

Session 11 Health Policies

11.1 European Public Health Care Systems and Institutional - Organisational Change: an Evaluation of their Performance

**“A comparative analysis of financing, service provision and access to healthcare system. The French and Italian case.”**

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In Europe, despite an impressive amelioration in health status has been reached during years, a situation of frailty within various countries' health systems is still persisting.

As a consequence, this topical theme is of particular scientific interest in the field of health policy and sociology of health.

Multiple health policy studies, comparing quantitative and qualitative indicators between different countries, aimed to prevent, cure and care events compromising or limiting, people social activities in the medium or long term.

In Europe since early 90's, studies concerning social policies [Esping-Andersen 1990; Ferrera 1998] developed importantly, defining the existence of welfare models that unify various European states having the same redundant characteristics, despite not necessarily specific.

The cross-national comparison between healthcare systems in Europe, utilizes the classical distinction ASdM/NHS instead, with the latter being moreover divided in fast-developing and slow-developing countries [Figueras et al. 2004; Kokko et al., 1998; Marmor, Okma 2005; Hassenteufel, Palier 2007]. Our aim is to compare the provision of healthcare assistance, both private and public, in the case studies analyzed, evaluating data concerning the healthcare system costs and the financing procedures in these contexts.

Through this comparison, the recognition of peculiarities/similarities between the two systems and the analysis of the emerging scenario which aims at the improvement of their performances should be easily recognizable in both cases.

Finally, after a brief description of French and Italian specificities and characteristics we will show why and how they subsist.

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