

Hungarian health care reform - Communication in practice

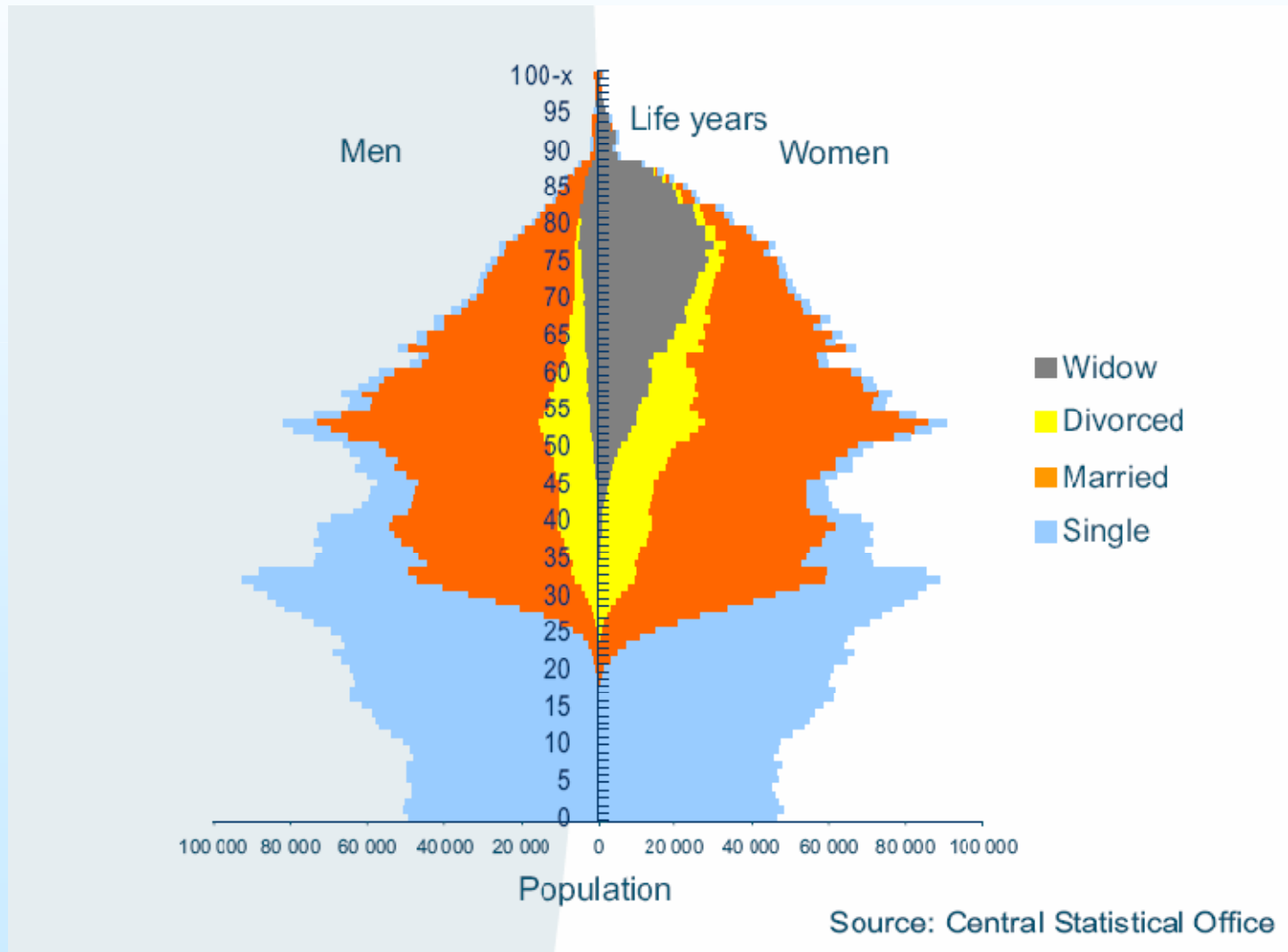
