

# ESI Funds for health

Building knowledge & capacities

## Workshop

Prague, 25 May 2018



# ESI Funds for health - Key Facts

- EU-funded contract with CHAFEA
- December 2016 - December 2018
- Consortium led by Milieu Ltd, 3 thematic partners and a communications team
- Combines elements of data gathering + analysis with dissemination, experience exchange and learning

# Project Objectives

- To **complement the existing knowledge** on the ESIF 2014-2020 investments in the health sector
- To assess how these can contribute to implementing **EU health policy goals**, particularly reducing health inequalities and supporting structural reforms
- To **further develop capacities** of the relevant actors in EU Member States and regions to support the effective and consistent implementation of ESIF for health.

# Six health themes



Access to health  
services



Reform of health  
systems



eHealth & Digital health  
technologies



Research & Innovation  
in health



Disease prevention &  
Health promotion



Planning & training of the  
health workforce

# Visit our website for more information

- Country + INTERREG factsheets
- Six thematic mapping documents
- ESI Funds for health analytical report
- Database of 60 exemplary projects
- Six thematic workshops
- Final conference (forthcoming, Brussels, November 2018)
- Final report/publication (forthcoming, December 2018)
- [www.esifundsforhealth.eu](http://www.esifundsforhealth.eu)



# Overview of preliminary findings

Sarah O'Brien, Zuzana Lukacova – Milieu Ltd  
Prague, 25 May 2018



# ESI Funds for health: Overview of preliminary findings

# Presentation overview

- How can ESI Funds support Member States to reform health systems in EU Member States?
- What kinds of projects are currently being supported?
- What can we learn from this?



# Challenges for health systems

- Ensuring the financial sustainability of healthcare services
- Threats to public funding for health care
- Needs to shift away from long-term institutional care towards community-based service
- Over-reliance on institution- or hospital-based service delivery
- Needs to strengthen primary care and integration of services

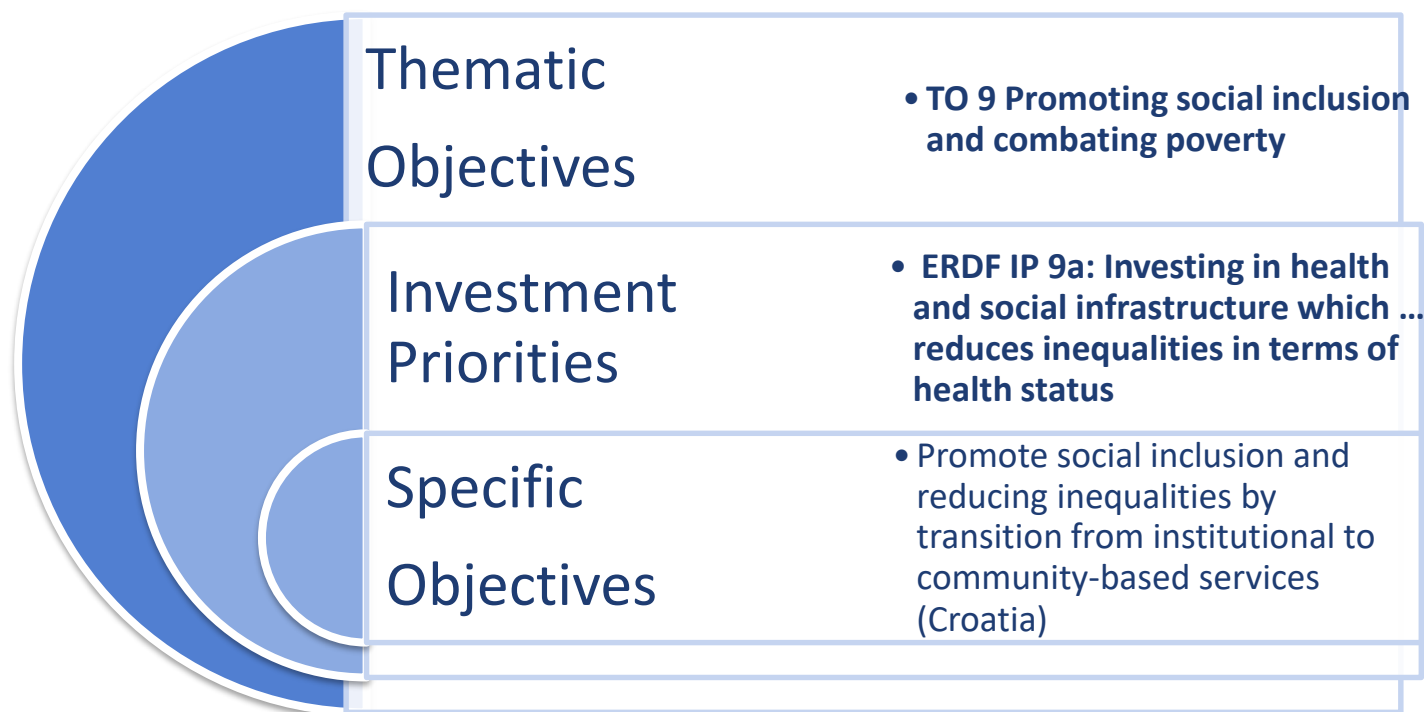
## Relevant ESI Fund spending priorities: Health systems

