

Supplementary Table S1: Health system characteristics and countries/groups of countries

Countries (in bold ICARE4EU countries)	National health model^a	Overall Strength of PC^b	Level of(de)centralization of health system^c
Austria	SIS	Weak	Decentralized
Belgium	SIS	Strong	Decentralized
Bulgaria	TC	Weak	Decentralized
Croatia	TC	(data not included)	Centralized
Cyprus	NHS	Weak	Centralized
Czech Rep.	TC	Medium	Decentralized
Denmark	NHS	Strong	Decentralized
Estonia	TC	Strong	Centralized
Finland	NHS	Strong	Decentralized
France	SIS	Medium	Decentralized
Germany	SIS	Medium	Decentralized
Greece	NHS	Weak	Centralized
Hungary	TC	Weak	Centralized
Iceland	NHS	Weak	Decentralized
Ireland	SIS	Weak	Centralized
Italy	NHS	Medium	Decentralized
Latvia	TC	Medium	Centralized
Lithuania	TC	Strong	Centralized
Luxembourg	SIS	Weak	Centralized
Malta	NHS	Weak	Centralized
Netherlands	SIS	Strong	Centralized
Norway	NHS	Medium	Decentralized
Poland	TC	Medium	Decentralized
Portugal	NHS	Strong	Decentralized
Romania	TC	Medium	Decentralized
Slovak Rep.	TC	Weak	Decentralized
Slovenia	TC	Strong	Centralized
Spain	NHS	Strong	Decentralized
Sweden	NHS	Medium	Decentralized
Switzerland	(data not included)	Medium	Centralized
Turkey	SIS	Weak	Centralized
United Kingdom (only England in ICARE4EU)	NHS	Strong	Centralized

^a Codagnone et al., 2013 [32]; Brennan et al., 2015 [47]. NHS=National Health Service; SIS=Social Insurance System; TC=Transition Countries. Information on Switzerland was not collected because the related study was conducted in 31 countries (EU27 plus Croatia, Iceland, Norway, and Turkey). Data gathering process could start in November of 2012, and was mostly completed between January and March 2013. Croatia was included in the study although it was included in EU(28) in July 2013.

^b Kringos et al. 2013 [68]; Detollenaere et al., 2017 [50]. Croatia was not collected, given that the survey kept in consideration EU27 within 2010 (plus Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey).

^c WHO, Health System in Transition series (years from 2008 to 2013) [69]. <http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/partners/observatory/health-systems-in-transition-hit-series> (Countries' latest - in 2013 - health system review).