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Total Government Expenditure 2019



Social Protection



€20.6 billion

Health



€17.0 billion

Education



€10.8 billion

Justice



€2.8 billion

Agriculture



€1.6 billion

Debt Servicing,
EU Payments



€9.6 billion

Transport



€2.4 billion

Other



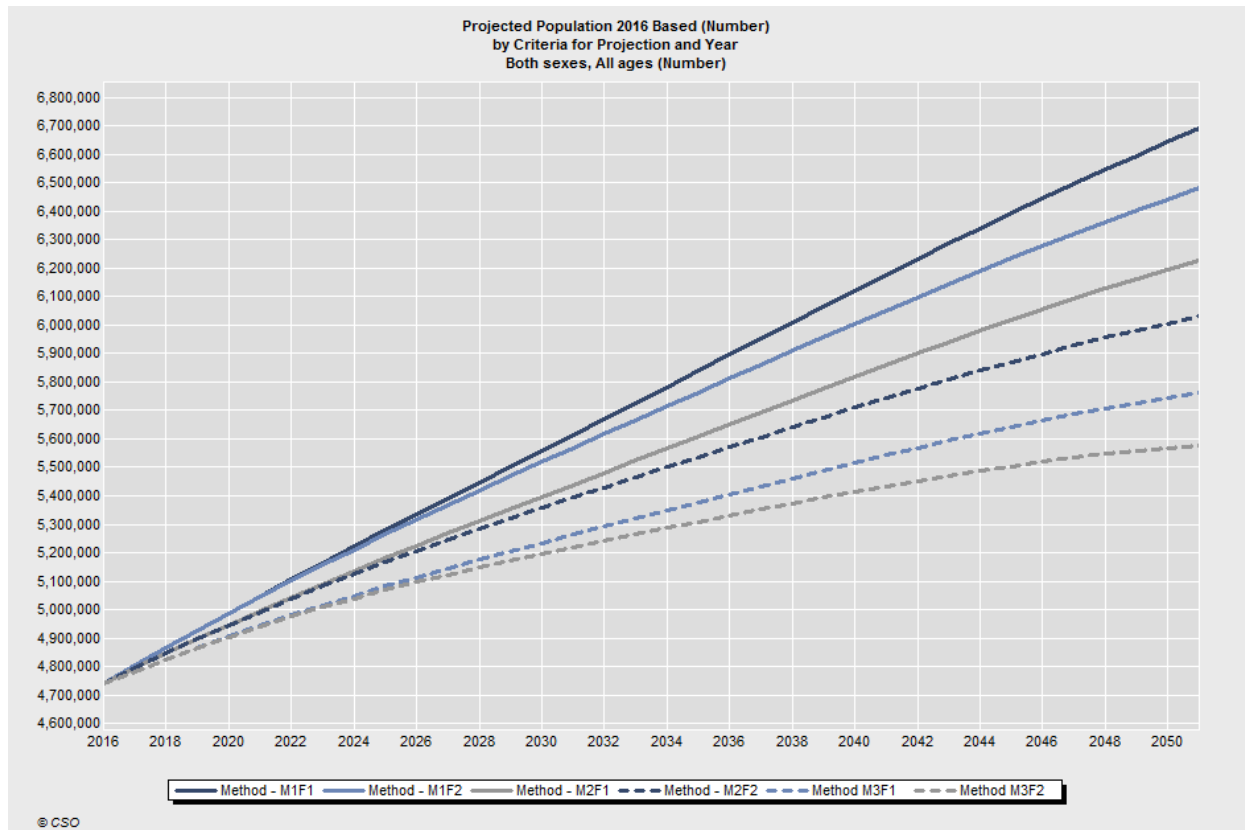
€11.5 billion



Policy space



Population projections



F1: 1.8
F2: 1.6
M1: high
M2: medium
M3: low

How we include demographics



- Cost pressures estimates made (2017-2027); updates (M2 (medium) F2 (1.8))
 - *health (acute service, primary care, services for older people),*
 - *education (primary, secondary, third level, SNA),*
 - *social protection (child benefit, pensions),*
 - *children (Early childhood care and education)*
- 3-year budgetary ceilings (demographics, carry over cost, rates changes (only when introduced))
- It is not just about the headcount and age; composition and its impact on service delivery
- Downward pressure of demographics (e.g. primary education)?

Public policy



Policies - like sausages, it is better not to see them being made?

Are we doing the right thing?

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Every euro spent on poor schemes is a euro less for Government to provide other needed services



Policy analysis – health



- $D_{\text{health expenditure}} = f(\text{demographics, GDP, institutions/incentives})$
- $C_{\text{labour}} > 50\%$, paying for provision, $C_{\text{acute}} > C_{\text{primary}}$
- Budget oversight and management
- HSE staffing
- GP services, MCs and GPV cards, drug costs
- Acute sector efficiency
- Homecare packages vs home help
- IGEES: 200+ policy analysis papers