

EXPERT PANEL ON EFFECTIVE WAYS OF INVESTING IN HEALTH

Request for a scientific opinion: Assessment of the study 'Evaluation of public-private partnerships in health care delivery across EU'.

Background – Rationale

In 2011, the Health and Consumers Directorate General (DG SANCO) of the European Commission commissioned a study to carry out an evaluation of public-private partnerships (PPP) in health care delivery across the EU. The goal of the study was to analyse the trends of PPP in the health systems in at least six Member States, and to carry out relevant and detailed case studies (possibly 20).

In May 2013 the contractor delivered the draft final report, with analyses of seven Member States and fifteen case studies (spread over 10 Member States).

The results of the study, once assessed and validated by the Panel, could feed into the process of EU policy making, through the works of the European Innovation Partnership on active and healthy ageing, as well as within the reflection process on modern, responsive and sustainable health systems.

Terms of Reference for the Expert Panel on Health

The Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in Health is requested to

- (1) Provide its views on the study "Evaluation of public-private partnerships in health care delivery across EU", which is presented as Annex of this request. In doing so, the Panel is asked to pay particular attention and express its views on:
 - (a) whether the choice of Member States and case studies selected by the contractor are representative of the EU situation of PPP in healthcare delivery;
 - (b) whether the methodology utilised by the contractor is appropriate or whether there remain important aspects of the analysis which are not properly covered;
 - (c) whether the conclusions and the recommendations reached by the contractor are sound, evidence based, consistent and comprehensive?

- (2) Identify what additional evidence is necessary in order to best develop EU policy for the proper use of PPP in cost-effective and sustainable health systems. In doing so, the Panel should provide guidance on the steps which need to be taken and the methodologies and approaches which are to be followed in order to gather the needed additional evidence.

Timing

Ideally the opinion of the Panel should be finalised by the end of 2013.

Enclosures : The report will be presented to the Panel as soon as it is finalised.