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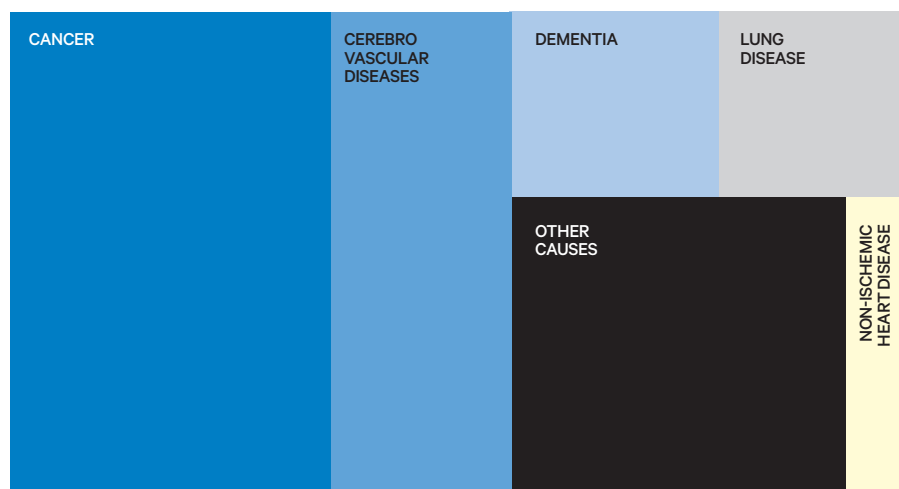


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Over 4 million people faced SHS in the European region

CONDITION	SHS IN THOUSANDS
Cancer	1,818,424
Cerebrovascular diseases	738,226
Dementia	333,755
Lung disease	311,535
Non-ischemic heart disease	183,778
Other causes	893,560
Total	4,279,278

¹ Source: The Lancet Commission on Global Access to Palliative Care and Pain Relief. Serious health-related suffering database, 2015.



Education and Training

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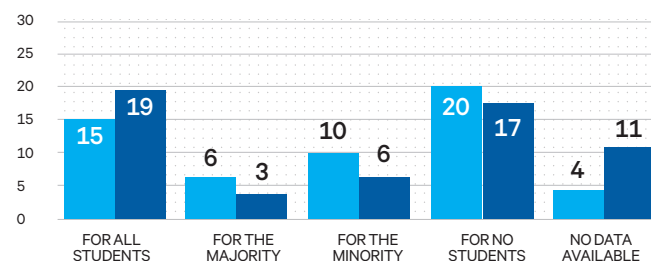
countries officially recognise PC as a medical specialty or subspecialty through national regulatory authorities.

DIPLOMAS

9/56 have other kind of diplomas with official recognition (i.e., certification of the professional category or of the job position).



DOCTORS



NURSES

PALLIATIVE CARE EDUCATION FOR FUTURE DOCTORS AND NURSES: NUMBER OF COUNTRIES TEACHING MANDATORY PALLIATIVE CARE

Research

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countries host national PC conferences every year.

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countries have advanced level of peer reviewed articles focusing on PC research: Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom.

Health Policies

LEVEL	CONTENT	COUNTRIES
4	Actualised, evaluated or audited in last 5 years	15
3	Actualised but not evaluated or audited in last 5 years	9
2	Developed over 5 years ago	11
1	Not known or does not exist	12

NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE PLAN, PROGRAMME, POLICY, OR STRATEGY

