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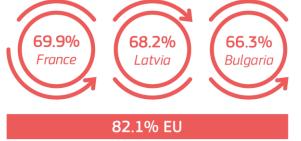
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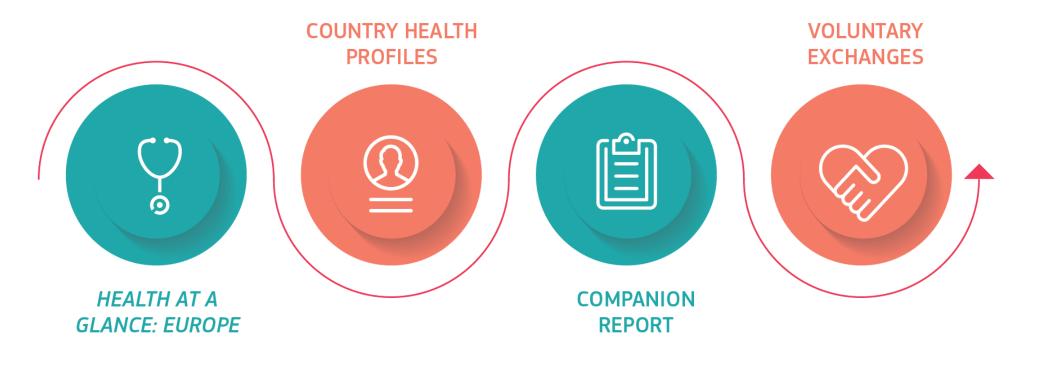




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1. Vaccine hesitancy, a major public health threat all across Europe, can be tackled by improving health literacy and countering disinformation head-on, with health workers actively involved;





2. Digital transformation, as part of a broader, comprehensive health promotion and disease prevention strategy, requires targeted oversight and safeguards for its full potential to be harnessed;





3. Gaps in health care accessibility are still very much a reality in the EU, and poor data quality causes us to be complacent about health system accessibility;





4. Skill mix innovations – such as task shifting – show great potential for health system resilience;





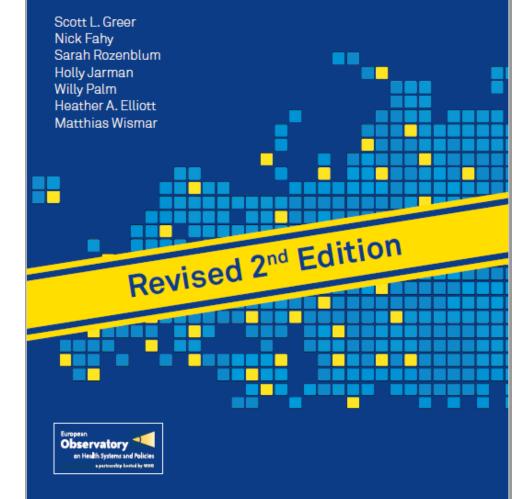
5. We need to work together for our medicines to be affordable, innovative and sustainable all at the same time.

