Reviewer's report

Title: Mental Health Policy in Eastern Europe: A Comparative Analysis of Seven Mental Health Systems

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Discretionary Revisions

For the reader not European is interesting to explain the interest of keeping the grouping of these seven Eastern European countries. Despite the large differences reported (perhaps this is the most important conclusion of this comparative study) there is potential for mutual cooperation and efforts of the European Community or the WHO to improve the mental health system in the region to justify we approach these countries together?

In methods: it would be interesting to report in more detail the structure of the questionnaire and how was the selection of experts in each country.

In conclusion: the influence of totalitarianism in the recent past of the countries studied is mentioned as an explanation, for example, for the lack of greater civil society participation in mental health policies. It would be interesting to some references about the influence of the old regime and its persistence in existing health structures to bring more elements to this hypothesis.

In the references would be interesting to note quias papers station in native language.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests