

## INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

FAD/EUO Joint Conference  
Public Health Care Reforms:  
Challenges and Lessons for Advanced and Emerging Europe  
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### AGENDA

8:30 am–9:00 am	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 am–9:15 am	<b>Opening remarks</b> , Emmanuel van der Mensbrugge (Director, Offices in Europe, IMF) and Carlo Cottarelli (Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF)
9:15 am–10:45 am	Session 1: <b><i>Health care challenges in the coming decades: costs, outcomes, and efficiency</i></b>
<p>This session will discuss challenges facing health care systems in both advanced and emerging Europe in the coming decades. Issues to be discussed include escalating public health spending, efficiency of health care systems, and improving health outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair: Pier Carlo Padoan (Deputy Secretary-General and Chief Economist, OECD)</li><li>• Presenter 1: <b><i>Global trends in public health spending and the outlook</i></b>, Benedict Clements (Chief, Expenditure Policy Division, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF) (20 minutes)</li><li>• Presenter 2: <b><i>Cross-country comparison of health care system efficiency</i></b>, Isabelle Joumard (Senior Economist, Economics Department, OECD) (20 minutes)</li><li>• Presenter 3: <b><i>Health care challenges in Europe</i></b>, Giuseppe Carone (Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission) (20 minutes)</li></ul>	
10:45 am–11:00 am	Coffee break
11:00 am–12:30 pm	Session 2: <b><i>Impact of health care reforms: cross-country studies</i></b>
<p>This session would discuss reform experiences of advanced and emerging economies, based on cross-country studies. The focus will be on identifying reforms that helped reduce the growth of public health expenditures and improve health system efficiency. The effects of health care reforms on health outcomes and equitable access to health care will also be discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair: Lucio Pench (Director for Fiscal Policy, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission)</li><li>• Presenter 1: <b><i>Health care reform in advanced economies: what are the lessons?</i></b> Sanjeev Gupta (Deputy Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF) (20 minutes)</li><li>• Presenter 2: <b><i>What emerging economies can learn from high income countries in health</i></b>, Abdo S. Yazbeck (Lead Health Economist, The World Bank) (20 minutes)</li><li>• Presenter 3: <b><i>Voluntary health insurance and health care reforms</i></b>, Sarah Thomson (Senior Research Fellow, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies and Deputy Director, LSE Health) (20 minutes)</li></ul>	

12:30 pm–2:00 pm	<p><i>Lunch to be held at conference venue</i></p> <p>Keynote Address (Naoyuki Shinohara, Deputy Managing Director, IMF) Special Remarks from Nora Berra, French Health Secretary of State</p>
2:00 pm–3:30 pm	<p>Session 3: <b><i>Country experiences in health care reform: case studies</i></b></p>
<p>This session would focus on reform experience in selected countries to distill lessons that may be applicable for advanced and emerging Europe. The case studies will focus on the impact of reforms on costs, health outcomes and health system efficiency. The legislative process and implementation of reforms will also be discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair: Juris Bārzdīņš (Minister, Ministry of Health, Latvia)</li> <li>• Presenter 1: <b><i>Reforming Health Care – The Germany Experience</i></b>, Michael Stolpe (Researcher, Kiel Institute for the World Economy) (20 minutes)</li> <li>• Presenter 2: <b><i>England: Europe’s health care reform laboratory?</i></b> Peter Smith (Professor, Imperial College Business School London and Co-Director, Centre for Health Policy) (20 minutes)</li> <li>• Presenter 3: <b><i>The reform experience of Estonia</i></b>, Ewout van Ginneken (Senior Researcher, <i>Observatory on Health Systems and Policies</i>, Department of Health Care Management, Berlin University of Technology)</li> </ul>	
3:30 pm–3:45 pm	Coffee break
3:45 pm–5:30 pm	<p>Session 4: <b><i>Health care challenges and reform options for advanced and emerging Europe</i></b></p>
<p>This panel discussion will focus on policy options for containing public health spending and improving health system efficiency. Panelists will discuss: (1) determinants of public health spending; (2) reform options to contain the growth of public health spending and improve health system efficiency; (3) the need to ensure that the poor maintain access to high quality care; and (4) the appropriate role of the state and private sector in meeting these objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Carlo Cottarelli (Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF)</li> <li>• Panelist 1: Martin Seychell (Deputy Director, Directorate for Health and Consumers, European Commission)</li> <li>• Panelist 2: James Breslin (Assistant Secretary, Department of Health and Children, Ireland)</li> <li>• Panelist 3: Paul Johnson (Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies)</li> <li>• Panelist 4: Irina Akimova (First Deputy Head, Administration of the President of Ukraine)</li> </ul>	