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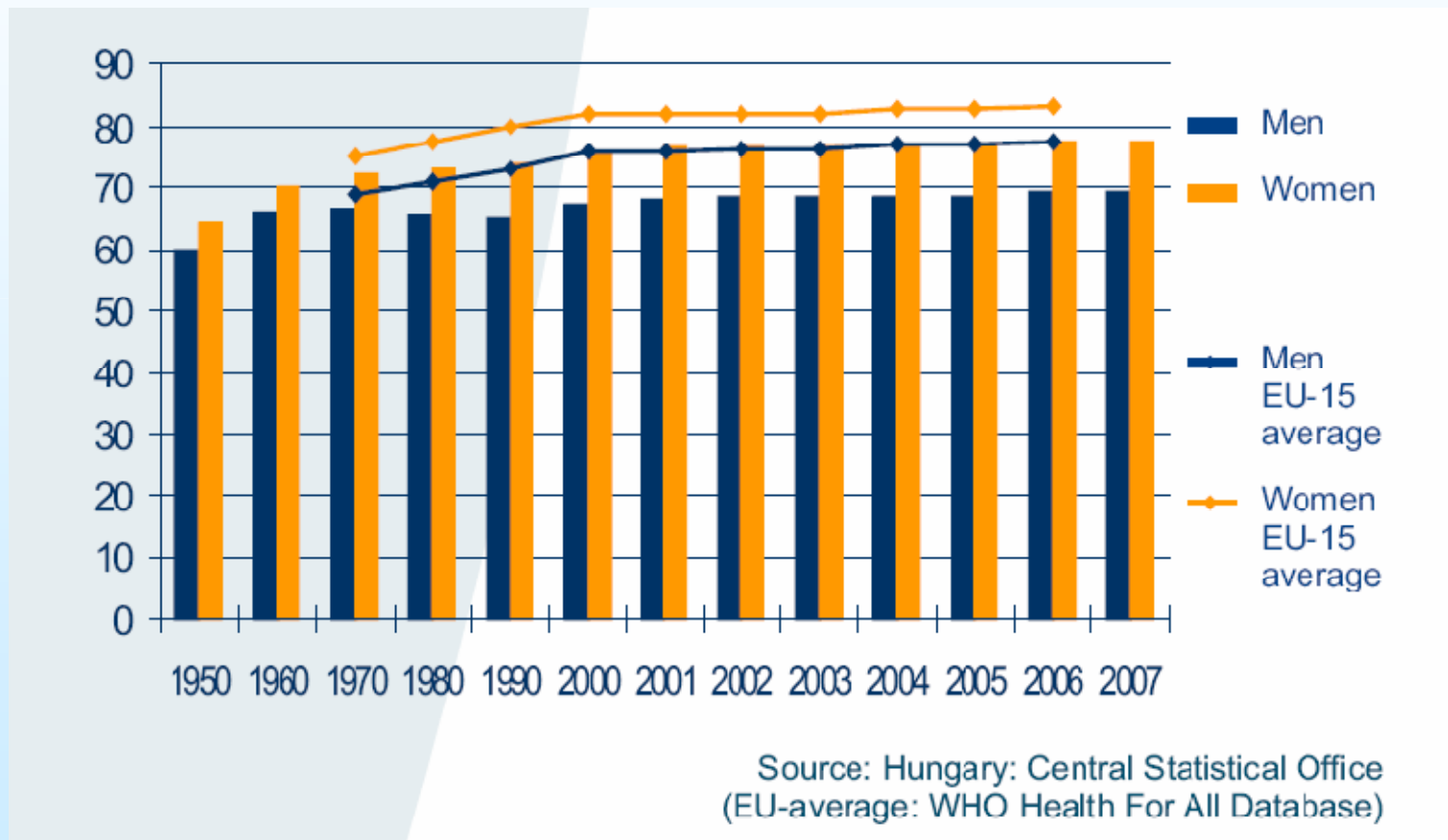
Demographic and epidemiological context

