
Health systems and economic development in the EU

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The Macro perspective on Health

Besides the issues for individuals, families good health address many societal issues:

- Economic growth**
- Demographic problems**
- Productivity losses**
- Lost working days**
- General wellbeing – quality of life**

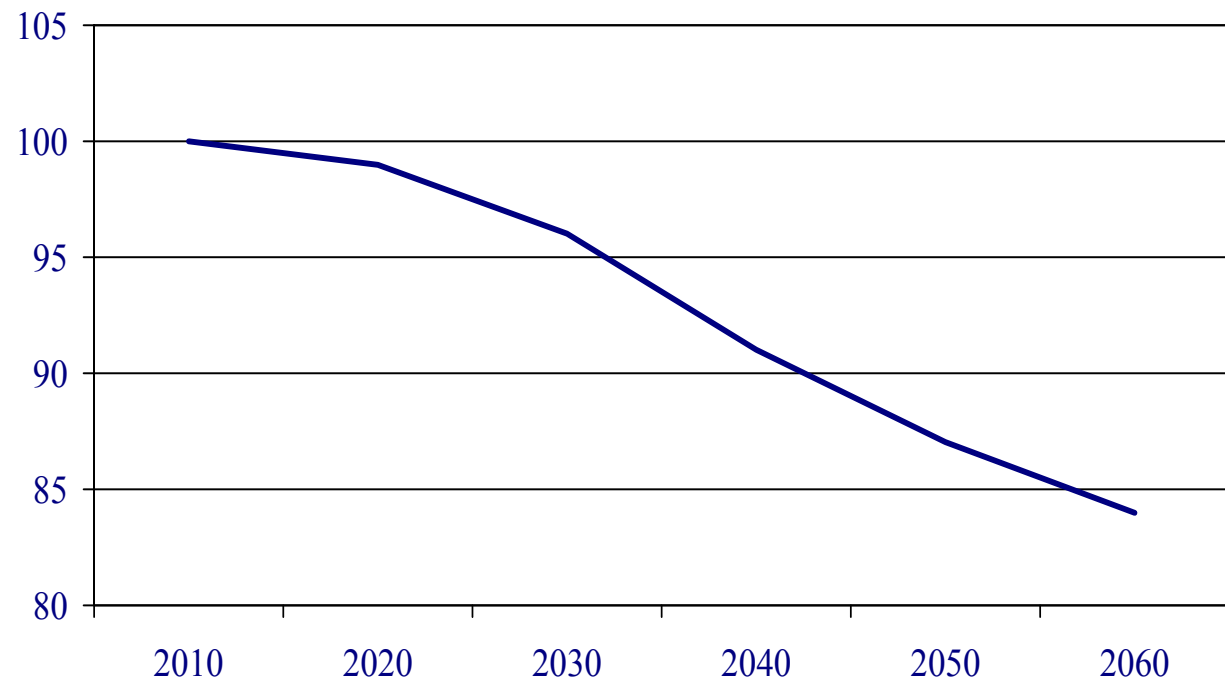
Our health systems are adapted to the "European Way", but can we sustain the systems?

