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Health community forum on future health care, right to health, prevention, research and agri-food safety
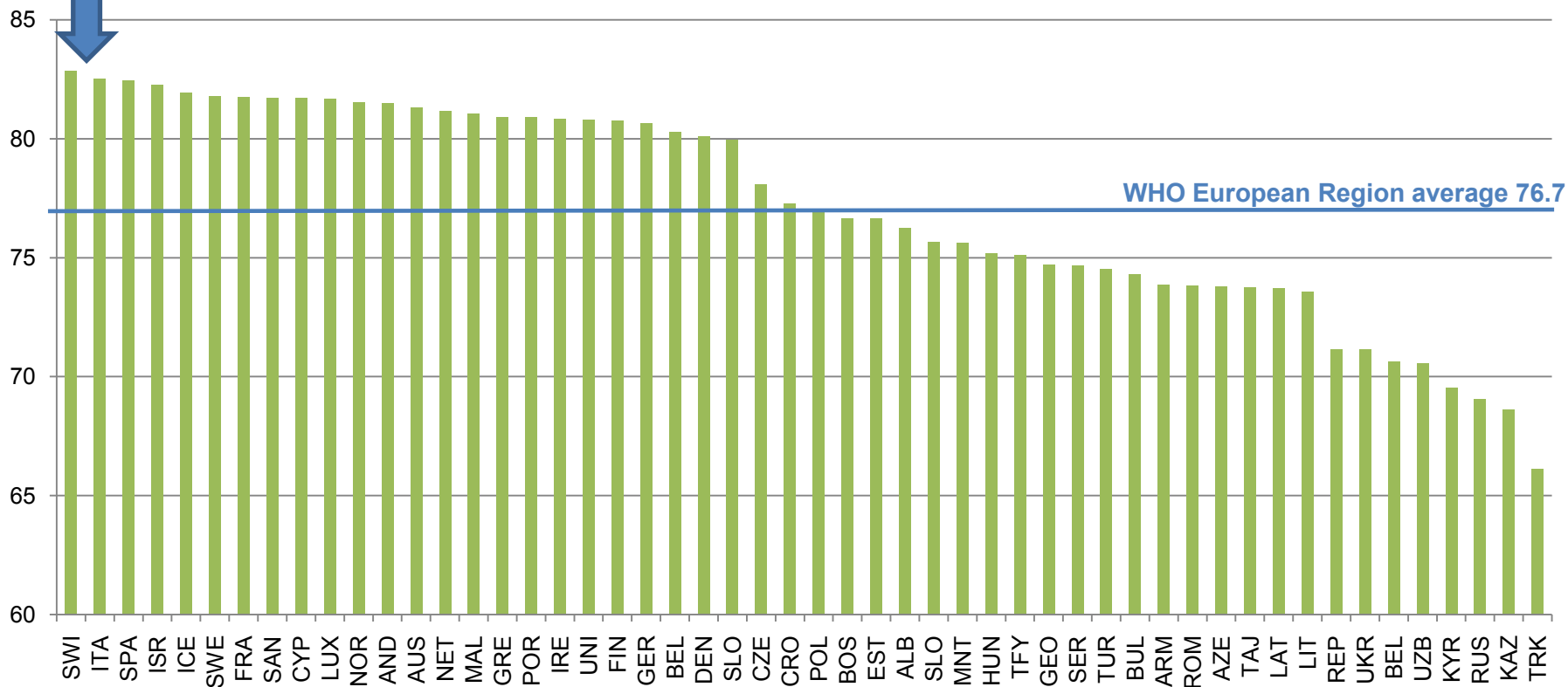
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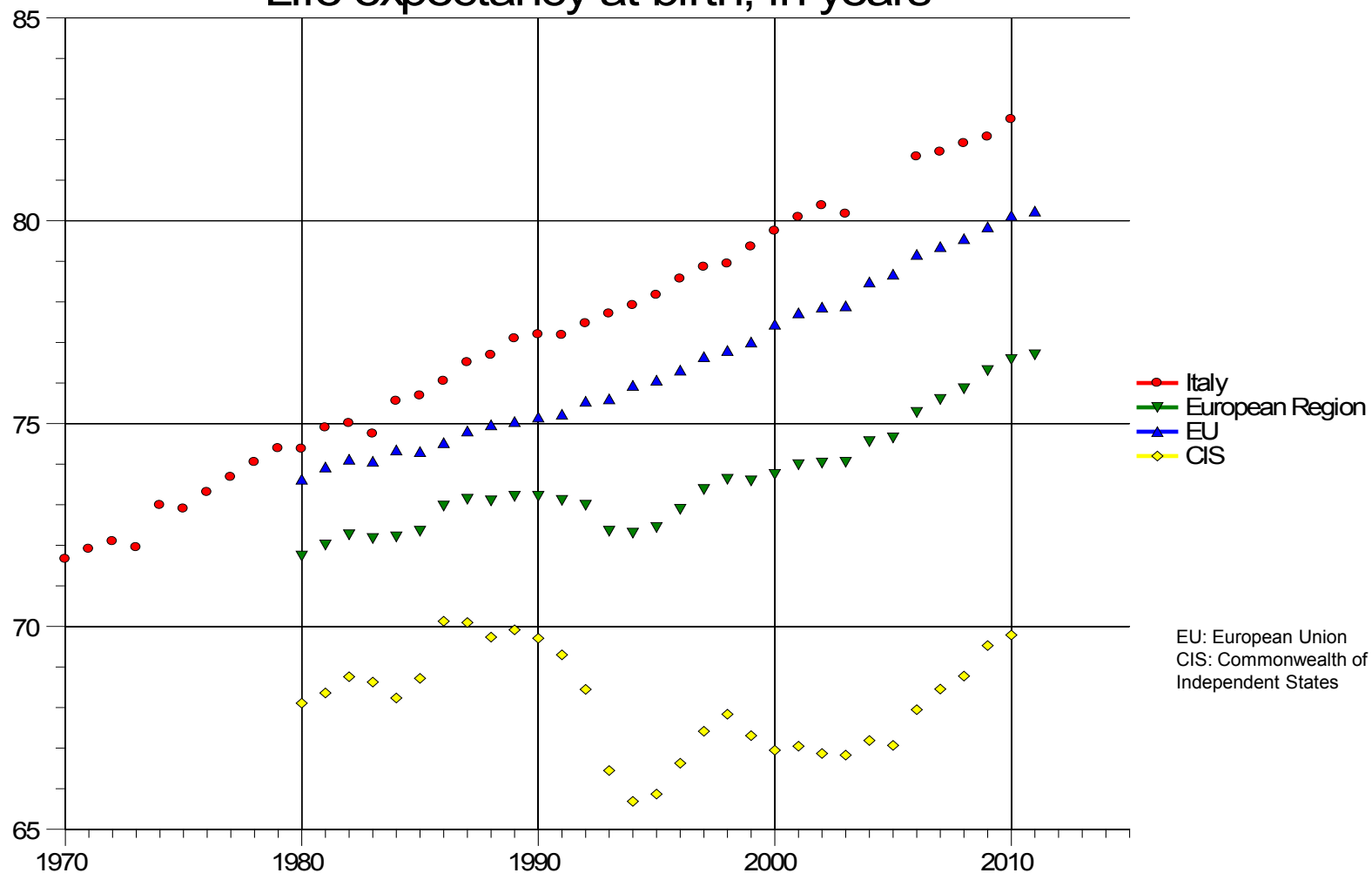Regional Director
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Italy has good health status

