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# Parallel Session I – The role of primary care in communication: Pharmacy perspective

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	Italy		Turkey
	Latvia		United Kingdom



# At the heart of communities



**400.000  
Community  
Pharmacists**



**160.000 Community  
Pharmacies**



**46 million  
citizens visit a  
pharmacy every day**



# At the heart of communities



**58%**

EU citizens can reach their nearest community pharmacy within five minutes.

**98%**

EU citizens can reach their nearest community pharmacy within 30 minutes.

On average, a pharmacy employs



**7+** persons in the EU,

which includes pharmacy assistants, pharmacy technicians, support staff,



**2.35** pharmacists.



A community pharmacy in the EU serves

**3,214**

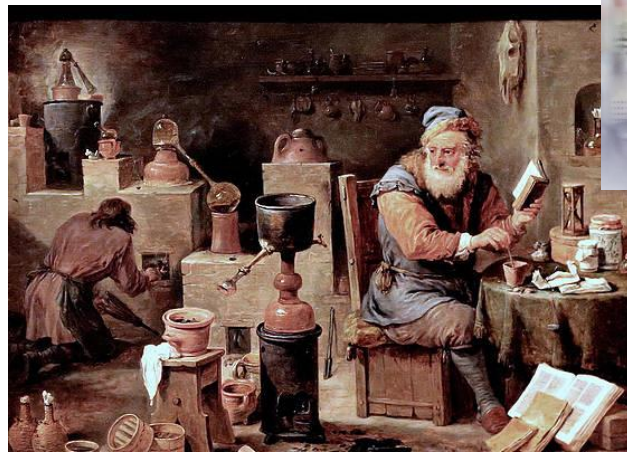
citizens on average.

On average in the EU, there are

**73** 

pharmacists per 100.000 inhabitants.

# Advancements of the Profession



# Community pharmacist's contributions



## Identifying & reminding target groups

- I.e. 65 years +, chronic patients, travel medication, children,...
- Reminders for patients – using integrated e-solutions in pharmacy software
- Registering and consulting vaccination status through shared EHR

## Awareness raising and advocacy campaigns

- Utilising highly visible and geographically distributed network of pharmacies
- Participating in own initiatives & several national/EU campaigns
- Pharmacies are visited by a large part of the population

## Providing information and advice

- Evidence-based, unbiased and balanced information on the benefits of vaccination / vaccination schedules
- Complementing information of physicians and other HCP's
- Information as a prevention approach

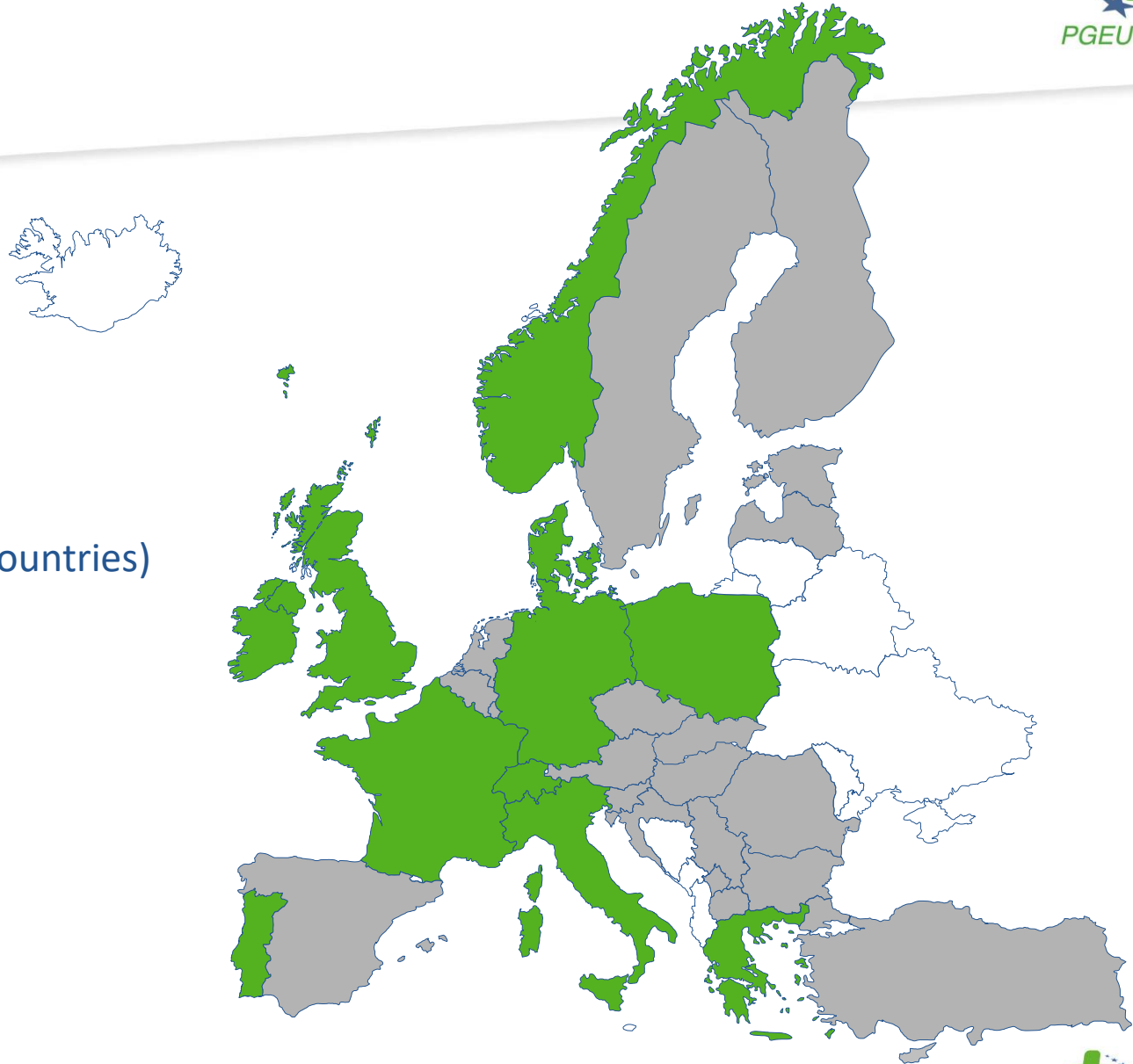
## Vaccines administration in pharmacies