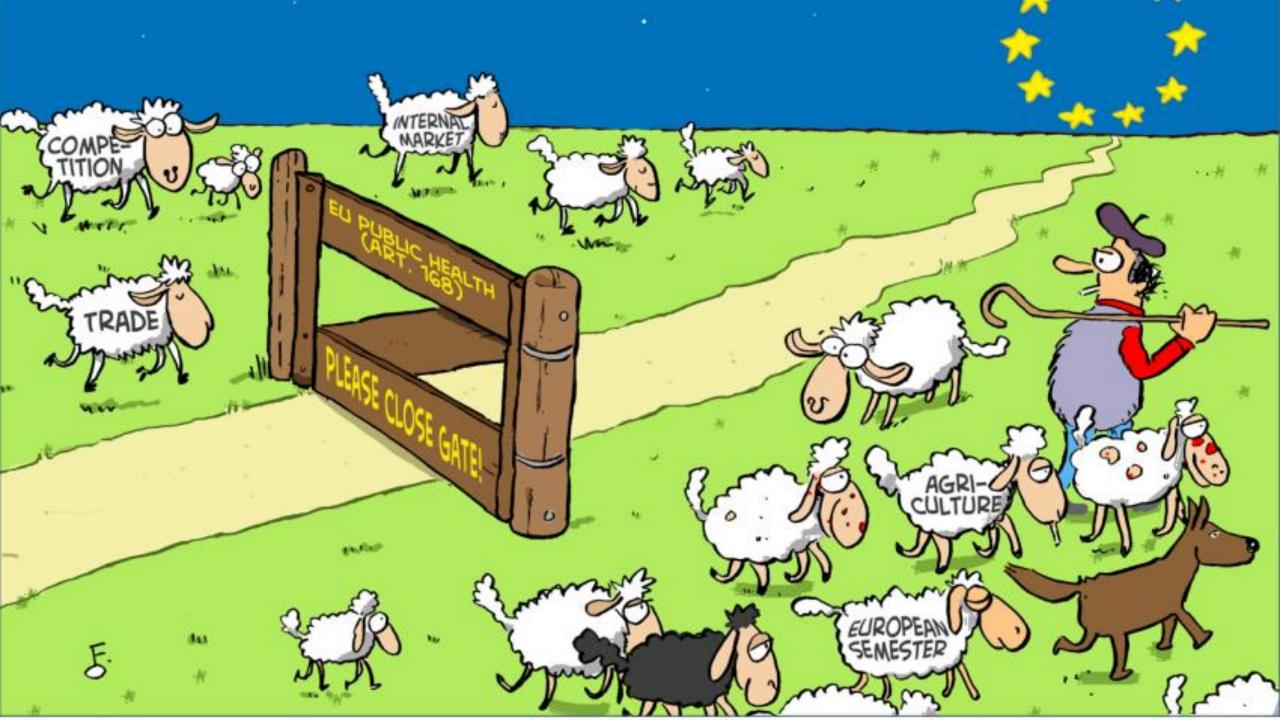


Prospects for health in all EU policies

Professor Scott L. Greer, PhD

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Map of EU health policies by essential public health functions and health systems governance

Shows that EU role is large and in some unexpected places

	Hea	lth leg	al base	S	Mari	Market and wider policies shaping health													European Semester and funds		
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Assuring a sufficient and competent public health workforce)	¢					х		×						×		×		
Assuring sustainable organizational structures and financing																		×	х		
Advocacy communication and social mobilization for health	×								×										×		
Advancing public health research to inform policy and practice													х								
Domains of health systems																					
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Information	Х							Х				Х									
Medical products, vaccines and lechnologies	×									х			×		×			×			
Financing														Х	Х			Х	Х		
Leadership/governance																		х			

Much can be done

Four treaty bases

- Art. 168 health
- Arts. 153, 156 labour
- Art. 191 environment
- Art. 169 consumer protection

Overall commitments

- Art 9 TFEU: "the Union shall take into account... the protection of human health"
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Pillar of Social Rights, Charter of Fundamental RIghts

The healthy side of fiscal governance

The healthy side of internal market

What does the European Union mean for health? What can it mean for health?

This comprehensively revised second edition answers these questions. It provides a broad review and analysis of European Union public health policies to mid-2019. It begins by explaining the basic politics of European integration and European policy-making in health, including the basic question of how the European Union (EU) came to have a health policy and what that policy does. Thereafter, it moves on to the three faces of European Union health policy.

The first face is explicit health policy, both public health policy and policies to strengthen health services and systems in areas such as cancer, and communicable diseases. The second face is internal market building policies, which are often more consequential for health services, but are not made with health as a core objective. These include professional and patient mobility, regulation of insurers and health care providers, and competition in health care. They also include some of the policies through which the EU has had dramatic and positive health effects, namely environmental regulation, consumer protection and labour law. The third face is fiscal governance, in which the EU institutions police member state decisions, including relating to health.

Each face has different politics, law, policy, and health effects. The book provides a synthesis of the different faces and the different ways in which they have been used to strengthen or weaken public health and health systems in Europe. It shows the many, often unappreciated, ways that the EU has worked for health, as well as the opportunities to further strengthen the EU's positive impact on health.

This book is aimed at policy-makers and students of health systems in the EU who seek to understand how the influence of the EU on health policy affects those systems and their patients. To ensure that the EU's impact on health is wholly positive, the wider health community must understand and engage with the EU in the future – something this book aims to encourage.

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Conclusion

- There is and always will be EU policy affecting health
- Whether it is made *for* health is the question
- There are many ways to make that happen!

Sustainable Development Goals European Semester Structural Funds Health Impact Assessments Research (Joint Programming) Internal Market Regulation International Trade law European Pillar of Social Rights ...what should be priorities?...

Box 1.1 EU health policies

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