



COVID-19 Sanitary crisis in Europe

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Answers to the questionnaire

+ 17 countries :

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Germany (AEMH), Italy, Luxembourg (AEMH), The Netherlands, Norway (AEMH), Portugal, Slovak Republic (AEMH), Slovenia, Spain, Sweden (AEMH)

- 2 countries :

Poland, Romania



Countries' total population

10,379,070

•	Austria	8,932,664
•	Belgium	11,566,041
•	Bulgaria	6,916,548
•	Croatia	4,036,355
	Northern Cyprus	326,000
	Czech Republic	10,701,777
•	France	67,439,599
	Germany	83,155,031
•	Italy	59,257,566
•	Luxembourg	635,000
	The Netherlands	17,475,415
	Norway	5,391,369
•	Poland	37,840,001
•	Portugal	10,298,252
•	Romania	19,186,201
•	Slovak Rep	5,459,781
•	Slovenia	2,108,977
	Spain	47,394,223

Sweden

OECD January 1, 2021



Cases confirmed by RT-PCR 2020-2022 > March 31, 2022

Austria

Belgium

Bulgaria

Croatia

Northern Cyprus

Czech Republic

France

Germany

Italy

Luxembourg

The Netherlands

Norway

Portugal

Slovak Rep

Slovenia

Spain

Sweden

4.156.334

4.015.791

656.357

1.100.672

85.461

3.911.981

25.633.476 (38% pop)

24.813.817

NA

237.856 (residents only)

8.120.000

1.428.008

3.380.263

1.795.536

971.290

11.786.036

2.498.388

Hospitalised cases 2020-2022

Austria total NA (1.381 at 25/04/2022)

Belgium total 121.262

Bulgaria NA

Croatia total 74.537

Northern Cyprus NA

Czech Republic total 250.369

France total NA (24.840 at 24/04/2022)

Germany total 523.501 (only registered since 13/07/2021)

Italy NA

Luxembourg total 52.811 (resident & non-resident)

The Netherlands total 38.039 (1.080 at 19/04/2022)

Norway total 12.252

Portugal total NA (1.127 9/3/2022)

Slovak Rep total 98.934
Slovenia total 30.944

Spain total NA (6.119 at 31/03/2022)

Sweden total 92.771



Number of patients in ICU until March 31, 2022

Austria

Belgium

Bulgaria

Croatia

Northern Cyprus

Czech Republic

France

Germany

Italy

Luxembourg

The Netherlands

Norway

Portugal

Slovak Rep

Slovenia

Spain

Sweden

total NA (118 at 25/04/2022)

NA

NA

total 8.255

NA

total 42.856

total NA (1.636 at 24/04/2022)

total 157.452

NA

total 10.636 (residents & non-residents)

total 18.204 (85 at 19/04/2022)

total 1.952

total NA (70 at 9/3/2022)

total 8.626

total 5.500 to 6.000

total NA (339 at 31/03/2022)

total 9.188



Number of deaths (2020-2022)

Austria

Belgium

Bulgaria

Croatia

Northern Cyprus

Czech Republic

France

Germany

Italy

Luxembourg

The Netherlands

Norway

Portugal

Slovak Rep

Slovenia

Spain

Sweden

19.470 (all locations)

31.319 (20.884 in hospital-10.246 nursing homes)

36.887 (all locations)

16.000 (15.578 in hospital-409 nursing homes-343 at home ?)

220 (218 in hospital – 1 in nursing home-1 at home)

40.220 (33.711 in hospital-4.638 in nursing homes)

142.273 (113.779 in hospital–28.494 nursing homes- others ?)

135.461 (all locations)

NA (159.224 JHU)

1.064 residents (769 in hospital-246 in nursing homes-49 at home)

22.227 (all locations)

3.006 (all locations)

21.225 (all locations)

19.352 (18.231 hospital-305 nursing homes-755 at home)

6.487 (> 70% in hospital-80% nursing homes at the beginning)

103.908 (NA in hospital-33.805 in nursing homes)

16.463 (9.439 in hospital-5.813 in nursing homes)



Infected HC professionals (confirmed by PCR) 2020-2022

Austria NA

BelgiumNA

Bulgaria 18.378

• Croatia 20.502

Northern Cyprus NA

Czech Republic 82.475

France 112.555 (public & private hospitals)

Germany
 NA (data protection law)

ItalyNA

LuxembourgNA

The Netherlands
 200.000 September 2021 (doctors included)

NorwayNA

PortugalNA

Slovak RepNA

SloveniaNA

Spain NA

Sweden NA



Deceased HC professionals in 2020-2022

Austria NA

Belgium NA

Bulgaria NA

Croatia 15

Northern Cyprus NA

Czech Republic 63

France
 6 nursing staff – 8 others (public & private hospitals)

GermanyNA (very few)

ItalyNA

Luxembourg NA

The Netherlands
 32 (including doctors) September 2021

Norway NA

Portugal NA

Slovak RepNA

Slovenia NA

Spain NA

Sweden NA



Infected doctors (confirmed by PCR) 2020-2022

Austria NA

Belgium NA

Bulgaria 6.024

Croatia 5.187

Northern Cyprus NA

Czech Republic 17.786

France13.980 (9.980 salaried - 4.000 free practice doctors ?)