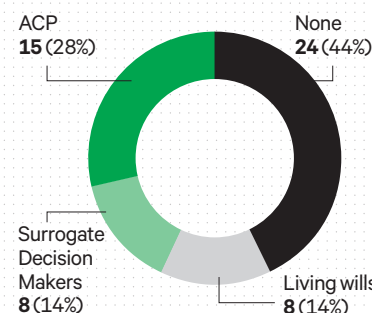
PALLIATIVE CARE LAWS

	YEAR	NAME
France	1999	Loi n° 99-477 du 9 juin 1999 visant à garantir le droit à l'accès aux soins palliatifs.
Belgium	2002	Wet van 14-juni 2002 betreffende de palliatieve zorg (& Amendement 2016 Pal Zorg)
Luxembourg	2009	Loi du 16 mars 2009 relative aux soins palliatifs, à la directive anticipée et à l'accompagnement en fin de vie et modifiant.
Italy	2010	Legge 38/2010 - Disposizioni per garantire l'accesso alle cure palliative e alla terapia del dolore.
Portugal	2012	Lei n.º 52/2012 de 5 de setembro - Lei de Bases dos Cuidados Paliativos.
Germany	2015	Gesetz zur Verbesserung der Hospiz- und Palliativversorgung in Deutschland (HPG) vom 1. Dezember 2015.
Armenia	2020	Law of the Republic of Armenia on Palliative Care.
Albania	2021	Ligji Nr. 156/2014 - Për Kujdesin Palliativ në Republikën e Shqipërisë.
Austria	2022	Bundesgesetz über die Einrichtung eines Hospiz- und Palliativfonds- Hospiz- und Palliativfondsgesetz.

Empowerment people and communities

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NATIONAL POLICY OR GUIDELINE ON ADVANCE CARE PLANNING (ACP) OR ADVANCE DIRECTIVES



have a strong national and sub-national presence of PC advocacy and promoting patient rights.

Specialised services

7119

specialised PC services.

0,96 services per 100,000 inh on average.

524

paediatric services present in 41 countries.

TOTAL SPECIALISED SERVICES

7119 specialised PC services (0.96 services per 100,000 inh.).

Ukraine	0.23	Malta	0.72
Estonia	0.22	Slovakia	0.64
Kazakhstan	0.18	Georgia	0.62
Belarus	0.15	Romania	0.56
Bosnia-Herzegovina	0.09	Armenia	0.53
Tajikistan	0.09	Moldova	0.49
Kyrgyzstan	0.07	Turkiye	0.49
Greece	0.04	Slovenia	0.47
Turkmenistan	0.01	Bulgaria	0.39
Azerbaijan	0.01	North Macedonia	0.38
Uzbekistan	0.01	Serbia	0.26
Kosovo	0.00	Albania	0.25

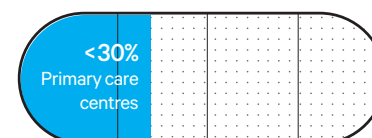
Monaco, Liechtenstein and San Marino reported 7.70, 7.53, and 5.91, respectively.

United Kingdom	1.27	Austria	3.68
Andorra	1.24	Lithuania	2.51
Israel	1.16	Switzerland	2.10
Germany	1.13	Sweden	1.90
Croatia	1.06	Netherlands	1.85
Denmark	1.06	Norway	1.83
Iceland	1.02	Czech Rep	1.68
Italy	1.00	Ireland	1.64
Cyprus	0.97	Belgium	1.54
Hungary	0.96	Finland	1.52
Latvia	0.96	Luxembourg	1.50
Spain	0.96	Poland	1.42
France	0.90	Portugal	1.42