- **Thematic Objective 9:** Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty
- **Thematic Objective 11:** Enhancing institutional capacity and ensuring an efficient public administration

# Programming of health-related projects

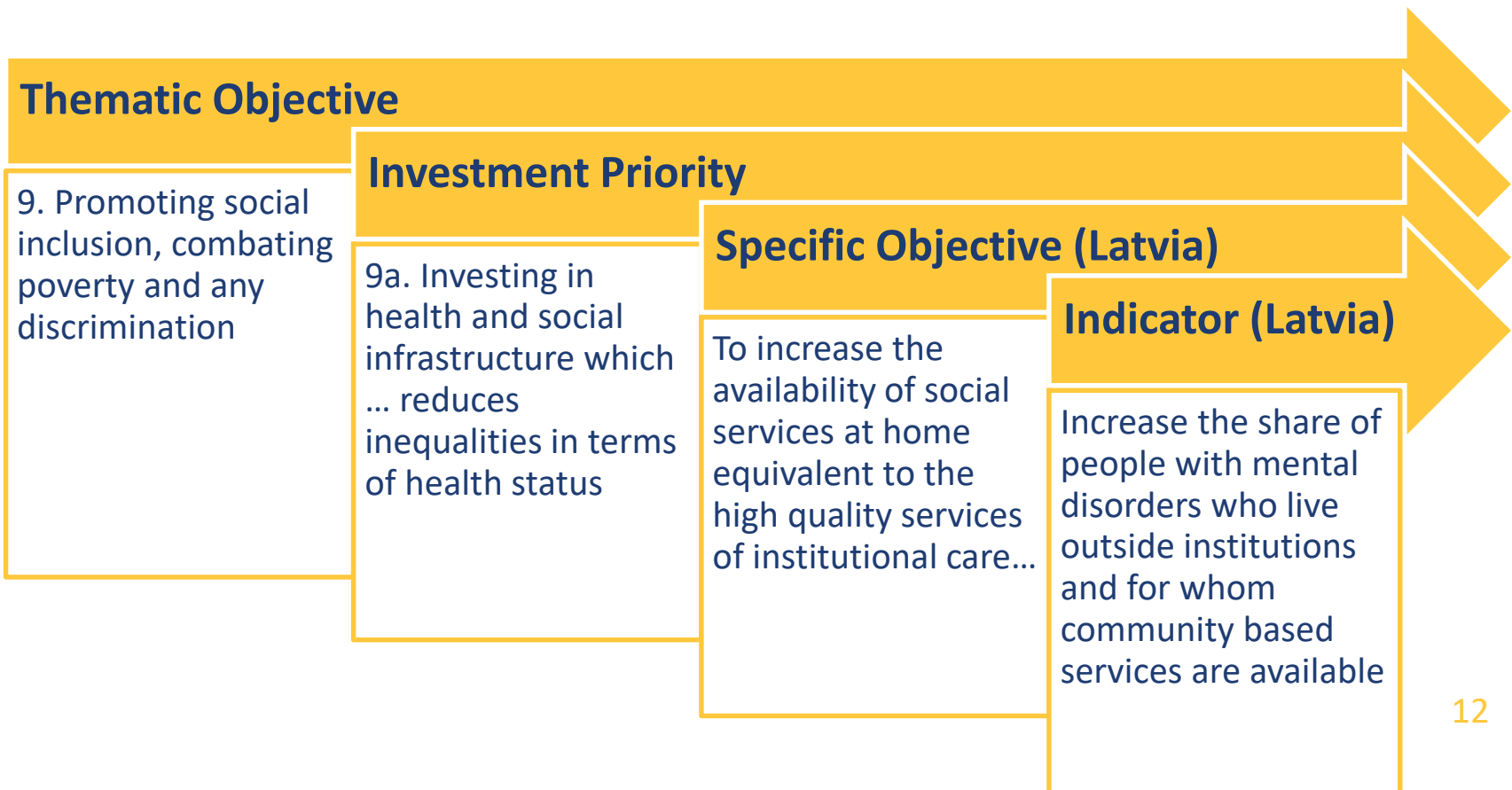
- 11 broad Thematic Objectives (TOs)
- More detailed Investment Priorities given for TO in fund-specific regulations
- Specific Objectives adjusted to the needs of the MS and regions

