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Organization of the healthcare system in Europe: what facilitates & what impedes the delivery of effective primary care

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1. Introduction:

- Population
- Distribution (eg urban / rural / remote)
- Socioeconomic breakdown
- Ethnic groups
- Other relevant characteristics, religions

2. Health system design:

- Funding – state, public
- Secondary care
- Health insurance available? Who would get? offers choice of specialist & hospital care
- Primary care
- Medicines & investigations

3. How primary care is delivered in - model(s) of care

4. Access to primary health care in

5. Benefits and drawbacks of health care system 6. Impact of system on care

7. Growing health care burden in

8. Lessons for other countries - Summary of what works well and does not work well in PHC in this country.