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THE STATE OF HEALTH IN THE EU

7 December 2017



Bruegel workshop



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THE CASE FOR HEALTH



A labour intensive sector: 8.5% of the total EU workforce



An R&D intensive sector



An investment in **human capital and **productivity****



A key determinant of **inequality**





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CHRONIC DISEASES AND THE EU ECONOMY

PREMATURE DEATHS FROM CHRONIC DISEASES

555 000 PEOPLE



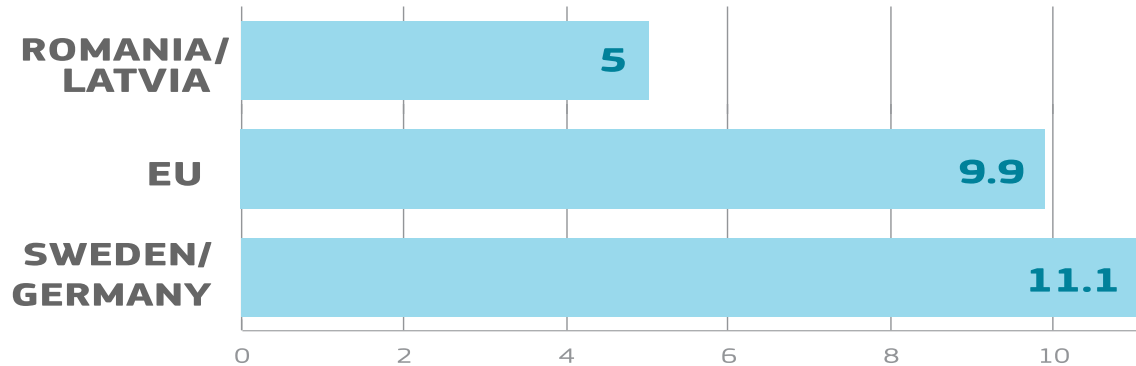
OF WORKING AGE

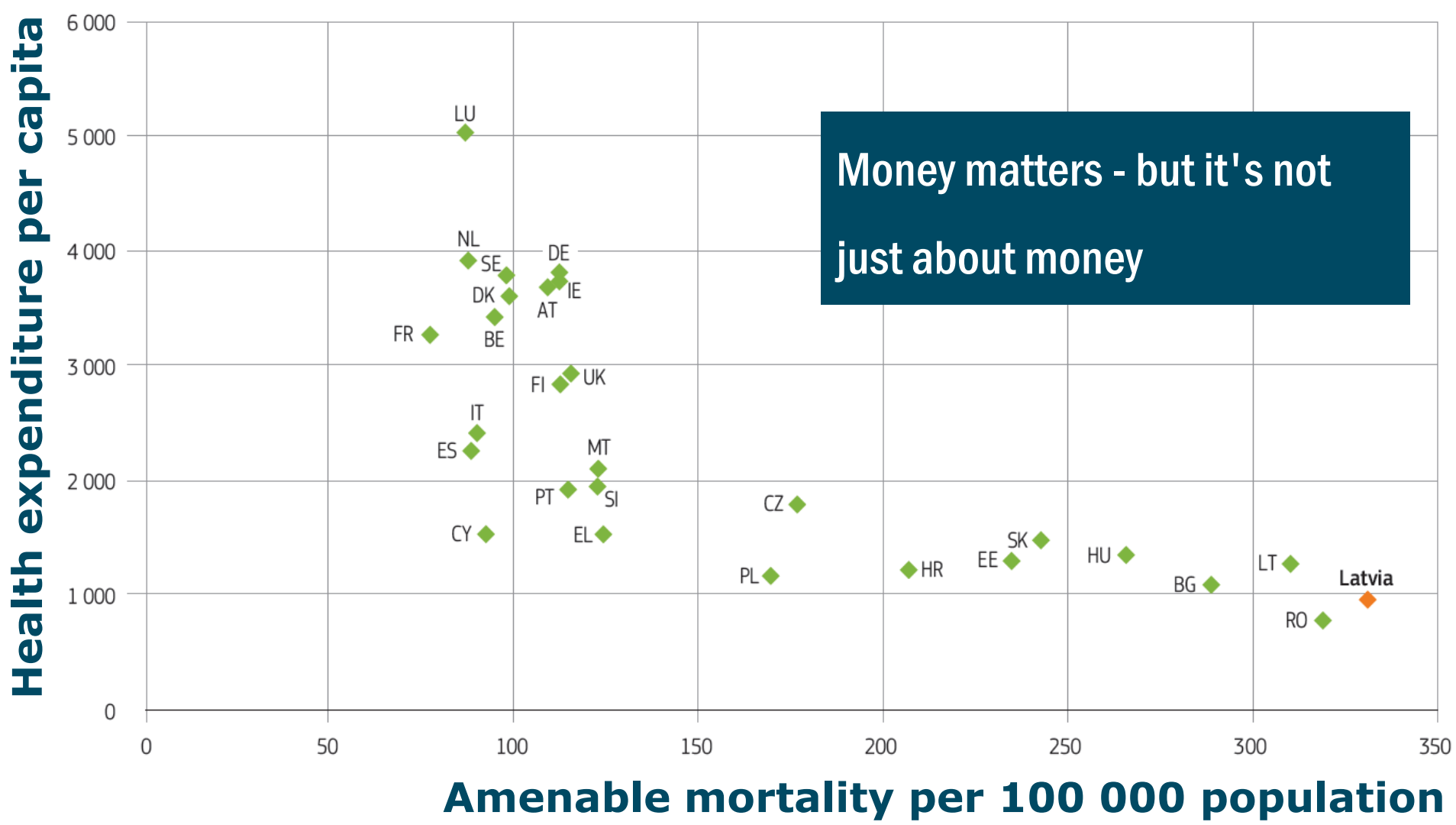
ECONOMIC LOSS

- > **3.4 MILLION PRODUCTIVE YEARS**
- > **€ 115 BILLION PER YEAR**
- > **0.8% OF GDP**

HEALTH EXPENDITURE AS A % OF GDP

Health is the biggest government expense
after pensions







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THE "STATE OF HEALTH IN THE EU" CYCLE?

→ **A concise package of factual, high-quality evidence**

→ **A two-year cycle at the service of policy makers, stakeholders and practitioners**

→ **In partnership with the OECD and EU Observatory for Health**



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BETTER POLICIES FOR BETTER LIVES