Life expectancy at birth in years in countries in WHO European Region
Last reported data 2006–2012

WHO European Region average 76.7

Source: WHO European Health for All Database

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Life expectancy at birth, in years

Legend:
- Italy (red circles)
- European Region (green triangles)
- EU (blue triangles)
- CIS (yellow diamonds)

EU: European Union
CIS: Commonwealth of Independent States

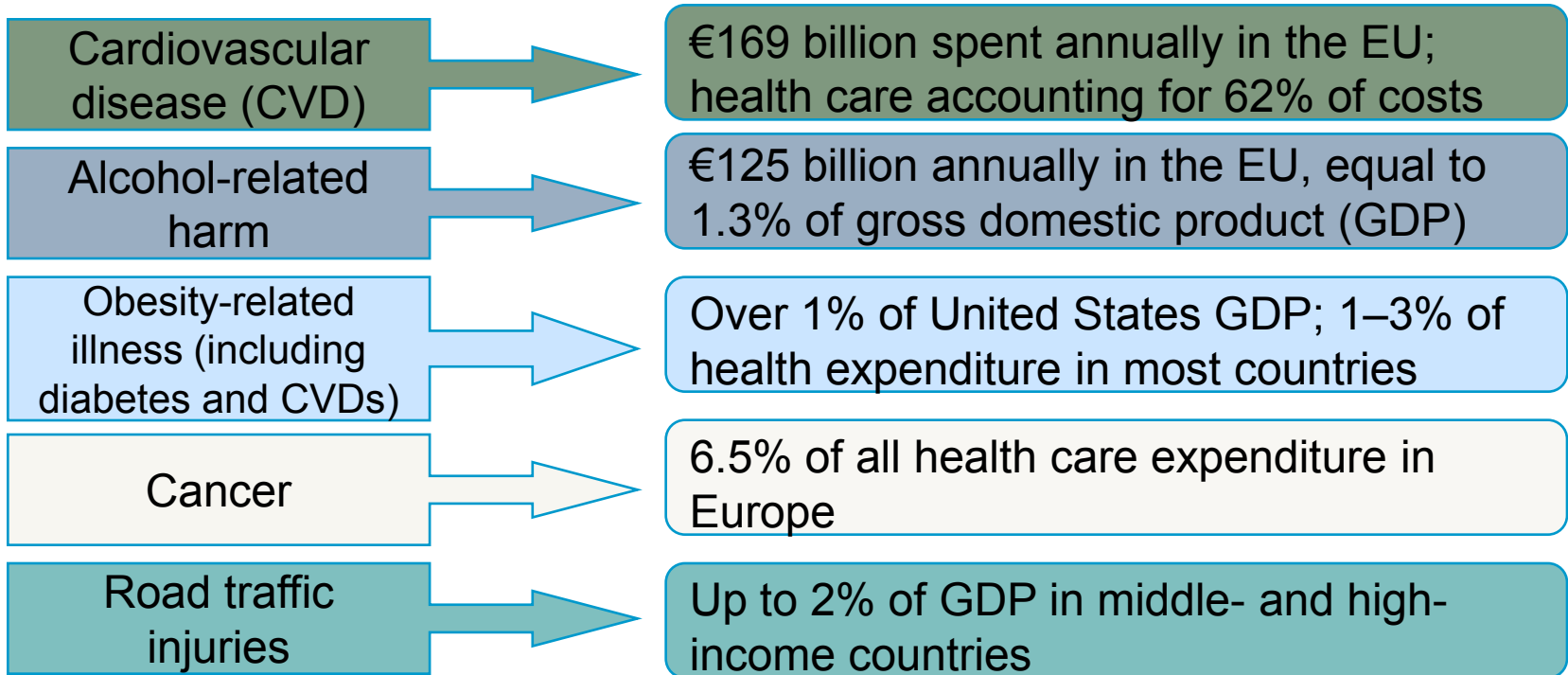*Source*: WHO European Health for All Database