Population by sex, age and marital status (1 January 2008)



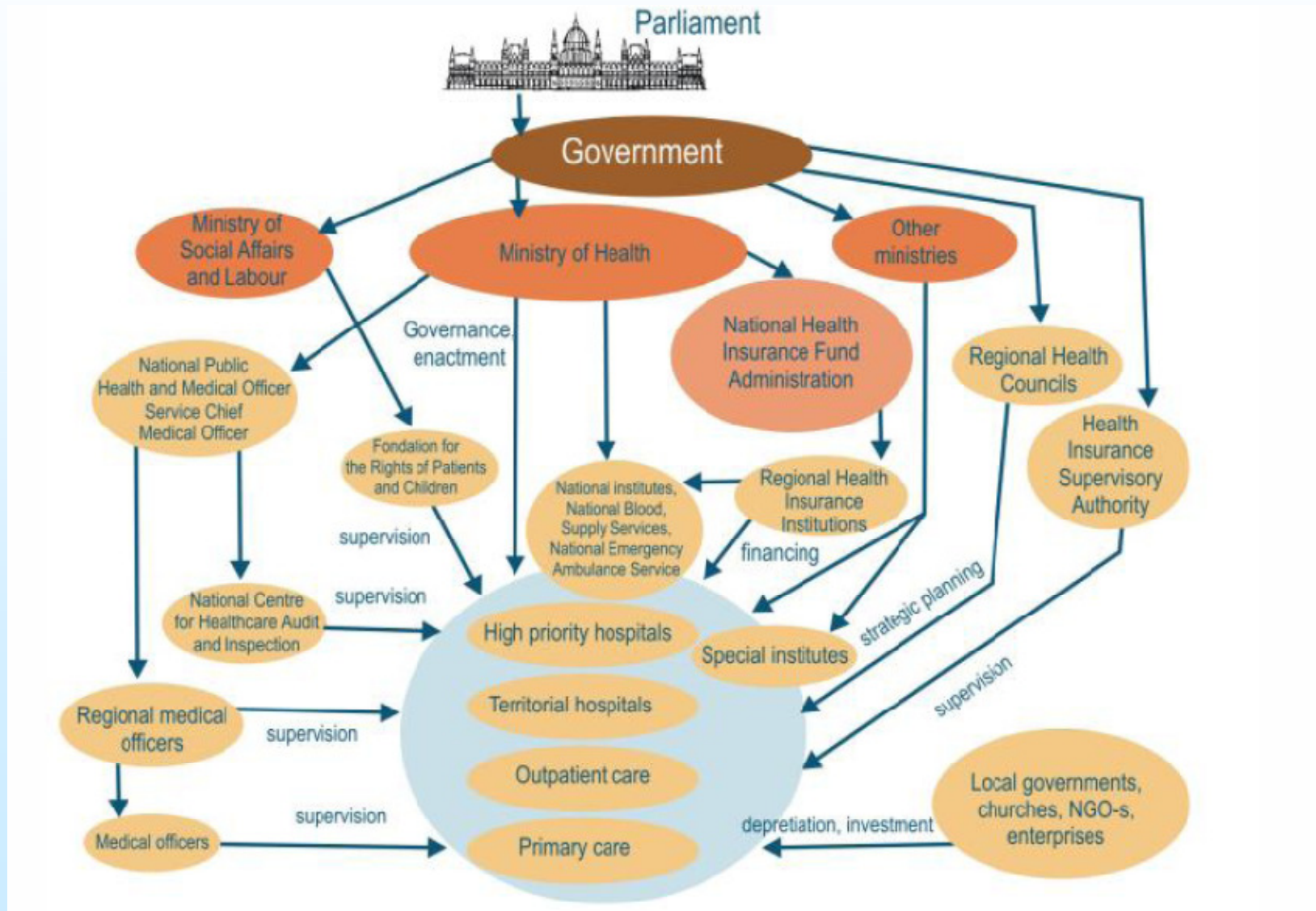
Demographic and epidemiological context

Average life expectancy at birth by gender (1950-2007)



Regulation of the health sector

Governance of the health system



Health care reform (2006-2007)

Purposes:

- Reducing the number of acute hospital beds
- Constraining unnecessary physician-patient contacts and medicine consumption

Health care reform (2006-2007)

Measures:

- Structural changes in inpatient care
- Checking of citizens' eligibility for insurance coverage
- Determination of insurance benefit packages
- Introduction of co-payment (cancelled by the referendum of 9 March 2008)
- Act on the safe and cost-efficient supply and distribution of medicines and medical appliances
- Regulation of publicly accessible, transparent waiting lists
- Establishment of the Health Insurance Supervisory Authority

National referendum and its consequences

Measures:

- Rejection of the visit fee and the hospital daily fee
- Act on Health Insurance Management Funds revoked by Parliament
- New minority Government had been formed

Security and Partnership Programme

In focus:

- Restoring the confidence of insured persons in health care
- Improving the professional prestige of health personnel

In order to achieve:

- The establishment of a sound, unequivocal regulatory framework
- Sustainable health financing
- Unity of prevention, treatment and rehabilitation

Security and Partnership Programme

Measures:

- Reinforcing the health insurance system
- Mitigating regional inequalities
- Creating flexible and responsible financing conditions for service providers
- Health sector programmes intend to strengthen and broaden the GPs roles and competences

Economic crisis and its impacts

- The overall economic environment has been changing
- A new government was formed to propose and to implement crisis management measures
- No significant austerity measures entail in the health sector
- The Minister for Health has remained unchanged



Thank you for your kind attention!