## EXAMPLE:



# Programme indicators

- MS use indicators tracking progress of implementation of the SOs and the projects
- Only one common indicator relating to health: *Population covered by improved health services*



# **Projects supporting health system reform 2014-2020**

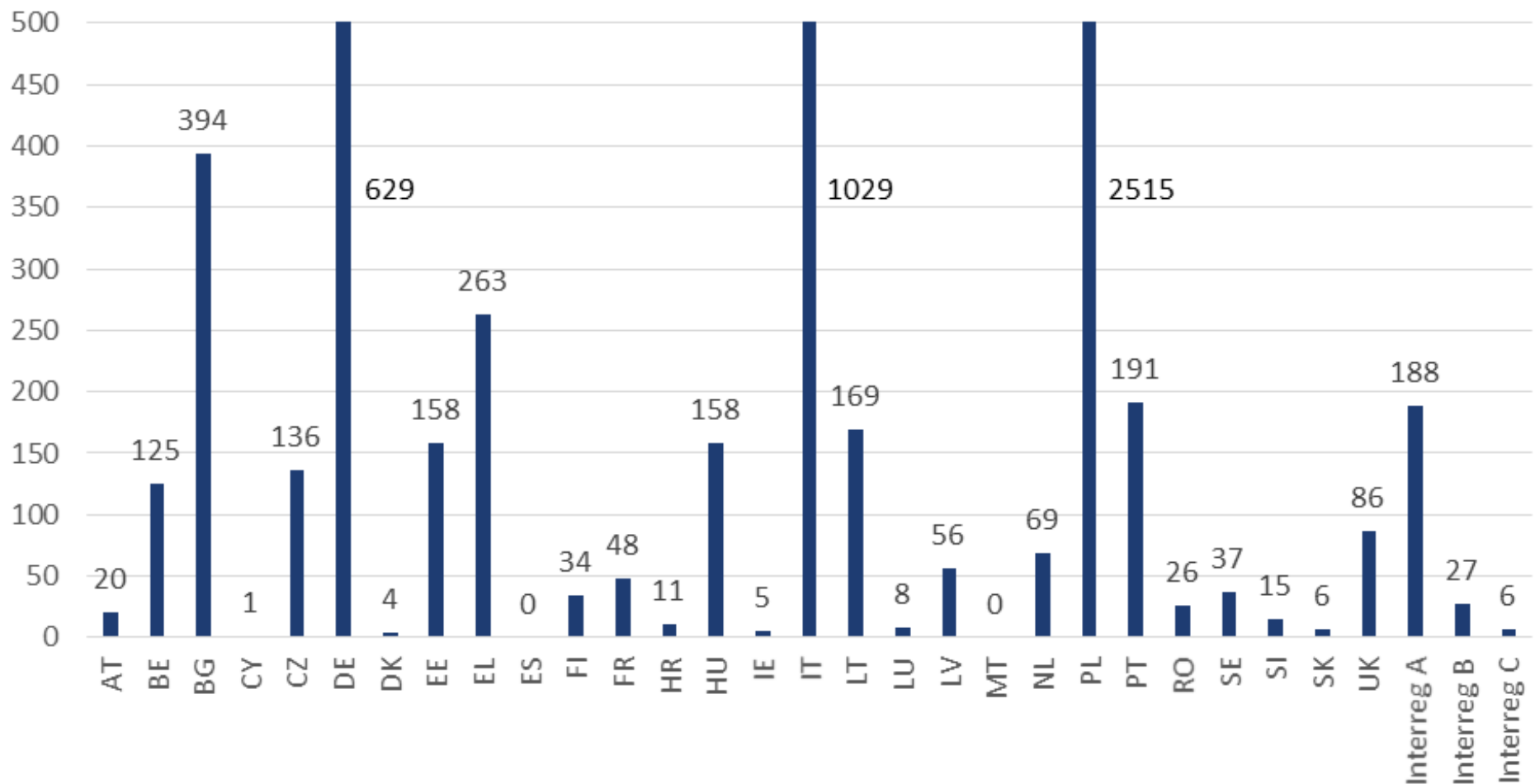
# Methodology for data collection and synthesis

