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**PHAMEU**  
Primary Health Care  
Activity Monitor for Europe

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## Background

**There is a lack of** up to date comprehensive and comparable information on variation in development of primary care systems, and knowledge of structures and strategies conducive to strengthening primary care.

**The PHAMEU project aims to** fill this gap by developing and implementing a Monitor on primary care, including primary care system features, the strengths and weaknesses, obstacles and challenges related to primary care in 31 European countries.

### Focus will be on

- Primary care policy priorities and development, regulation, quality assessment measures
- Expenditures and modes of financing
- Factors influencing access to care, e.g. co-payments, patient lists, remoteness of facilities
- Informational continuity of care, such as the use of proper information systems
- Continuity over time of the doctor-patient relationship
- Horizontal and vertical integration of primary care services
- The range of curative, preventive and rehabilitative care and health promotion provided

**Methods are** literature searches, use of statistical databases, study of policy and other documents in the countries, and consultation of national expert panels.

**Results will be** disseminated to decision makers, communities of professionals and researchers, and to the general public; both at national and European level.

## Objectives

**To establish a permanent health information and knowledge system on the development of primary care systems in Europe.**

- To develop a Primary Care Monitoring instrument applicable for regular assessments of the development of primary care in Europe
- To produce consensus-based validated indicators covering the key features of primary care systems
- To develop data collection strategies for the 31 included countries
- To collect data by applying (inter)national statistical databases, published literature, policy documents, web-based sources, and interviews with expert panels in each participating country
- To perform a first update of the collected primary care data
- To describe and analyse data, to show variation in primary care development in Europe; identify models of good practice in strengthening primary care; offer country specific recommendations on primary care strategies
- Disseminate results via the websites of PHAMEU, and the European Commission; a book on the state of primary care in Europe; policy briefs; scientific publications; presentations at international conferences; and the networks of the PHAMEU Consortium.

## Project Facts

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