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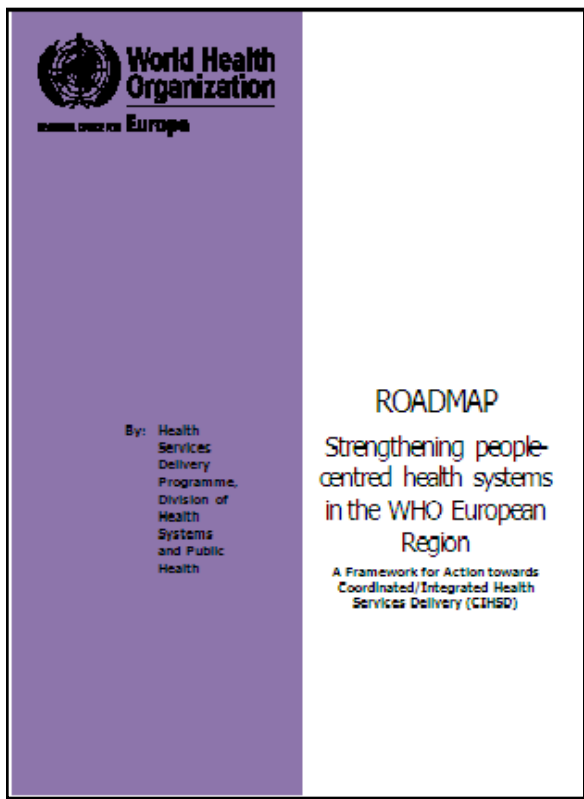
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Health – a precious global good

- Higher on the political and social agenda of countries and internationally

- A human right and matter of social justice

- An important global economic, trade and security issue

- A major investment for human, economic and social development

- A major economic sector in its own right

- We have more knowledge and technology than ever before

Some examples

Cardiovascular disease (CVD)	€169 billion spent annually in the EU; health care accounting for 62% of costs
Alcohol-related harm	€125 billion annually in the EU, equal to 1.3% of gross domestic product (GDP)
Obesity-related illness (including diabetes and CVDs)	Over 1% of United States GDP; 1–3% of health expenditure in most countries
Cancer	6.5% of all health care expenditure in Europe
Road traffic injuries	Up to 2% of GDP in middle- and high-income countries

Transforming service delivery, addressing NCDs, investing in prevention

Impact of health on economic growth

- 1% life expectancy increase = 6% GDP growth (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development)

- 10% decrease in CVD = 1% per capita income growth (2009)

Health 2020: two strategic objectives

Working to improve health for all and reducing the health divide

Improving leadership, and participatory governance for health

Health 2020:
four common priorities for health

Life-course approach
Invest in health through life-course approach and empower citizens

Strategic objectives
Reducing inequalities
Better governance

WHO European policy framework for health and well-being
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Burden of disease
Tackle Europe's major disease burdens of noncommunicable and communicable diseases

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Health systems
Strengthen people-centred health systems and public health capacity

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Resilient communities
Create supportive environments and resilient communities

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A new governance for health

- Strategic role of the ministry
  - Health in Action initiative
  - Alignment of governance, regulatory capacity and legal instruments
  - Organizational and management changes
- Involvement of stakeholders
- Empowerment of people

WHO European Region

64th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe
Copenhagen,15–18 September 2014

Source: Sci-Network (www.sci-network.eu300)

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