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Pricing

- Price policies for pharmaceuticals
negotiation pricing for reimbursable pharmaceuticals at ex-factory price level
- Wholesale Mark-ups
for reimbursable pharmaceuticals, linear
- Pharmacy Mark-ups
for reimbursable pharmaceuticals; fix margin + regressive element due the statutory discount.
- VAT
20% standard rate and reduced rate of 10% for all pharmaceuticals
- Reforms
2004: Negotiation system for reimbursable pharmaceuticals
2007: Pay-Back Mechanism

Reimbursement

- Positive list
48% of all pharmaceuticals on the market are fully reimbursed; 75% of the pharmaceutical expenditure is public paid; 95% of the expenditure for reimbursable medicines is public
- Reference Price System
extensively used in 2003 to reduce price differentials
- Co-payment
prescription fee (€ 1 or 2) applied only in few Regions
- Mechanisms for vulnerable groups
exceptions from co-payment for particular social groups, pregnant women, aged etc.
- Reforms – if applicable
2003: introduction of a new positive list and methodology of cut-off for reimbursement classification