Use of Medicines

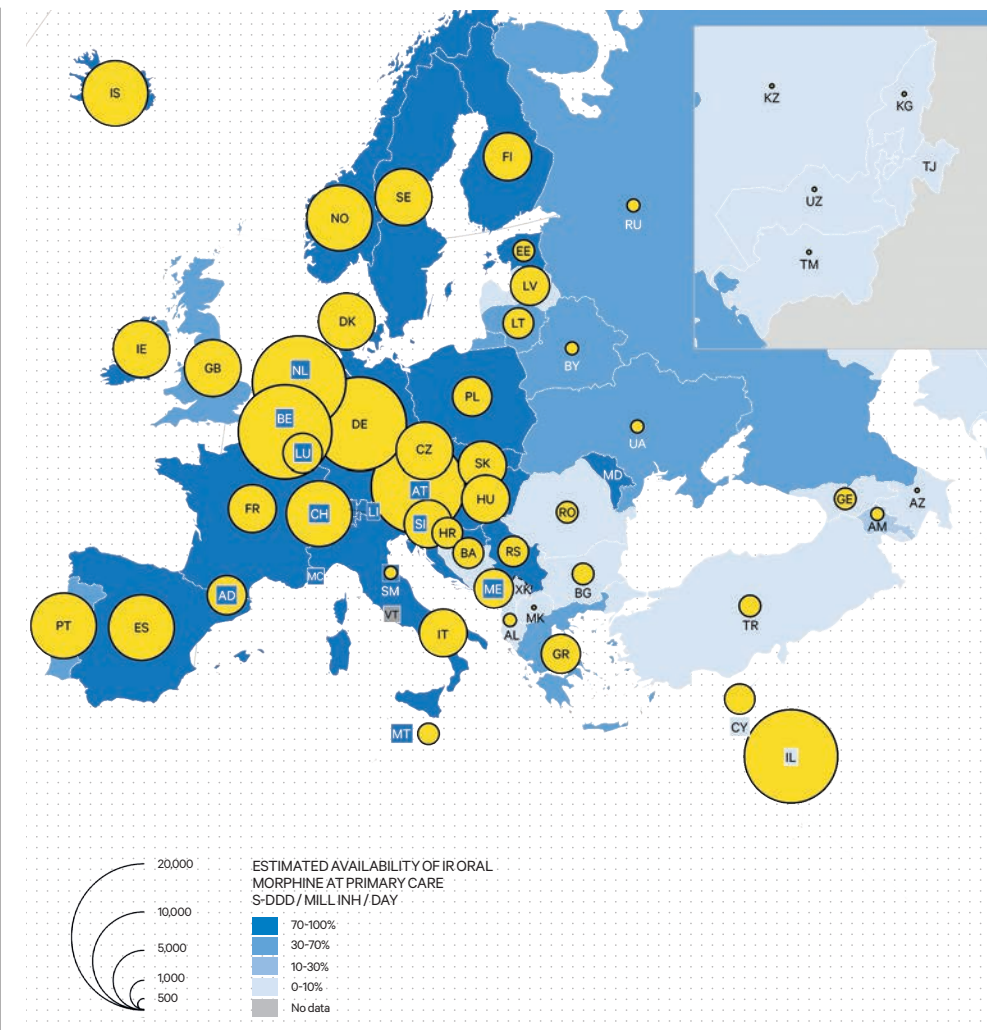
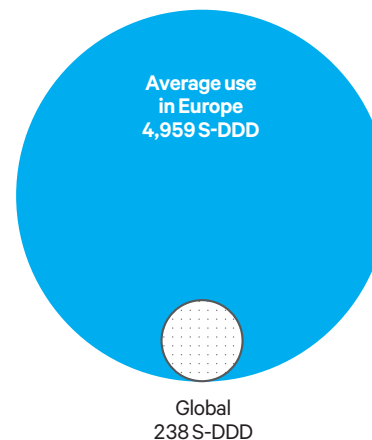
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countries report available Immediate Release Oral Morphine in less than 30% of health facilities at the primary care level.

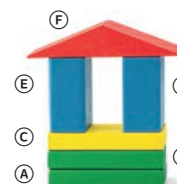


26/56 report very good availability of different opioids and in different formulations.

USE OF OPIOIDS



GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PALLIATIVE CARE IN COUNTRIES AND AREAS (WHO, 2021)



4 EMPOWERMENT OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES
3 POLICIES
2 RESEARCH
1 USE OF ESSENTIAL MEDICINES
0 EDUCATION AND TRAINING
-1 PROVISION OF PC

LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT
1 EMERGING
2 PROGRESSING
3 ESTABLISHED
4 ADVANCED