## Key steps:

1. **Data sources** – programming documents (OPs) and ‘lists of operations’
2. **Consistent method** to identify, classify and track data
3. **Identifying the planned health investments** – review of 197 national/regional OPs and 76 INTERREG CPs
4. **Identifying the actual health investments** – review of the lists of operations for all reviewed OPs/CPs
5. **Developing outputs:** country factsheets, INTERREG and thematic mapping documents based on Excel database of over 6,000 projects

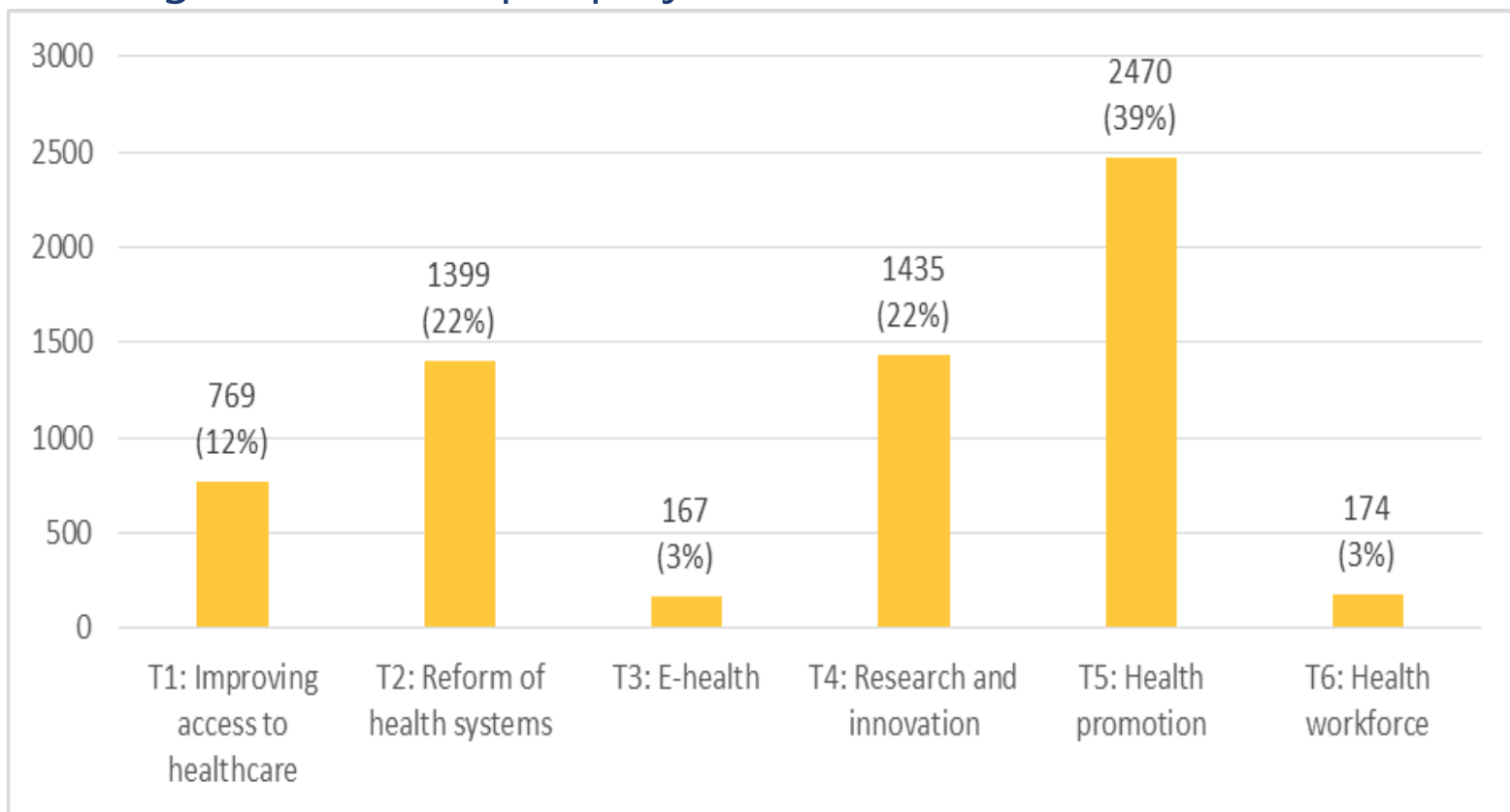
# ESIF health-relevant projects, 2014-2017

- **6,414** health projects, including 221 INTERREG projects
- Total spending of approx. **€ 6 billion** (including € 0.5 billion for INTERREG projects)



