development strategy
- Concentrate priorities
- Renew policy concepts
- Renew governance



The future Cohesion Policy

Commissioner Samecki's 'non-paper' (Dec. 2009)

Objectives:

- Original vision is relevant
- Finance EU2020

Priorities:

- Knowledge base for growth
- Greener economy
- Employment and social cohesion



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What does this mean for regions?

What does this mean for health?



And there's more!



Showing EU health investment is relevant

Health is NOT an EU exclusive competence

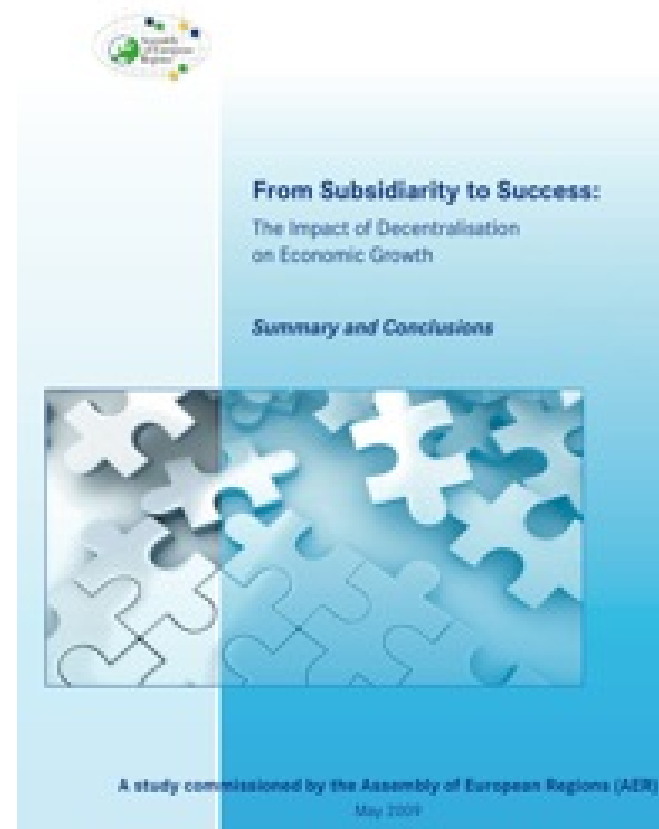
Article 168 Lisbon (former 152 TEC)

1. ... Union action, which shall complement national policies, shall be directed towards improving public health...
2. The Union shall encourage cooperation between the Member States... *It shall in particular encourage cooperation between the Member States to improve the complementarity of their health services in cross-border areas.*



Showing regions are relevant

Prove that regions
are a key partner to
achieving EU-wide
economic growth





Overcoming diversity

Diversity of regions
=
Diversity of needs





Thank you!

... and good luck!

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