Primary Health Care reform in Austria

Workshop W1 - “A workforce for primary healthcare - Training, attractiveness and skill-mix”

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General medicine in Austria

- Little possibility for flexible and integrated forms of work, no structured form of collaboration

- 74% of contracted GPs will be 65 years until 2030

- Little interest of medical students to specialise in General Practice and changing expectation of their future professional career (feminisation, team-work, etc.)
General medicine in Austria
Primary Health Care in Austria

A PRIORITY IN HEALTH POLICY

...following international best-practice and building on international expertise
2012/2013: Priority in 15a-Vereinbarung

April 2015: First pilot project in Vienna (Mariahilf)

Mid 2014: Development of a Concept supported by stakeholder board

February 2017: Opening PHC Enns (OÖ)

April 2017 (ZV): Agreement of supportive measures by federal state, Bundesländer and SHI

October 2016: Opening health care center in Mariazell (Styria)

June 2017: Dedicated health care law (PrimVG)

2018: Framework contract to be negotiated

End of 2016 (Finanzausgleich): Agreement of 75 units until 2021

July 2019 (latest): framework contract to become effective


75 Primary Health Care units

PHC in AT: A priority in health policy
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STATUS QUO AND OUTLOOK
One focus: Implementation

- Evidence (almost) conclusive
- Less known about factors for successful implementation and scaling up
- From the what and the why to the how

Source: Pickit Images
Implementing Primary Care Reform - Prerequisites and Enablers

• Well defined prerequisites have to be in place

• We need
  – more than money
  – more money
  – to spend it more wisely

• From visionary leaders to standard practice
Gründungsinitiative, die; (zielt darauf ab, ein Umfeld zu kreieren, das zur Gründung von Primärversorgungseinheiten ermutigt und die Grundlage für eine längerfristige Aufwertung der Primärversorgung zu schaffen)
ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL...

Too tight?
75 primary health care units until 2021

- Financing and Funding
- Care concept
- Supportive measures for founders
- Attractiveness of the primary health care sector

Start-up initiative
WE NEED TO GO FROM REACTIVE TO PROACTIVE!

I'VE BEEN ON IT, ALL MORNIN'!

Source: Floris Udon (comichouse.nl)
Overview of the start-up initiative

1. • Development of prioritized factsheets and templates
   • Timeline: February 2018 until Summer 2018

2. • Innovative funding and financing possibilities
   • Joint work with other European Institutions (e.g. EIB)

3. • SRSS project Start-up initiative for primary health care units
   • Operative Start: June 2018; Duration: End of 2019
First phase: prioritized factsheets and templates

- Support material for primary health care units
  - Templates (Company agreement, Articles of association, Business plan, ..)
  - Fact Sheets and information material

- Certain thematic areas
  - Legal matters, commercial aspects
  - Organizational matters, IT/infrastructure

- Status: Available
Financing and funding

EIB Group figures As of 12/06/2018

EFSI investment by sector*

- Smaller companies: 28%
- RDI: 22%
- Energy: 22%
- Digital: 11%
- Transport: 9%
- Social Infrastructure: 4%
- Environment and resource efficiency: 4%

EUR 294.2bn
Total investment related to EFSI approvals

EUR 58.9bn
Approved EFSI financing

- Of which EUR 42.4bn signed

** EIB-approved EUR 44.6bn
** EFSI-approved EUR 14.5bn

Darker colours signify higher investment

EFSI investment relative to GDP*

- High speed internet access for 15 million households
- Better health care for 30.6 million people
- Renewable energy for 7.4 million households

Target by 2020 EUR 500bn

* based on approved operations
Funding and Financing

1. Finanzierung durch Kredite:
   - Gespräche zwischen BMASGK und der Europäischen Investitionsbank (EIB)
   - Investitionsoffensive für Europa (“Juncker Plan”) zur Förderung der Wirtschaft

2. EIB’s first backing for Primary Health Care investment in Europe supports 14 schemes across Ireland

   Release date: 25 May 2016
   Reference: 2016-123-EN

14 new Primary Care Centres are to be built across Ireland following agreement of a new EUR 70 million 25-year loan from the European Investment Bank. This represents the EIB’s first support for healthcare investment in Ireland and the first dedicated backing for Primary Health Care anywhere in Europe. The new PPP-based scheme will support the shift from hospital based healthcare to community based care closer to patients.
Main areas covered:

- Preparation of a start-up guide for primary healthcare units (building on previous work)
- On-site support for primary healthcare units (founding process)
- Development of web platform and information campaign
- Raising the attractiveness of the primary healthcare sector and support in local coordination (Partner: European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies)

EU-SRSS project: Start-up initiative for primary healthcare units
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TO CONCLUDE
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