Germany
 NA (data protection law)

ItalyNA

LuxembourgNA

The Netherlands NA

NorwayNA

PortugalNA

Slovak RepNA

SloveniaNA

Spain NA

Sweden NA



Deceased doctors in 2020-2022

Austria
 1 free practice doctor

BelgiumBulgariaNA

Croatia6

Northern Cyprus
 1 salaried doctor – 1 free practice doctor

Czech Republic 47

France
 5 salaried doctors - 91 free practice (active/not retired) doctors

GermanyNA (very few)

Italy NALuxembourg NA

The Netherlands included in the 32 deceased HC professionals

NA

Norway
Portugal
Slovak Rep
Slovenia
Spain
NA
NA

Sweden



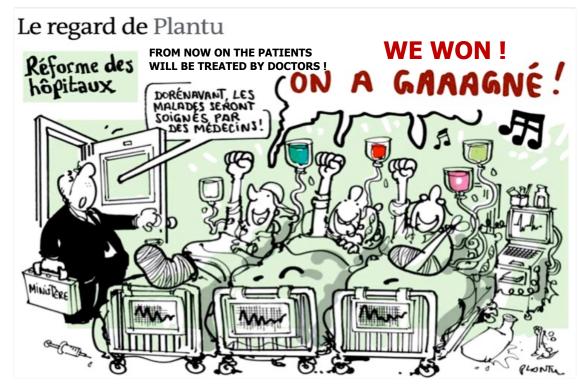
Exceptional service organisation

- Yes > public & private hospitals : Austria,
 Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Rep, France, Germany, Italy,
 Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal,
 Slovakia, Spain, Sweden
- Yes > public hospitals: Croatia, Northern Cyprus,
 The Netherlands (COVID), Slovenia



COVID-19 influence on hospital management & Medical Leadership

- Yes: Belgium, Bulgaria, Northern Cyprus, Czech Rep, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden
- NO: Austria (was promised), Croatia, Slovakia





HC professionals'/doctors' shortage

- Yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, Czech Rep, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden
 - Physicians: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden
 - Nurses: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden
 - Other HC professionals: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Sweden

Healthcare professionals on sick leave

- Yes: Austria, Belgium, Northern Cyprus, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Sweden
 - Physicians: Austria, Northern Cyprus, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden
 - Nurses: Austria, Belgium, Northern Cyprus, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands (++), Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Sweden
 - Other HC professionals: Austria, Northern Cyprus, France,
 Germany, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Sweden
- No: Croatia, Slovenia, Spain
- NA: Bulgaria, Czech Rep

Healthcare professionals in burn-out

- Yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden
 - Physicians: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden
 - Nurses: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden
 - Other HC professionals: Austria, Bulgaria, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden
- NA: Czech Rep

Healthcare professionals resignations

- Yes: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden
 - Physicians: Austria, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, France, Germany (very few), Italy, Portugal, Spain
 - Nurses: Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden
 - Other HC professionals: Austria, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Sweden
- No: Bulgaria
- NA: Czech Rep, Norway



New appointed professionals/doctors

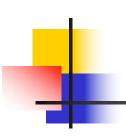
- Yes: Bulgaria, Czech Rep, France, Italy, Northern Cyprus, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden
- No: Belgium, Croatia, Germany, Luxembourg, The Netherlands (but help from medical students volunteers for vaccination), Slovenia
- NA: Austria, Norway

Free lancers?