Financing in the future

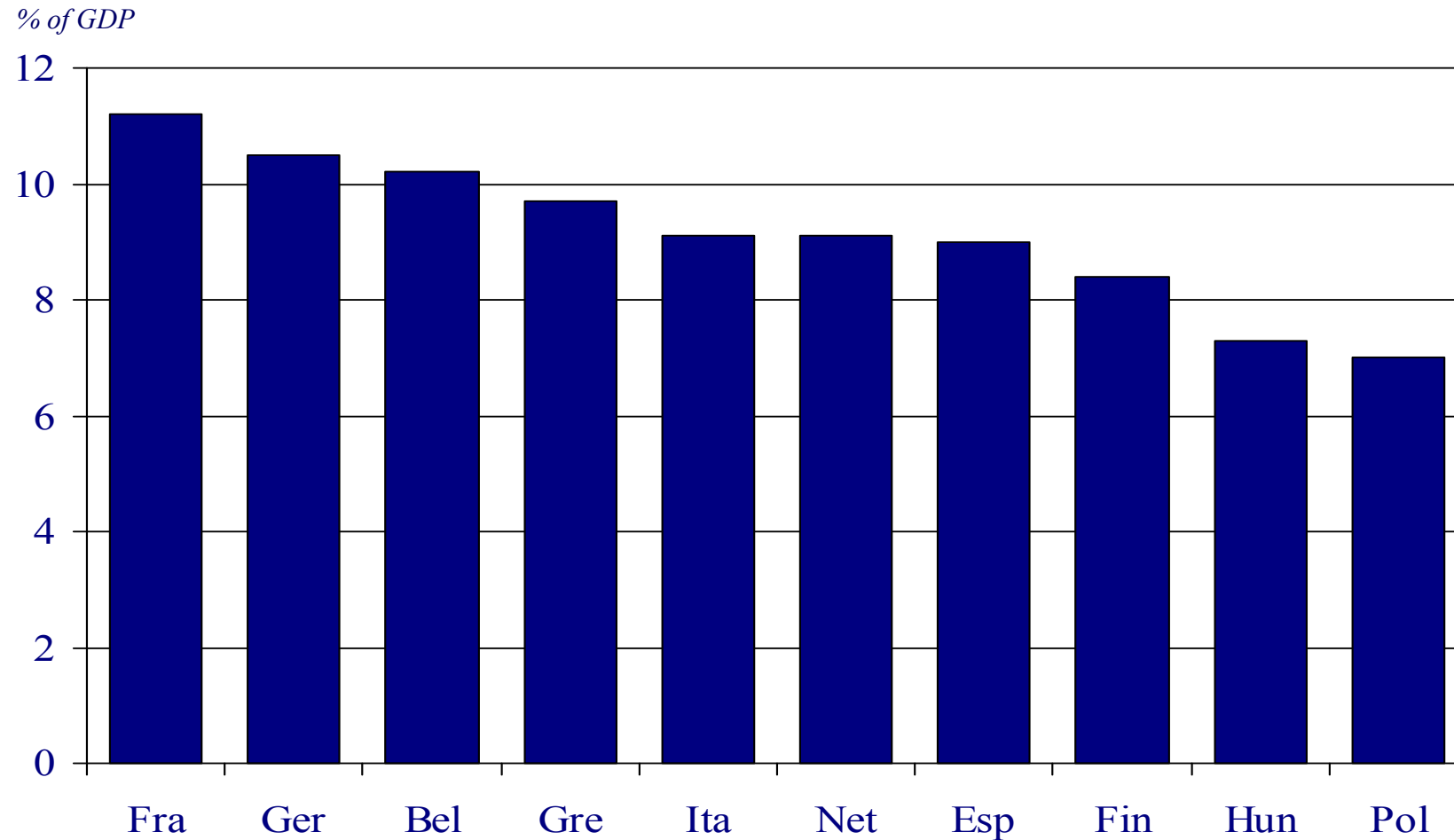
Economic growth in Europe is no longer 3% per annum

Much fewer tax payers in the coming years

**Work force in EU
(15-64) 2010 = 100**



How much do we spend?



And how much do we get for the money?

Pressure on health and care budgets

Do we get better health if we spend more?

Do we get worse health if we spend less?

Can we break the direct link between quality and spending?

Only if we can measure quality of output – societal value, not “just” HTA

Is benchmarking a way forward? The Swedish model?