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on Health Systems and Policies

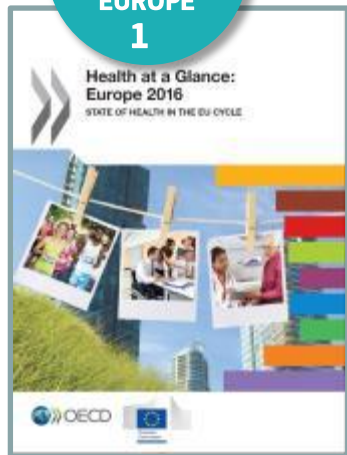
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First half of 2018



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THE COMPANION REPORT 2017

- **Cross-cutting** conclusions by the Commission, from the twenty-eight Country Health Profiles
- Linked to **shared policy objectives** across countries, revealing potential for EU added value

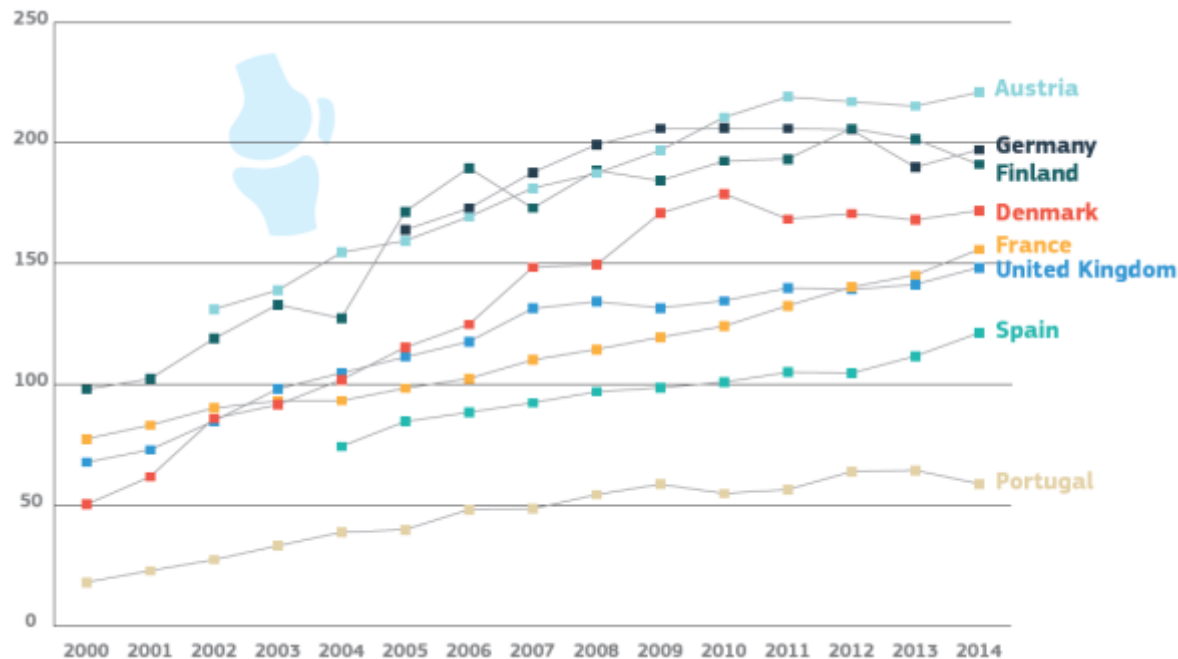




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*Watch your step,
especially in
Austria....:*

*Knee replacements
across the EU*



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FIVE KEY CONCLUSIONS ⁽¹⁾

1. Countries need to focus more on health promotion and disease **prevention**
2. **Primary care** should be stepped-up to avoid unnecessary hospital admissions
3. Health service providers should work together more effectively through **integrated care**



FIVE KEY CONCLUSIONS (2)

4. **Health workforce** planning and forecasting should be improved, to address demographic and technology changes
5. We should invest in **patient-centred data** for better knowledge on health outcomes (**PaRIS, eHealth**)





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