# Health system reform projects

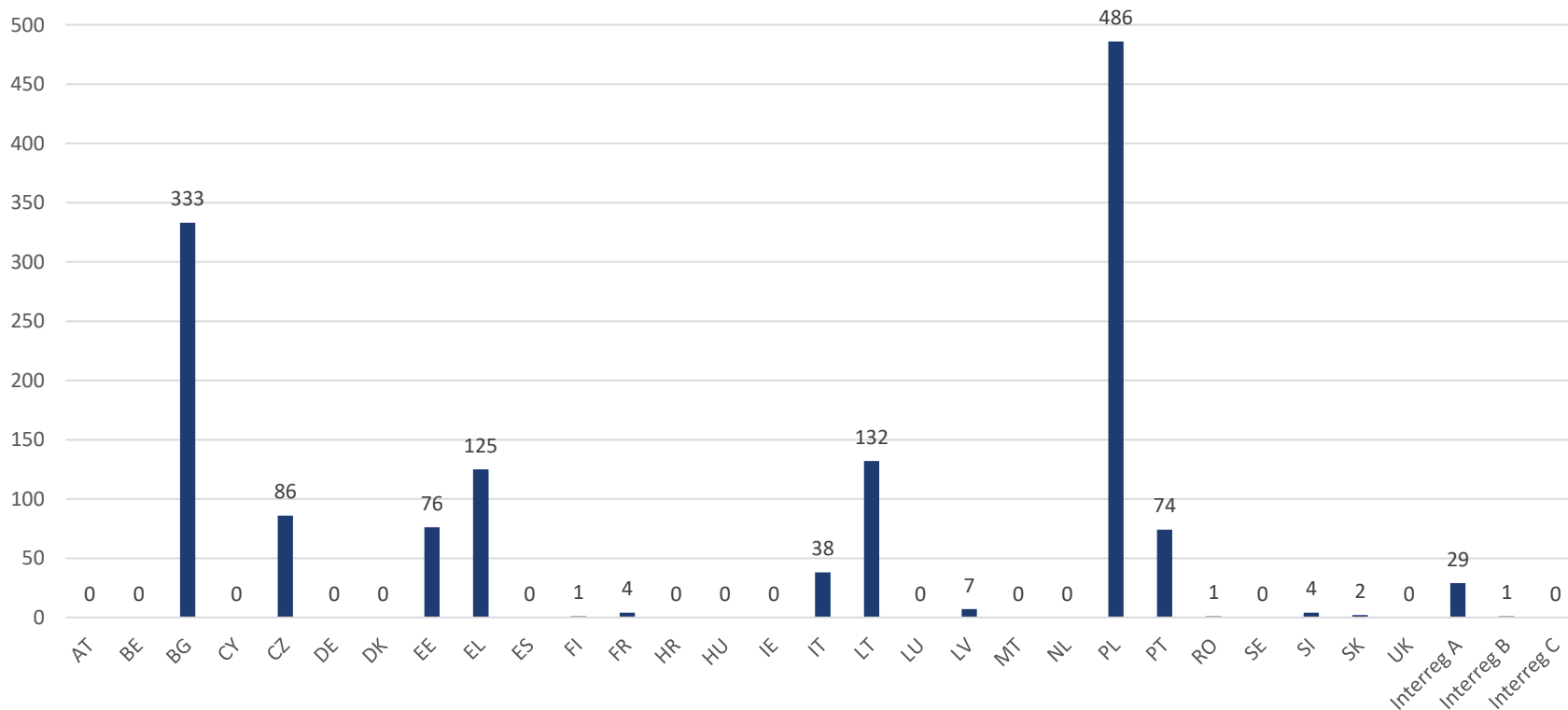
- 1399 projects in 14 Member States
- Total investment: € 1.4 billion
