Reviewer’s report

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

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The article is dealing with an important health policy issue in all included countries. Comparative approach discovered more differences than similarities in mental health policy in the post totalitarian countries which are usually perceived together as „CEEC group“. The article is well-structured and provides comprehensive policy analysis of mental health services in included countries according to clearly defined analytic framework. As one of the most interesting finding could be considered conclusion that the common strategic goals ( e.g. balance of community and hospital mental health services, human rights emphasize ) were not achieved yet in any country. After twenty years of the “reforms of health reforms” approach there are a lot of new problems and obstacles to be solved.

Methods: author provides adequate information about the questionnaire used and data gathering.

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.