Asymptomatic infected HC professionals at work (protected)

- Yes: Belgium, Croatia, Czech Rep, France, Luxembourg, The Netherlands (only if nursing staff shortage), Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia
- No: Austria (5 days quarantine), Bulgaria, Northern Cyprus, Germany, Italy (quarantine), Portugal, Spain, Sweden



COVID-19 considered an occupational disease

- Yes: Austria (depending kind of work), Belgium, Croatia, Czech Rep, France (14/09/2020), Germany, The Netherlands, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden
- No: Bulgaria, Northern Cyprus, Italy (accident at work), Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Spain



Special remuneration/bonus for doctors in frontline

- Yes: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia (120€/month!), Czech Rep, France, The Netherlands (bonus), Norway, Portugal (no more), Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain (according Autonomous Region)
- No: Belgium, Northern Cyprus, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain, Sweden



HC professionals' overtime

- Yes: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, France, Italy, Germany, Luxembourg, The Netherlands (not everyone and not everywhere), Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden
- No: Belgium, Spain
- NA: Czech Rep

Paid overtime

- Yes: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Northern Cyprus, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden
 - Improved rate: Bulgaria (< 50%), France (> 50%), Norway (50%), Slovakia (< 50%)
 - Normal rate: Austria, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden
- NA: Czech Rep



Improved physician's wages

- Yes: Bulgaria, France, Slovakia
 - Permanent increase: France
 - Not permanent: Bulgaria, Slovakia
- No: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden
- NA: Czech Rep



Is COVID-19 vaccination compulsory for the general population?

No in all countries

Austria (Law March 15, 2022 suspended), Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, Czech Rep, France, Germany, Italy (Law February 5, 2022 suspended), Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden



COVID-19 vaccination recommended for the general population

In all countries

- From the age of 5-11 years with the consent of the parents: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Slovakia, Spain
- From the age of 12 years with the consent of the parents: Bulgaria, Germany, The Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden
- By legal majority: Czech Rep
- NA: Norway, Portugal



Percentage of 1st dose in the general population

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Belgium

Bulgaria

Croatia

Northern Cyprus

Czech Republic

France

Germany

Italy

Luxembourg

The Netherlands

Norway

Portugal

Slovak Rep

Slovenia

Spain

Sweden

76,4%

80,16%

NA

57%

96,6%

NA

80,9% (54.288.077)

76,7%

84%

73,9%

90%

93,1%

92%

52%

60%

92,9% (>12 years old)

87%



Percentage of 2nd dose in the general population

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Belgium

Bulgaria

Croatia

Northern Cyprus

Czech Republic

France

Germany

Italy

Luxembourg

The Netherlands

Norway

Portugal

Slovak Rep

Slovenia

Spain

Sweden

73,4%

80%

30%

55%

88,9%

NA

79,6% (53.681.920)

76,1%

88,5%

72,7%

84,9%

90,7%

92%

50,7%

59%

92,5% (> 12 years old)

85%

Percentage of 3rd dose (booster) in the general population

Austria

Belgium

Bulgaria

Croatia

Northern Cyprus

Czech Republic

France

Germany

Italy

Luxembourg

The Netherlands

Norway

Portugal

Slovak Rep

Slovenia

Spain

Sweden

54,5% (68,32% with valid Certificate)

61,81%

11%

15%

53,2%

NA

59% (39.789.363)

59,2%

68%

56,5%

63,8%

NA (in progress)

61%

30,1%

58%

52,1%

64%



COVID-19 vaccination compulsory for the HC professionals

- Yes: France (05/08/2021), Germany (01/03/2022 not enforced yet), Italy, Luxembourg
- No: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, Czech Rep, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden



Percentage of 1st dose for HC professionals

Austria

Belgium

Bulgaria

Croatia

Northern Cyprus

Czech Republic

France

Germany

Italy

Luxembourg

The Netherlands

Norway

Portugal

Slovak Rep

Slovenia

Spain

Sweden

NA

NA

NA

94,7% doctors – 79,1% HC prof

99% doctors – others NA

NA

98% doctors included

98% doctors – 95% HC prof

98% for physicians – others NA

87,6%

NA

> 95% doctors

NA

NA

> 90% doctors – 65% HC prof

NA

90%



Percentage of 2nd dose for HC professionals

Austria

Belgium

Bulgaria 70% doctors

Croatia92% doctors – 76,42% HC prof

NA

NA

Northern Cyprus 99% doctors

Czech Republic NA

France97% doctors - 93% HC prof

Germany98% doctors – 95% HC prof

Italy 98% doctors - NA HC prof

Luxembourg 86%

The Netherlands NA

Norway > 95% doctors

Portugal NA Slovak Rep NA

■ Slovenia > 90% doctors – 65% HC prof

SpainSwedenNA88%



Percentage of 3rd dose (booster) for HC professionals

Austria NA

Belgium NA

Bulgaria NA

CroatiaNA

Northern Cyprus NA

Czech RepublicNA

France 86%

Germany
 98% doctors (estimated) – 95% HC prof (estimated)

Italy
 98% doctors - NA HC prof

Luxembourg 68,2%

The Netherlands NA

NorwayNA

Portugal NA

Slovak Rep NA

Slovenia > 90% doctors – 65% HC prof

SpainSwedenNA67%



Increasing Omicron variant infections

- Yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, Czech Rep, France (100%), Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands (stable increase now), Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden
- No: Norway



