

Demographic Change in the EU, the Oldest-old
and the Need for Innovative Models of More
Efficient Elderly Care

Research Focus

- ▶ Demographic ageing
 - ▶ Low birth rates in most European countries
 - ▶ Increasing life expectancy
- ▶ What are the trends regarding the need for, the financing of, and the delivery of long-term care (LTC)?
- ▶ How can the challenges of a rising demand for LTC and the associated cost increase be mastered?

Expenditure on Health and LTC as a Proportion of GDP

<i>Region</i> Country	Health Care			LTC		
	2007	2009	2013	2007	2009	2013
<i>North</i>						
Denmark	10.0	11.5	11.0	2.35	2.71	.
Sweden	8.9	9.9	9.6	3.47	3.73	3.65
<i>Central</i>						
Austria	10.3	11.2	11.1	1.27	1.50	1.51
Belgium	9.6	10.7	10.9	2.15	2.30	2.44
France	10.8	10.9	11.6	1.50	1.72	1.27
Germany	10.5	11.8	11.3	1.32	1.47	1.44
Netherlands	10.8	11.9	12.1	3.33	3.70	4.11
<i>South</i>						
Italy	8.5	9.4	9.2	.	.	.
Spain	8.5	9.6	9.3	0.87	1.00	1.11
<i>East</i>						
Czech Republic	6.5	7.8	7.5	0.25	0.27	0.29
Poland	6.3	7.2	6.8	0.40	0.40	0.46

Source: OECD & Eurostat

Note: Health expenditure = current+investment expenditure in health.

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Project Work Packages

WP1: Assessment of Future LTC Needs

Projections of the future demand for LTC and associated costs

WP2: Evaluating Policy Reforms in the LTC Sector

Evaluations of past European policy reforms in the LTC sector

WP3: Care Provision in a Changing Society

Consequences of population ageing for morbidity, labour market participation and the tradeoff between formal and informal care

Potential Impact

- ▶ Make the way in which LTC is delivered more efficient
- ▶ Hereby potentially saving millions of Euros and protecting essential services in the welfare state
- ▶ Define best-practice examples and analyse how previous political actions can lead to mutual learning within the EU
- ▶ Help policymakers to make institutional choices that assist in creating a sustainable welfare state in times of demographic ageing