- Average investment per project: € 1 million





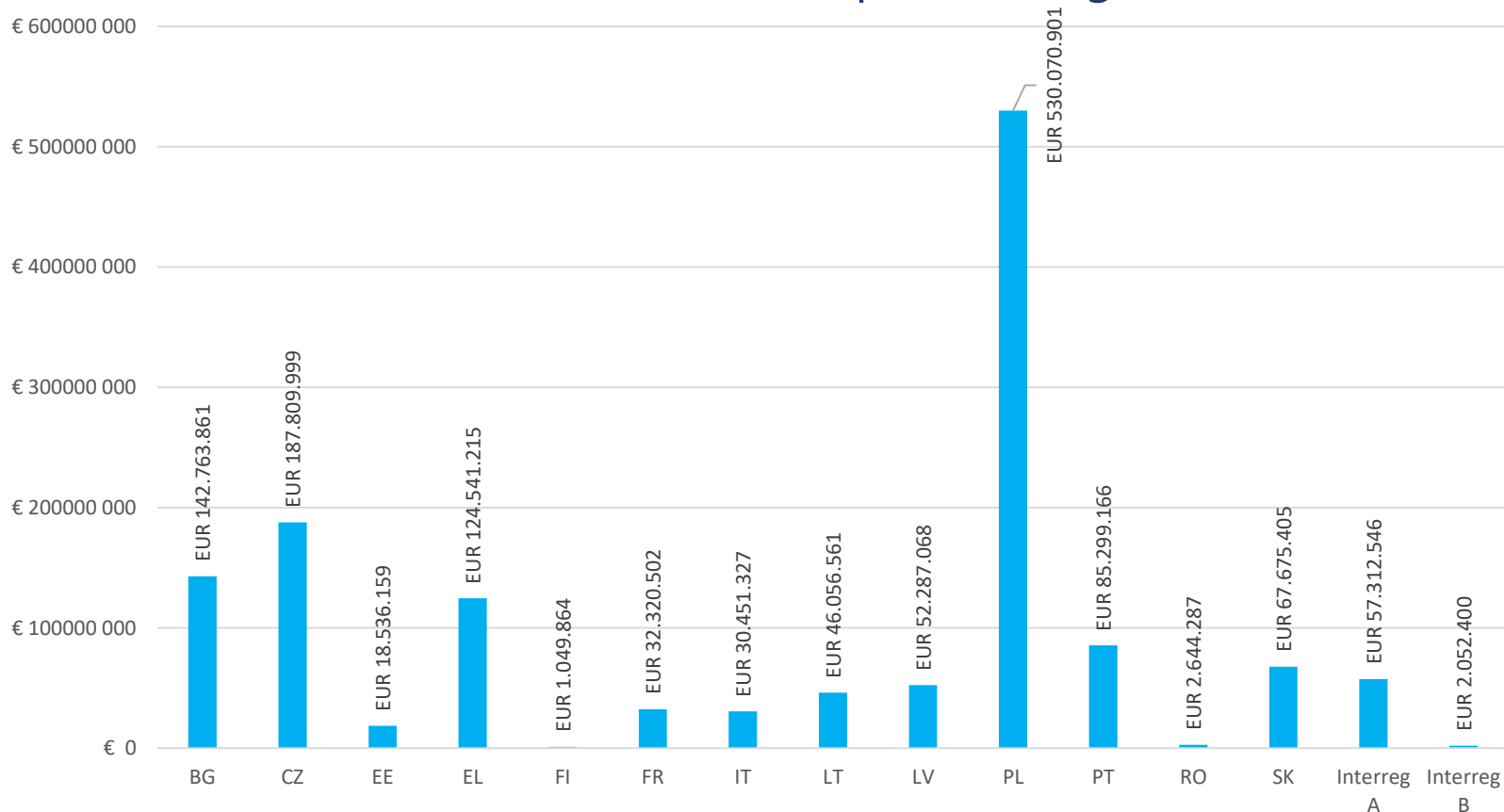
# Health system reform projects by Member State

