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Challenges for health care systems in EU

- Medical development
- Technological advancement
- Demographical change
- Better standard of living



Increased spending-necessary

Co-operation – a way forward



Free movement of patients

Free movement of health professionals

Cross border care



”Enabling good health for all – reflection process on the future of EU public health policy”

Shared responsibility – EU and Member States

Health generates wealth

Inequalities in EU health

Preventive work in infectious and life style diseases



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Constitution of the European Union

– on health and health care



”The responsibilities of the Member States shall include the management of health services and medical care and the allocation of the resources assigned to them.”



”A high level of human health protection shall be ensured in the definition and implementation of all the Union’s policies and activities.”



”The Union shall encourage co-operation between Member States in the areas referred to in this article.”



”It shall in particular encourage co-operation between Member States to improve the complementary of their health services in cross-border areas.”



**”High Level Process of Reflection on
Patient Mobility and Health care
Developments in the European Union.”**

2003



”High Level Group on Health Services and Medical Care.”

2004



High Level Group agenda:

- Patient mobility and rights
- Information on health
- Shared values on quality in health
- Shared attitudes to patient safety
- Evidenced based medicine
- Exchange of best practice
- E-health
- Centres of excellence
- Older population
- Continuing professional development



DG SANCO – on health issues

Influence

Responsibility



Aim of tomorrow:

”Health care of high quality and safety, with equal access and competent performance of all health professionals.”



Means of today:

”Co-operation between Member States, European Community, Patients, Health professionals and other Stakeholders.”