Innovation is needed

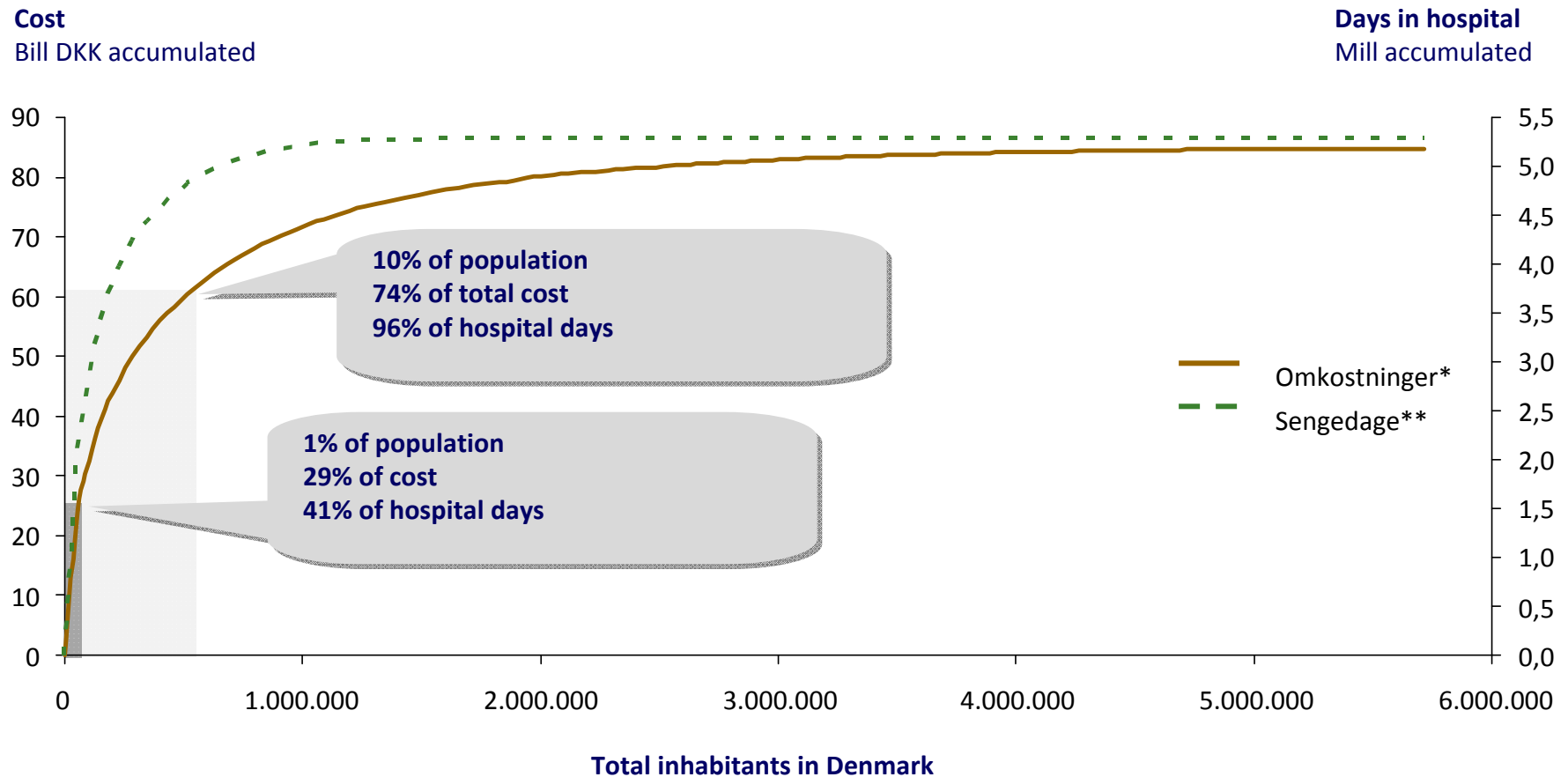
Innovation in management and technology

Innovation via technology – a new digital revolution in medical devices underway?

Innovation in management to get a holistic view. Silos must be broken down – between professions, within governments and in the EU

Integration of the different components in the systems

Example of process innovation



Source: Health Navigator

Important work going on in EU

European Commission:

Investing in health

As well as being a value in itself, health is a precondition for economic prosperity.

Efficient spending on health can promote growth.

Europe needs smart investments in health:

- spending smarter but not necessarily more in sustainable health systems
- investing in people's health, particularly through health-promotion programmes
- investing in health coverage as a way of reducing inequalities and tackling social exclusion.

But we still need the holistic view that can ensure delivery on all the aspects of positive health outcomes

A great opportunity now to bring the broad societal values into the European Semester

If we don't reform

Remember:

We can't expect a return to pre-crises economic growth rates

We will get a lot more older people – and fewer in the work force

We have a joint responsibility for not ending up with a system with high inequality and low performance
