

Health Systems Characteristics Survey

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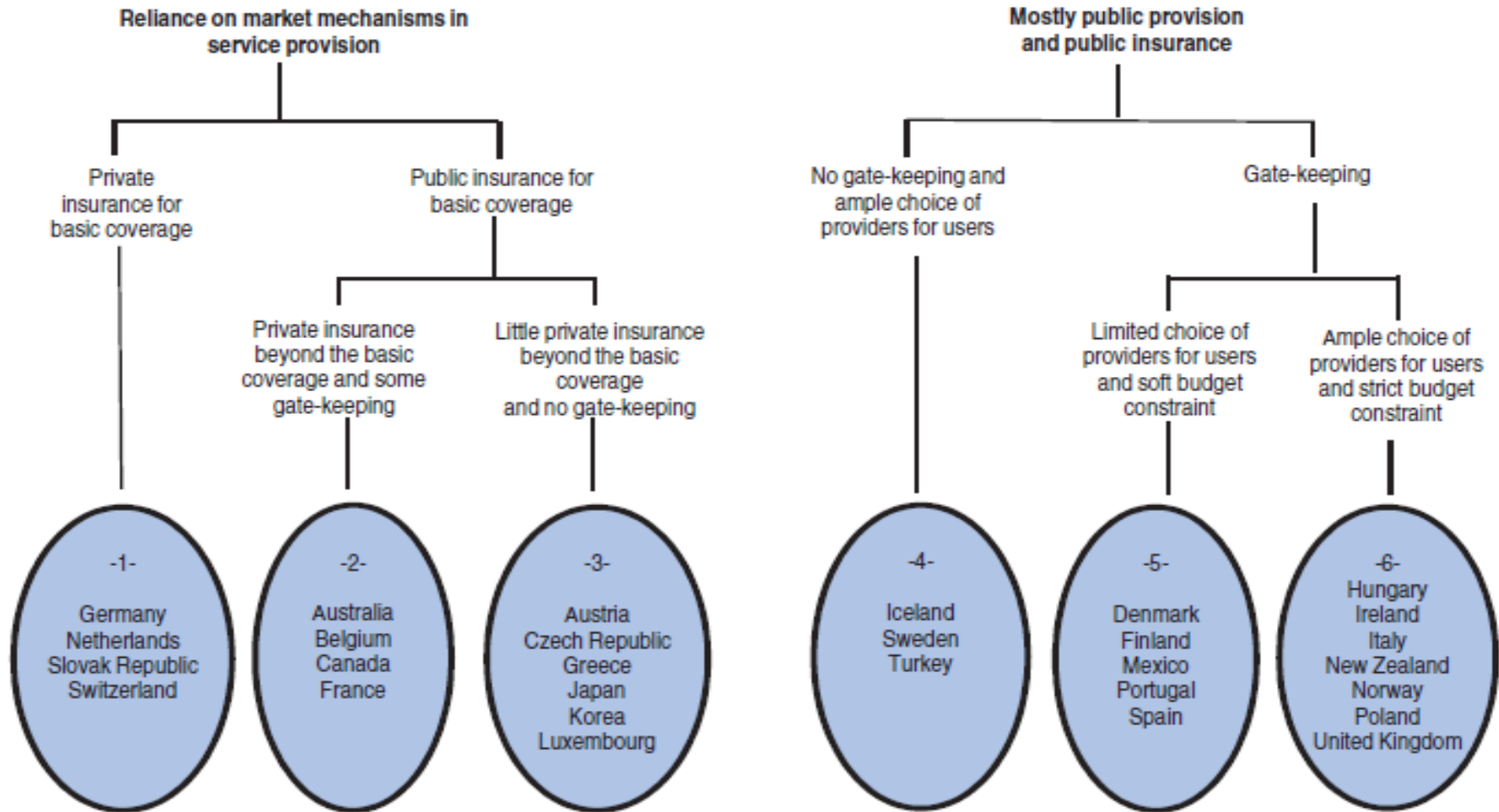
2008 Survey

- Objectives:
 - Understand, beyond usual typologies, how health systems work;
 - Investigate the effect of HSC on health systems efficiency.
- Questionnaire sent to Member Countries in 2008:
 - Three main sections:
 - Health financing
 - Health care delivery
 - Governance and resource allocation
 - 81 questions, 264 “pieces of information”

