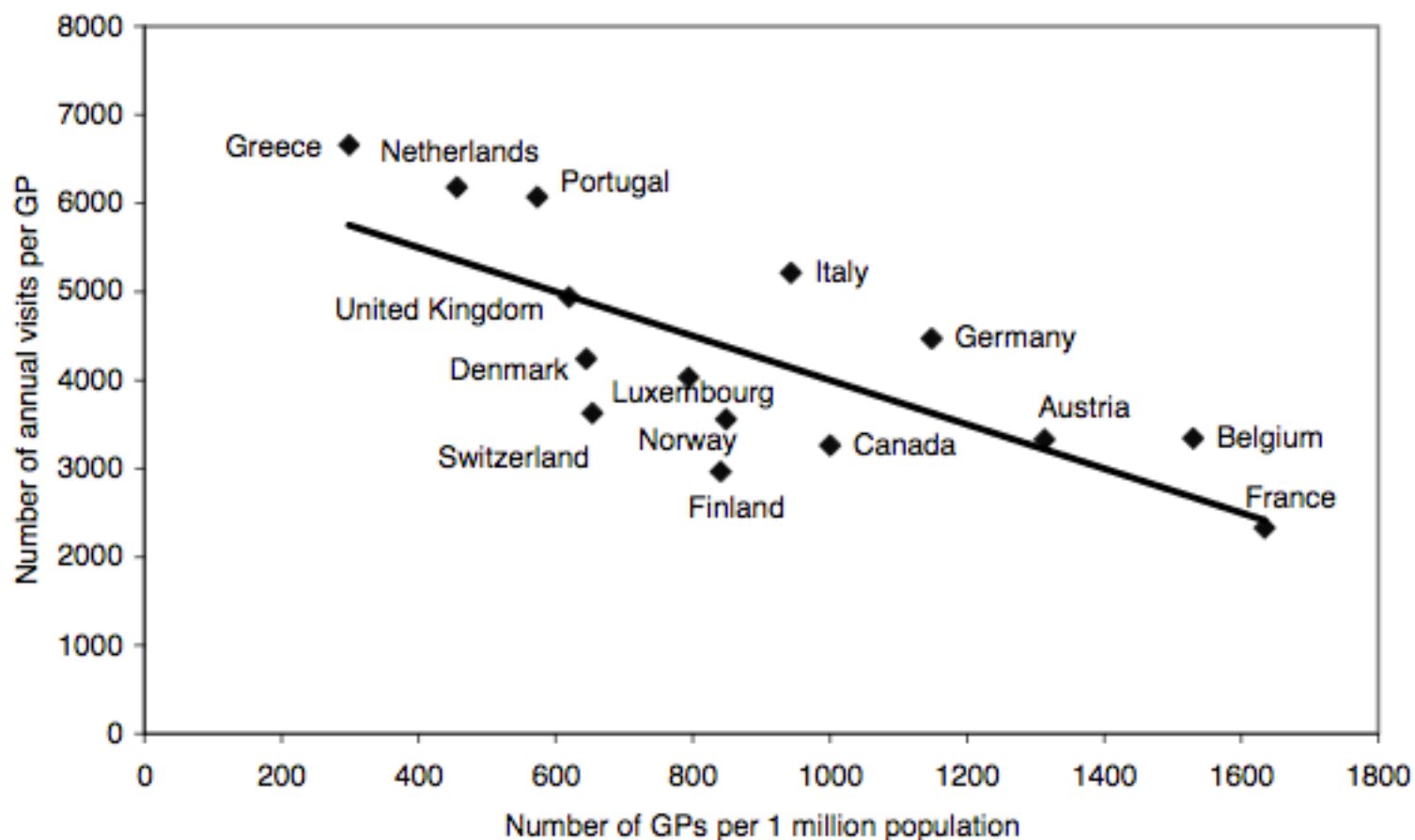


Figure 7. The relationship between general practitioner density and the annual number of visits per general practitioner



Notes:

- Data for Germany and the United Kingdom relate to 1996. Data for Switzerland relate to 1997. Data for Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain relate to 1999. Data for France and Norway relate to 2000. Data for Canada relate to 2001.

- The following linear regression was fitted to the data:

The annual number of visits per general practitioner = $6,495 - 2.498$ (number of general practitioners per 1 million population) with $R^2 = 0.56$, p-value of F-test on overall model = 0.001.

Source: OECD human resources for health care project, OECD equity project and OECD Health Data 2003.