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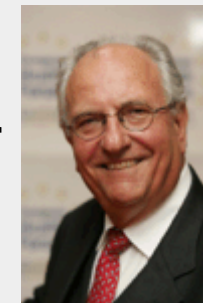
## Criteria for selection

- Health policy initiative of European importance
- Direct benefit to population health or health care
- At least in two European countries implemented
- Initiative has to be evidence-based and quality assured
- Outcomes and improvements have to be demonstrated through validated data
- Health policy initiative needs to be transferable to other countries

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## Members of the Jury

**Professor Dr. Günther Leiner**  
President EHFG



**John Bowis**, former MEP,  
former Minister of Health of Great Britain

**Professor Dr. Martin McKee**  
Professor of European Public Health,  
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine



**Dr. Andrzej Rys**  
European Commission, Directorate General Health and  
Consumer Protection, Director of Public Health & Risk Assessment

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## The shortlisted projects:

- Best information through Regional Outcomes (BIRO)
- European Practice Assessment (EPA)
- Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information (PPRI)
- Patient Information System (PaSIS)
- Rapsody Project: - Patients: a word to say, a role to play in health policy development for rare diseases
- The WHO Health Project (HIPP)

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## Diabetes: “Best Information through Regional Outcomes” (BIRO)

Countries: Austria, Cyprus, Italy, Malta, Norway, Romania, Scotland

- Topic / Aims:
  - shared infrastructure for data processing and analysis and the regular publication of key indicators at European level
  - European Diabetes Register for clinical units, regions, member states and the EC
- Results / Activities:
  - technical workflows were satisfying, data privacy requirements are fulfilled
  - 40 months successfully run



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## European Practice Assessment (EPA)

Countries (or regions of these): Austria, Belgium, England, France, Germany, Israel, Netherlands, Slovenia, Switzerland, Wales



- Topic / Aims:
  - EPA helps to create a common European level in the sphere of primary care and prevention
  - provides indicators and tools for practitioners and policy makers
  - collects data, gives feedback and improves primary care practice
- Results / Activities:
  - impact on improved services was shown
  - sub-project: e.g. EPA cardio (cardiovascular risk)

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## Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information (PPRI)

Countries: EU-27, Albania, Canada, Iceland, Norway, South Africa, Switzerland, Turkey



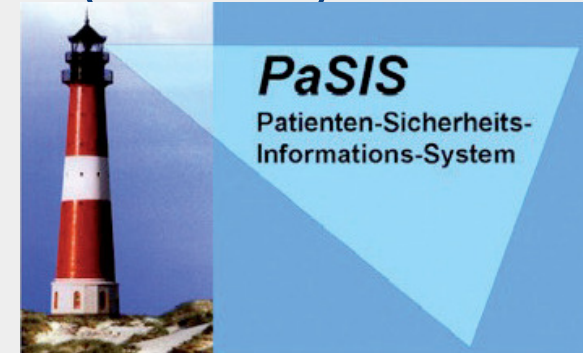
- Topic / Aims:
  - Initiative to harmonise the prices of medications and to safeguard an legitimate access to them
- Results / Activities:
  - collecting international data from 34 countries and international institutions (EMA, OECD, WHO, World Bank) and producing country reports
  - Glossary of pharmaceutical terms
  - developed a set of core indicators for benchmarking

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## Patient Safety Information System (PaSIS)

Countries: Austria, Germany

- Topic / Aims:
  - deals with one of the most important problems of modern healthcare: errors in medical practice
  - rapid detection of the source of errors
- Results / Activities:
  - well-functioning reporting system
  - development and implementation of efficient counterstrategies
  - Improvement of internal processes in hospitals, equipment, in the employment conditions of medical personnel



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**Rhapsody Project:** Patients: a word to say, a role to play in health policy development for rare diseases

Countries: Czech Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden

- Topic / Aims:
  - competence centres for 16 rare diseases
  - Europe-wide exchange of information concerning methods and services for patients
  - compare services in various countries, identify the best methods and support and initiate the development of new services
- Results / Activities:
  - websites, databases, care facilities and programmes



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## WHO Health in Prisons Project (HIPP)

Countries: 37 countries of the WHO region Europe

- Topic / Aims:
  - Healthcare of prisoners was neglected although it's a potential threat to general health because of contagious diseases
- Results / Activities:
  - Awareness of the problem at national level was strengthened
  - WHO guidelines (HIV, tuberculosis, mental health)
  - International exchange of experts