- 1399 projects in 14 Member States and INTERREG
- Most projects: Poland, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Greece



# Health system reform investments by Member State

- Total investment: € 1.4 billion
- Average investment per project: € 1 million
- Most investment: Poland, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Greece



# Health system reform projects by sub-theme

Description	Number of projects
<b>Deinstitutionalisation measures</b>	
Measures focusing on people with disabilities	726
Measures focusing on people with mental health problems	144
Measures focusing on elderly	662
Measures focusing on children (deprived of parental care)	53
Other	14
<b>Transition from hospital to community-based care</b>	
Integration of care/integrated care	230
Improving capacities and structures for community-based care	478
Other	2
<b>Investments in healthcare facilities' efficiency and sustainability</b>	
Hospital-related	217
Other healthcare infrastructure (not hospital-related)	221
Human resources	3
Other	3

What does it all mean for health system reform  
needs and goals in the EU?

# ESIF spending should be policy relevant...

*“Health investments under ESIF 2014-2020 should support Member States in achieving EU goals in the health area.”*

- Investments in Health – Policy Guide for ESIF

*“The funds available under the current EU multiannual financial framework are being used by the Member States to help prepare and implement structural reforms.”*

- European Commission, 2017

## Key questions – spending trends

- How do investments align with EU health policy priorities?
- Are there projects that follow Commission's guidance on spending priorities?
- Is there evidence that spending supports structural reforms identified through European Semester process?

## Key questions – project development

- What types of activities related to health system reform are easiest to fund and why?
- What are the key factors behind successful health system reform projects?
- What can be done in the current and upcoming MFF to ensure key reform priorities are supported by the ESI funds?

# Visit our website for more information

- Country + INTERREG factsheets
- Six thematic mapping documents
- ESI Funds for health analytical report
- Database of 60 exemplary projects
- Six thematic workshops
- Final conference (forthcoming, Brussels, November 2018)
- Final report/publication (forthcoming, December 2018)
- [www.esifundsforhealth.eu](http://www.esifundsforhealth.eu)



# Q & A

Milieu