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Session 3 – The Policy Response for Sustainable Health Systems

MS Commitments

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1. Lessons learned from crisis in Latvia

2. Sustainability from national to global perspective

3. Twinning

4. Health in all policies approach



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Lessons learned and learning from crisis (positive effects)

Any crisis is an opportunity for re-thinking



Shifting from widely used hospital sector to ambulatory care



Easier, faster, cheaper



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Sustainability from national to global perspective

- *to enhance adequate representation of health in the framework of the Europe 2020 strategy*
- *to streamline the on-going healthcare performance assessments at EU level*
- *to strengthen the role of health promotion in national policies as healthy workforce is the main driver for economic growth*



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Council Conclusions on 2015 Annual Growth Survey and Joint Employment Report: political guidance on employment and social policies

“Innovation in health care and long term care should focus on ensuring universal and equitable access to quality and safety in health services while securing their affordability, sustainability and cost effectiveness. These innovations may include strengthening of health promotion, early diagnosis and disease prevention in all relevant policy sectors, while ensuring integrated health care, enhancing primary health care, optimising use of specialists and securing an appropriate and skilled health workforce. This will require making better use of e-Health, Health Systems Performance Assessment and Health Technology Assessment, while ensuring stable and continuous health financing”.

MS proposed Annex related to Health:
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Twining Opportunities

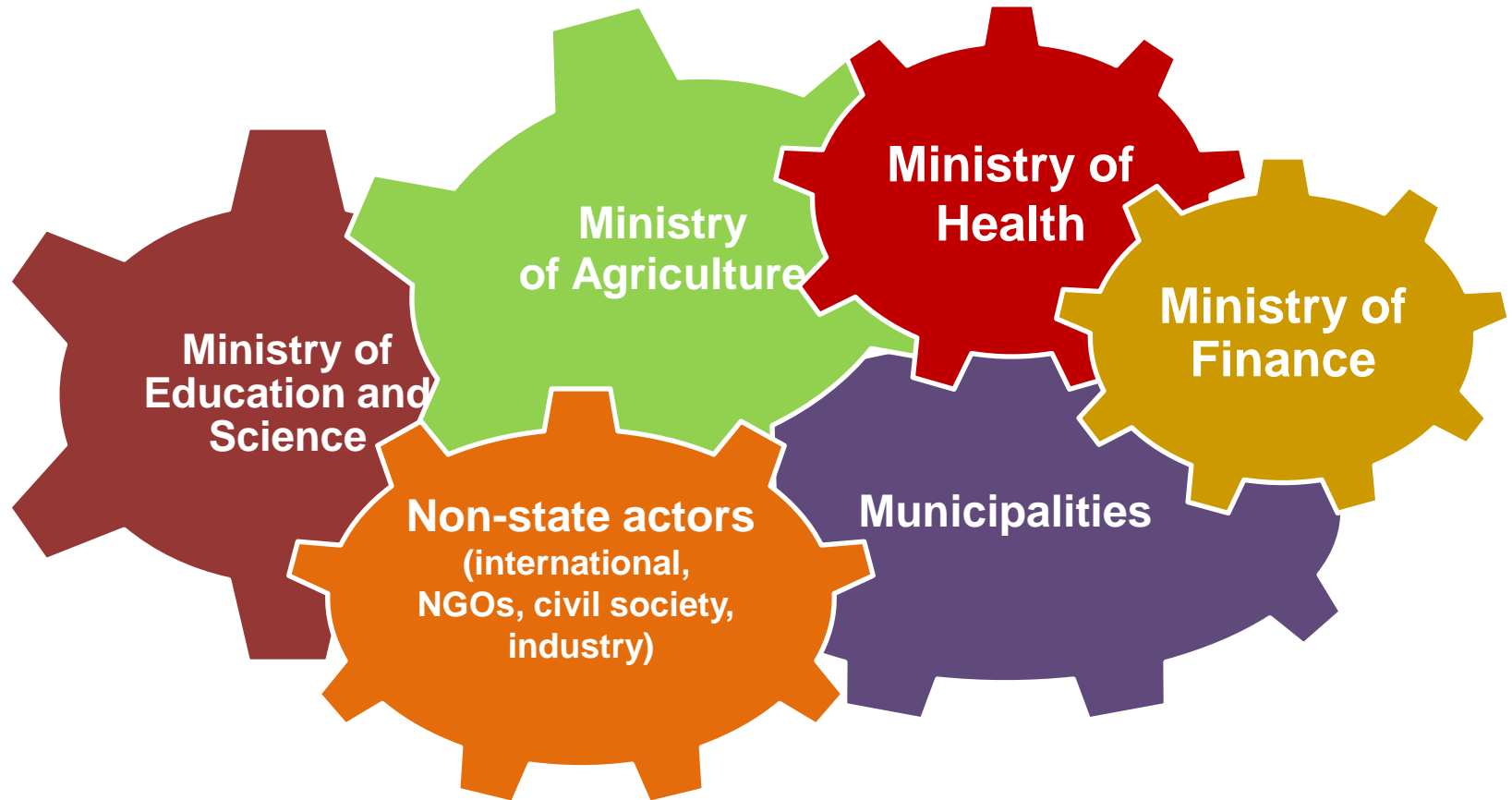
What do Member States need to sustain common EU health policy?

- *further strengthening of health systems and coordination based on the Decision on serious cross border health threats*
- *helping patients with chronic diseases to better control their disease (incl. follow up systems, innovative solutions for treatment ...)*
- *enhancing role of health promotion and prevention as the most cost-effective and efficient ways for the prevention of the causes of diseases*



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Demand for sustainability in health care: Health-in-all-policies approach





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Thank you!

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