



Healthcare System Country Notes Country Studies in Europe

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An excellent source on the detail of healthcare systems in other countries is the **European Observatory on Health Systems**. The original European Union countries are well covered as well as the emerging countries of Eastern Europe. The collection also includes material on Canada, Israel, Australia and New Zealand. There is limited material on the USA and Japan.

Choose a country from <http://www.euro.who.int/observatory/ctryinfo/ctryinfo>

The **Health Systems in Transition** (HiT) profiles from the European Observatory are particularly useful summaries of each country as they are written using a common template. See <http://www.euro.who.int/observatory/Hits/TopPage>

Social health insurance systems in western Europe is a book summarising the European experience of mandatory health cover. "The concept of social health insurance (SHI) is deeply ingrained in the fabric of health care systems in western Europe."

Saltman, R. B., Busse, R., & Figueras, J. (Eds.). (2004). *Social Health Insurance Systems in Western Europe*. Maidenhead: Open University Press

URL: http://www.euro.who.int/observatory/publications/20041122_1

Health Policy Monitor is an excellent site on details and progress of specific reforms in healthcare. The International Network Health Policy and Reform was initiated in 2002 and brings together health policy experts from 20 industrialized countries. See <http://www.hpm.org/en/index.html>

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