

Political Background

- Situation extremely complex and diverse
- Difficulty obtaining information !!!
- **As a consequence: very general draft of the situation**



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E.U. Cooperation Policy

- Patient and professionals mobility
- E.U. cooperation for better use of resources
- Information of patients, professionals and decision makers



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E.U. Cooperation Policy 2

- Access to care of good quality
- Conciliate national objectives with E.U. commitments
- E.U. Health cohesion fund and structural E.U. funds



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E.U. Cooperation Policy 3

- High level working group on 7 subjects:
 1. Cross-borders healthcare purchasing and provision
 2. Health professionals



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E.U. Cooperation Policy 4

3. Centres of reference
4. Health and technology assessment
5. Information and e-health



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E.U. Cooperation Policy 5

6. Health impact assessment and systems
 7. Patient safety
- Report 2005 – work going on



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- **Well intended – still very far from the reality !**
- **Long way to go !**



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Health political situation in Europe

- **Basically 3 systems:**
1. **Beveridgian: GB, E, P, I, NL, Dk, S,N, Fin, A**
Improvement, prevention,
Adaptation of structures (Access)
Tendency toward more means



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Health political situation in Europe 2

2. **Bismarckian: D, F, B, CH, A, GR**
Main problem is health cost
Pressure on hospitals
Pressure on doctors
Constant restructuration and conflicts



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Health political situation in Europe 3

3. **New members:**
- **Inheritance of soviet structures based on hospitals**
 - **Transition to more modern structures**



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New Members (next)

- **Public health status**
- **Lower socio-economical level**
Emigration
- **Drastic changes occurred during this last years – situation confused = difficult to evaluate**



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Signs of changes (New Members)

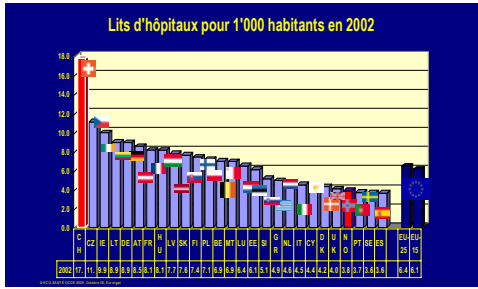
- **Ratio hospital vs. Outpatient MD's**
- **Comparable with western Europe**
- **Role of emigration (PL, SK) ?**



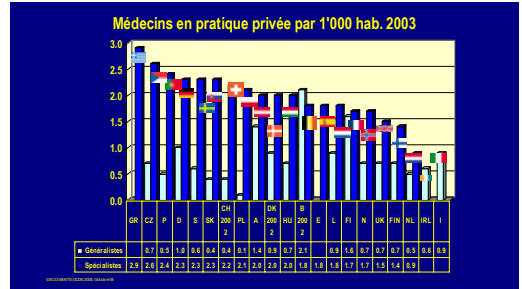
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Signs of changes 2 (New Members)



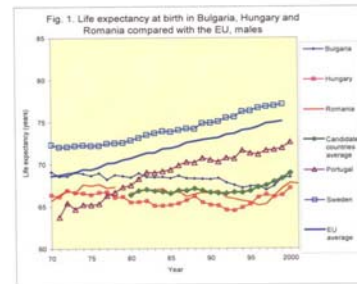
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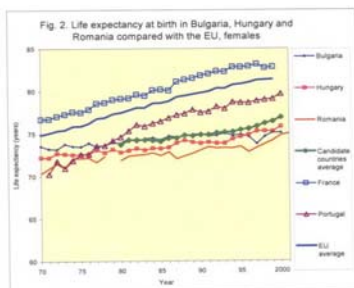
Signs of changes 4 (New Members)

- According to datas no major structural differences now ?
- Certainly differences between datas and reality
- **Your participation absolutely needed !!!**

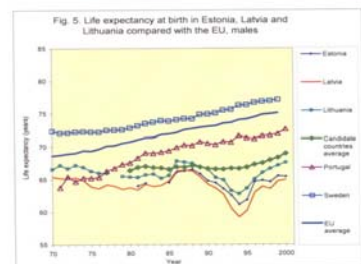
Health Status Eastern Europe



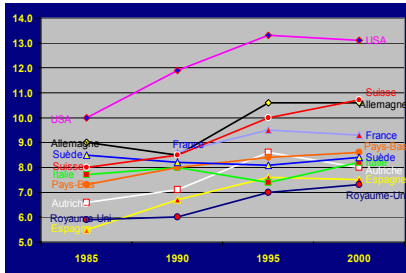
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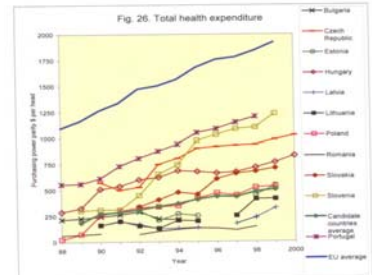
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Health Expenses % GNP



Health Expenses PPP Eastern Europe



And Hospital Policy ?

- No specific datas available on hospital policy
- Hospitals always good targets for savings measures
- EU policy extremely demanding

And Hospital Policy 2 ?

- Information, datas, and indicators harmonisation – beware DRG's !
- How to meet economical/public health discrepancies, emigration, etc ?
- **EU health cohesion funding ? How ?**

Conclusions

- **Such developments require MD commitment !**
- **Role of AEMH and CPME**
- **Commitment of national organisations !**