

Public expenditure on health promotion and prevention in Austria in 2016

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Objectives

Issue:

- Government and social insurance-funded health promotion and prevention expenditure in Austria is surveyed on an irregular basis.
- Comprehensive data had not been published since 2012.

Objective:

- Provision of comprehensive data on public expenditure on health promotion and prevention interventions primarily aiming at health in order to optimize resource allocation (according to the Federal Target-Based Governance Agreement)

Funding:

- Commissioned by Ministry of Health, the Federation of Austrian Social Insurance Institutions and the Länder (states).

Methods

- Survey at federal, state and social insurance levels - and health promotion funds (new!); all relevant public bodies were contacted
- Local level: Random sample of municipalities contacted
- Data collection instrument corresponding to previous survey (2012), structured according to settings (health promotion) and topics (prevention) as meaningful in the national setting (e.g. corresponding to the Austrian health promotion strategy)

Definitions

- Health promotion and prevention interventions (GFPR):** Public expenditure primarily aiming at health promotion and prevention (categorized into primary (PP), secondary (SP) and tertiary prevention (TP)) interventions, as well as expenditures for capacity building.
- Primary Preventions** categorized to:
 - PP1: Promotion of a healthy lifestyle; prevention of diseases and accidents
 - PP2: Prevention of addictions
 - PP3: Prevention of communicable diseases
 - PP4: Health protection

Results

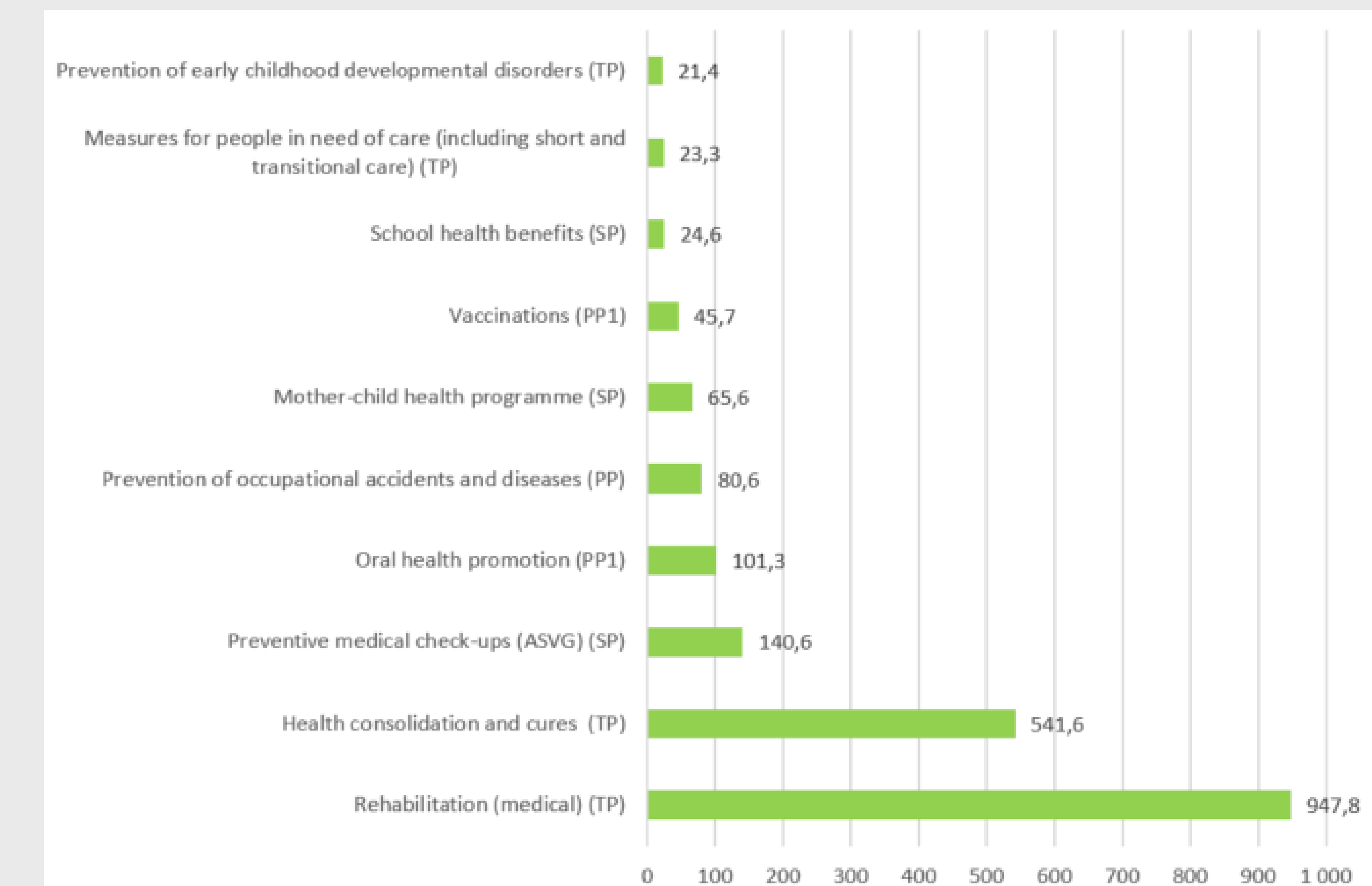
- The public sector spent EUR 2,441.3 million on health promotion and prevention, which corresponds to EUR 280.6 per capita (of the Austrian population) in 2016.
- 70 % of expenditures accounting for tertiary prevention
- The shares for primary and secondary prevention in 2016 are 13.5 % and 13.2 %
- 3.4 % were spent on health promotion and capacity building
- Staff-related costs could not be monetarily assessed and are therefore not included

Expenditures on health promotion and primary prevention show high growth rates for the period 2012-2016 (+21.3%) reflecting the continuing social importance that this topic has gained in recent years.

An allocation of funds according to the Austrian health promotion strategy 2013-2016 is evident for at least three topic areas.

- Family and home environment (2012-2016: + EUR 4,7 mio. / +135 %)
- Schools and other educational institutions (+ EUR 4,6 mio., +157%)
- Kinderkrippen and Kindergartens (+ 1,9 EUR mio., +56%)
- Expenditure growth was recorded in all areas of health promotion.

Top 10 expenditures - in the field of health promotion and prevention (Mio. EUR)



Source: GÖG

Level of Intervention/ Topic	Total Expenditure (in Euros)	Accounting for:			
		Federal Government incl. FGÖ	Federal State	Municipality	Social Insurance
Health Promotion	69.843.627	10.317.414	29.949.686	6.475.047	23.101.480
PP1	237.305.228	21.529.982	22.669.326	6.861.387	186.244.533
PP2	7.250.562	162.600	6.224.258	382.104	481.601
PP3	52.053.601	19.866.925	20.698.639	720.470	10.767.568
PP4	25.118.430	19.989.808	2.369.645	2.758.977	-
Primary Prevention PP1-PP3	296.609.392	41.559.507	49.592.222	7.963.960	197.493.701
Primary Prevention PPI-PP4	321.727.822	61.549.316	51.961.867	10.722.938	197.493.701
Secondary Prevention	290.830.270	81.504.864	17.668.691	2.567.269	189.089.446
Tertiary Prevention	1.541.837.784	224.406	65.626.755	633.334	1.475.353.289
Capacity Building	4.777.965	1.799.506	1.386.325	162.440	1.429.694
Total Amount (excl. PP4)	2.441.253.338	135.405.697	164.223.680	17.802.050	2.123.821.911