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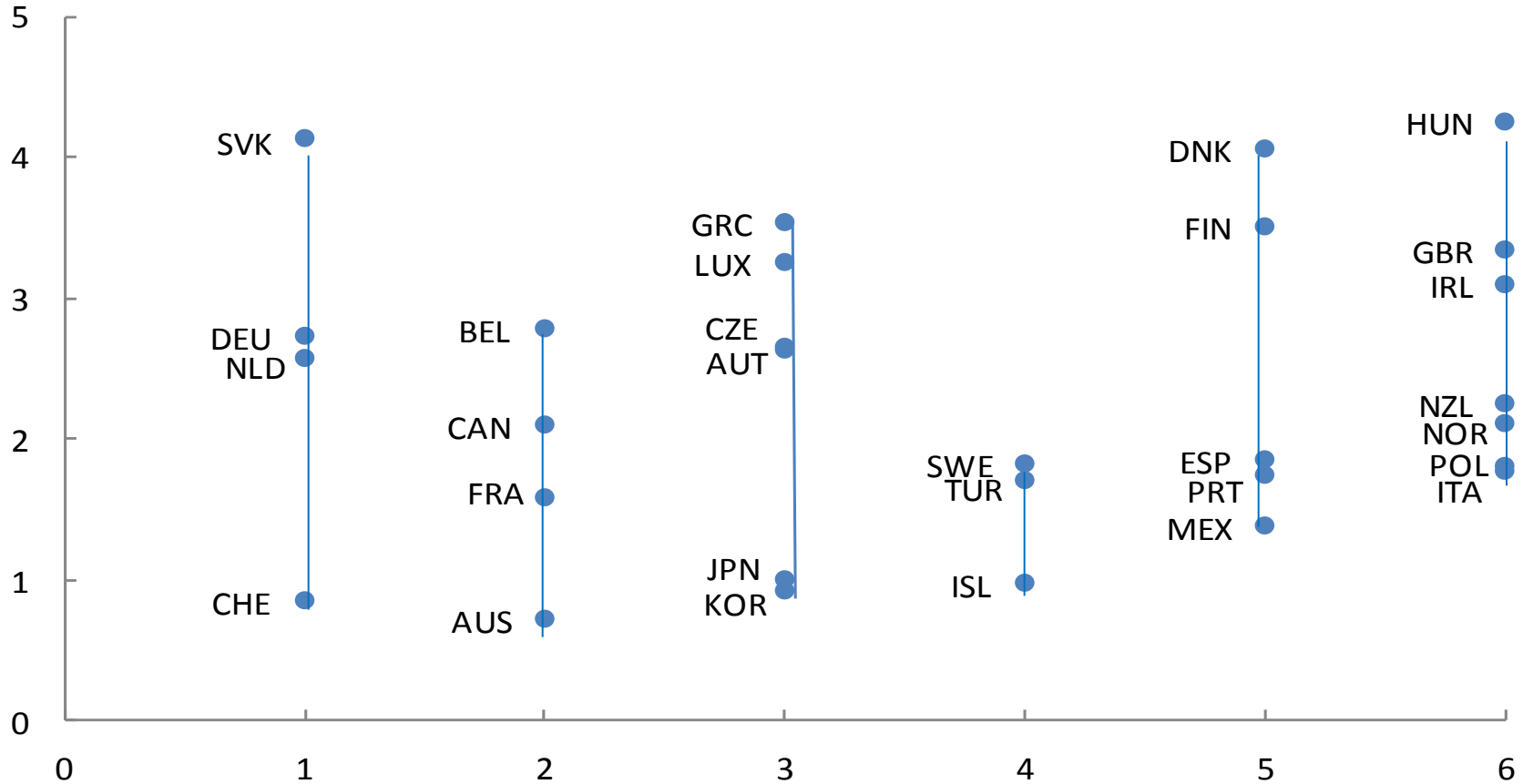
- Experience
 - 29 (/30) countries completed the questionnaire
 - Validation/completion by Secretariat in 2009
- Outputs
 - Publication of OECD Health WP No. 50 in 2010
 - Use in many publications by the health division
 - Building of quantitative indicators in cooperation with Working Party 1 of the OECD
 - ECO: country clustering and diagnostic about impact on efficiency
 - External use by European Commission, IMF. Interest from WHO and WB.

Groups of countries sharing broadly similar institutions



Efficiency varies more within groups of countries than across them

Potential gains in life expectancy (years, DEA)



Update: proposal for next HC

- General objectives:
 - Update information where necessary;
 - Improve information on Primary care systems to inform analysis of quality of care;
 - Improve information on health financing and health coverage arrangements
 - Enhance information on health care delivery (providers' payment and regulation of prices and supply)
 - Enhance information on governance and resource allocation – in cooperation with GOV.