

# WHAT IS THE EXPERT PANEL?

The Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health is an **interdisciplinary and independent** group established by the European Commission to provide non-binding **advice** on matters related to effective, accessible and resilient **health systems**.

The creation of the Panel goes back to the conclusions on health systems adopted in June 2011 by the Council of Ministers of the EU, which invited the European Commission and the EU countries to initiate a process aiming to identify effective ways of investing in health and to provide them with independent advice on health related questions. Independent and evidence-based advice is crucial in order to support policy making on health.

# WHAT DOES THE EXPERT PANEL DO?

The **areas of competence** of the Expert Panel include, but are not limited to, primary care, hospital care, pharmaceuticals, research and development, disease prevention and health promotion, social protection, cross-border cooperation, health economics, eHealth and health education and literacy.

EU citizens need health systems that are effective, accessible and resilient, and the Commission needs expert advice in order to help the EU countries to develop, maintain and improve their health systems. Since starting its activities on 11 July 2013, the Expert Panel has been working consistently on topical questions issued by the Commission. The Expert Panel, together with external experts, devotes considerable time and energy to deliver **opinions**, which can support health policy making in the EU.

The Expert Panel is currently working on questions related to:

- Innovation in pricing models for innovative medicines
- Access to healthcare in the EU
- Assessing the performance of health systems
- Costing of health services
- Knowledge sharing and management in health systems

For more information on the work of the  
**Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in  
Health (EXPH):**

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/expert\\_panel/](http://ec.europa.eu/health/expert_panel/)



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## EXPERT PANEL ON EFFECTIVE WAYS OF INVESTING IN HEALTH

Independent advice to  
support evidence-based  
health policies

## WHO ARE THE EXPERT PANEL MEMBERS?



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## WHY DO WE NEED INDEPENDENT EXPERTISE?

The Expert Panel aims to provide the necessary evidence that will support the EU countries in delivering high quality care and making their health systems more resilient and efficient while improving accessibility to all. In its work the Expert Panel focuses on methods and tools that contribute towards improving the health of the population (**effectiveness**), the possibility of all citizens to avail of appropriate and timely healthcare (**accessibility**), and the adaptability and responsiveness of health systems (**resilience**) in the European Union.



The Expert Panel members are independent experts from all over Europe with an unmatched wealth of combined experience and knowledge in public health and health care. Chosen from a pool of highly qualified experts, their **diversity** along with their **professional** and **academic** achievements makes the Expert Panel an invaluable resource.