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- Organizational structure and management
- Health care financing and expenditure
- Health care delivery system
- Financial resource allocation
- Health care reforms
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### Selected results from the HiT Slovakia 2004: Sources of finance (%), 1996-2002

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Low total expenditure in international comparison?

- role of deficits
- role of debts
- role of informal payments

Source: WHO Regional Office for Europe health for all database.
Annual deficit (% of GDP)
(Source: M. Chawla 2004)
Highest number of acute beds among CSEC and EU-15 countries since mid 1990s
... and lowest occupancy rate.
Average hospital utilization rate.

Table 1. Inpatient utilization and performance in acute hospitals in the WHO European Region, 2002 or latest available year

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<th>Country</th>
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Source: WHO Regional Office for Europe health for all database.
Notes: <sup>a</sup> 2001, <sup>b</sup> 2000, <sup>c</sup> 1999, <sup>d</sup> 1998, <sup>e</sup> 1997, <sup>f</sup> 1996.
Chart 2. Pharmaceutical expenditure as a percentage of total health expenditure, 1990 and 2001

Source: Health at a Glance – OECD Indicators 2003
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