4th dose recommended for the general population

- Yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden
- Age: Austria (>65 years), France-The Netherlands & Slovakia (>60 years), Germany (>70 years), Luxembourg (>80 years), Sweden
- Immuno-compromised patients
- No: Croatia, Northern Cyprus, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia
- NA: Czech Rep



Influence on management of patients with other pathologies in hospitals

- Yes: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Rep, France (35,9% COVID patients), Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands (decreasing), Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden
- No: Northern Cyprus



Influence on management of patients with other pathologies in ICU

- Yes: Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Rep, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden
- No (or no more): Austria (6% COVID patients), Northern Cyprus, France (2,6% COVID patients), Germany & The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain



Ethical debate in ICU on priority for non-vaccinated patients

- Yes: France, Luxembourg, Norway, Slovakia, Sweden
- No (or no more): Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, Czech Rep, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain



Restrictions March 31, 2022

- Yes: Austria, Belgium, Northern Cyprus, Portugal
 - Education: Northern Cyprus
 - Transports: Austria, Belgium
 - Culture : Belgium
 - Others: Austria & Portugal (medical practices, HC institutions, pharmacies), Belgium
- No restrictions: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Rep,
 France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands,
 Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden

Compulsory to wear a mask

In addition to the hospitals & HC facilities:

- Education: Northern Cyprus, Czech Rep, Italy (++)
- **Transports:** Austria, Belgium, Northern Cyprus, Czech Rep, France (ending 16/5/2022), **Italy** (++), Luxembourg, The Netherlands (airports & flights), Portugal, Slovenia, Spain
- Restaurants: Czech Rep
- Bars: Czech Rep
- Nightclubs : Czech Rep
- Culture : Czech Rep, Slovenia, Spain
- Others: Austria (medical practices, HC institutions & pharmacies), Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Rep, France (pharmacies), Italy, Luxembourg (elderly homes), Slovenia (HC institutions & elderly homes), Spain

No: Norway



Persistent economic impact of COVID-19 crisis

Yes: 16 countries

- Impact on GDP: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Northern Cyprus, Czech Rep, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden
- Impact on unemployment: Austria, Belgium,
 Bulgaria, Northern Cyprus, Germany, Italy, Norway,
 Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden
- The Netherlands (in business/retail)

No: Slovenia

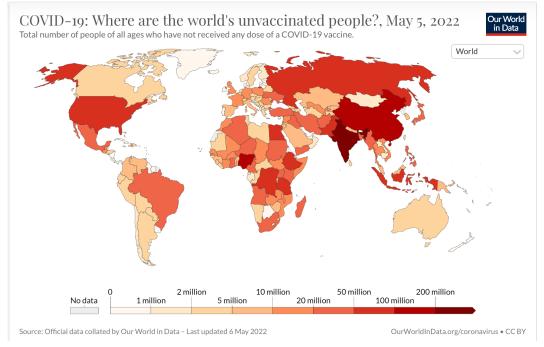
for the GDP the war in Ukraine came to disturb the results

Additional comments

- Germany The compulsory vaccination for healthcare workers is not enforced yet. As of now there is only a registration of the vaccination status of these persons and no exclusion from the workplace yet. But it will follow, if the law is not changed.
- Italy Antigenic test (not PCR) is the main test to detect Sars Cov2 infection. PCR testing is not more requested to certificate the infection. This choice causes a growing number of undetected Covid cases; in addition, there are a lot of people avoiding to test themselves (since they are asymptomatic or with few symptoms, due to less aggressive Omicron variant).
- Norway & Czech Rep In some of the questions I was not able to find National public numbers or information and the questionnaire is therefore unfortunately not answered.
- **Slovenia** Slovenians have not strictly followed all the rules before, but *the recent improvement* came as a great relief. Now it is rare to see anyone wearing a mask. Nevertheless, the winter period was very difficult for all of us, the hospitals were full of patients, intensive care units as well, and with the general lack of doctors and nurses, work with other patients was very limited. The epidemic has left a strong mark, and the already long queues have been extended.
- Spain Since March 2020, the Ministry of Health is not providing updated data on health professionals infected by COVID19, let alone disaggregated by professions. There have also been no official records regarding HC professionals' vaccination. In addition, in March 2022 the way of data collection has been changed and there are issues that are not so disaggregated.

Conclusion

- the pandemic has killed between 13 and 17 million from January 2020 to December 2021 (WHO)
- « living with the SARS-CoV-2 virus OMICRON BA.2 »



The threat of emergence of a new variant resistant to current vaccines (WHO)