- Administration by community pharmacists / other HCP's
- Improving convenience and access for all parts of the population
- Increasing coverage through complementary efforts
- Certified training programmes





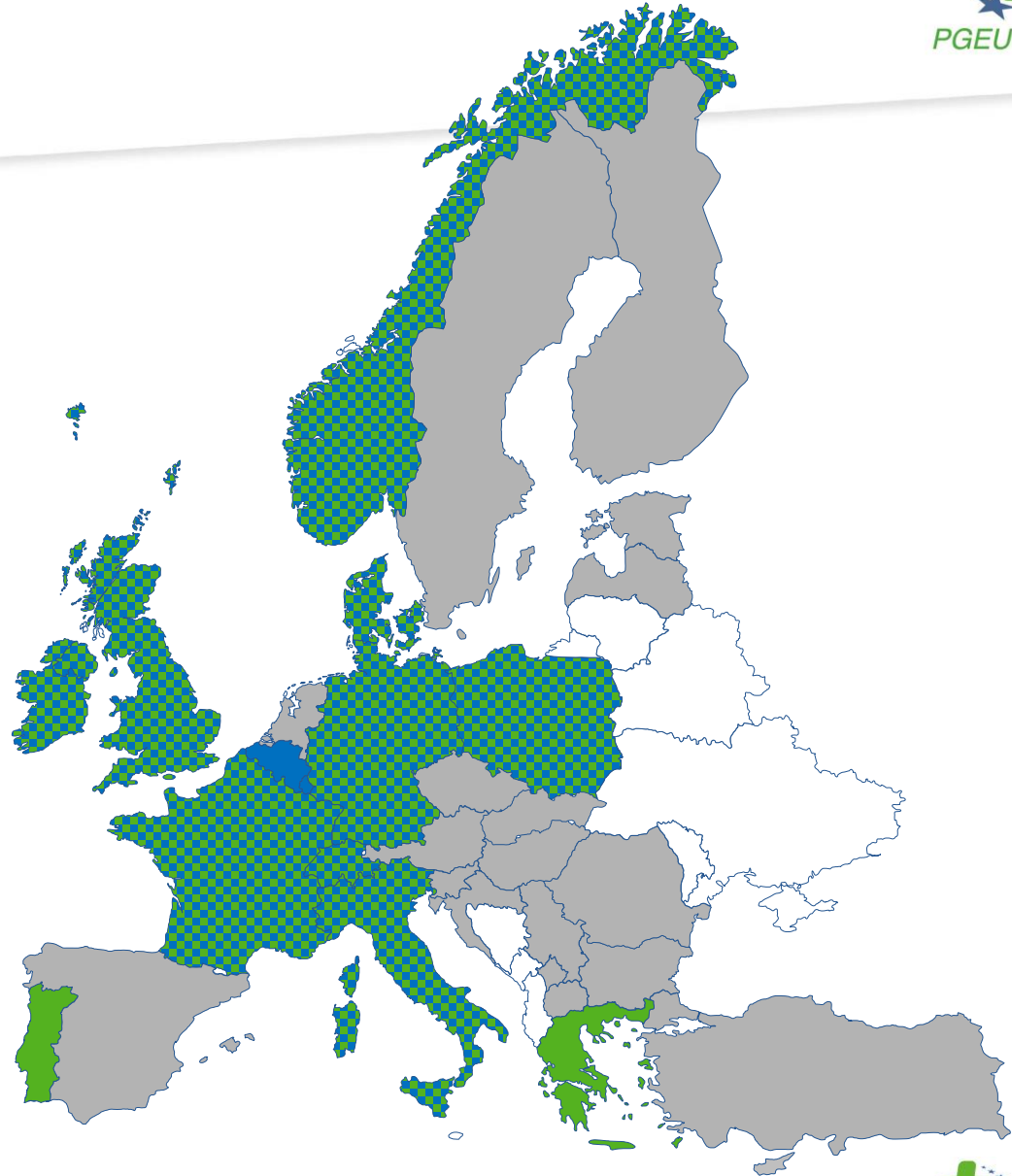
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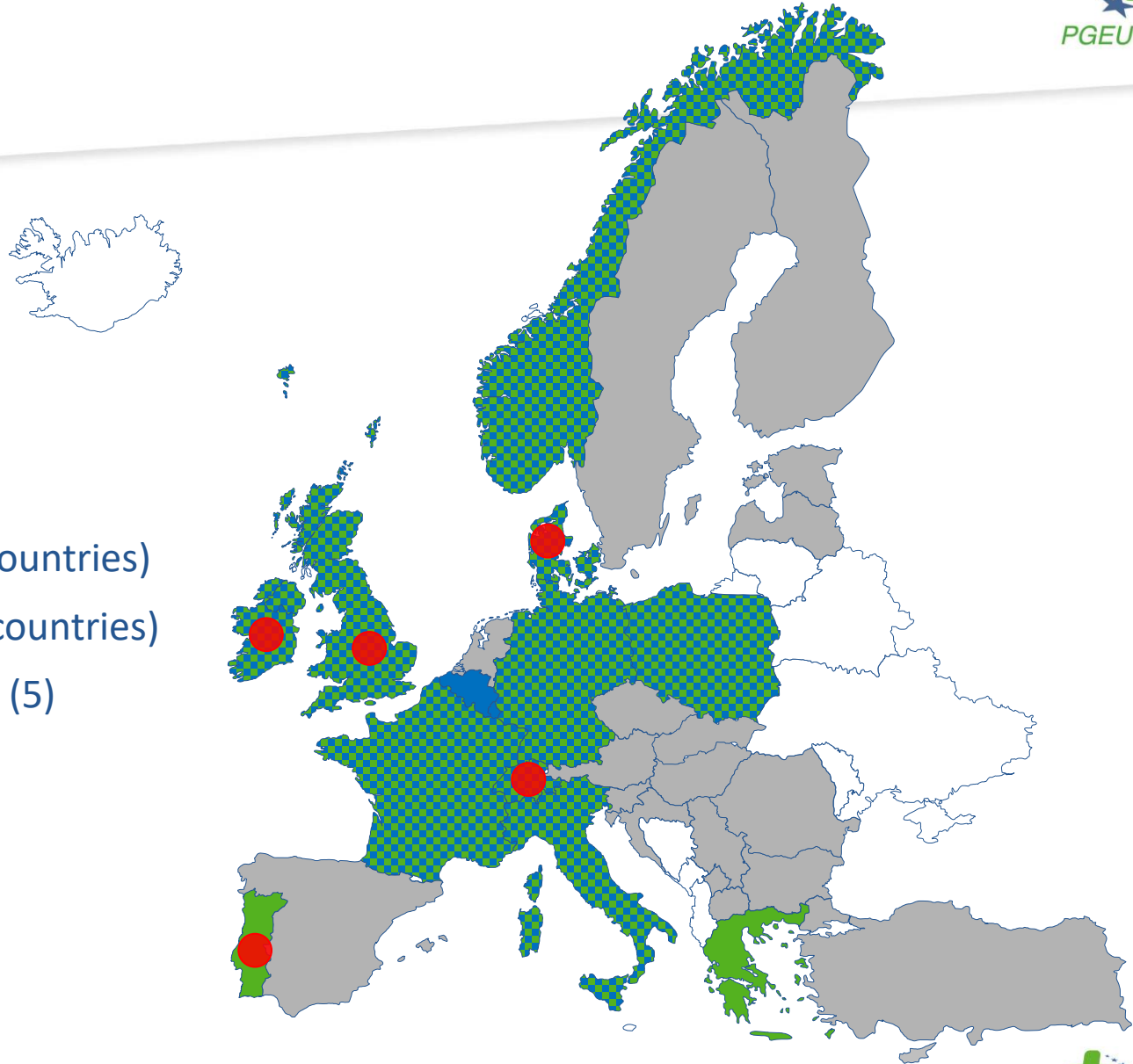
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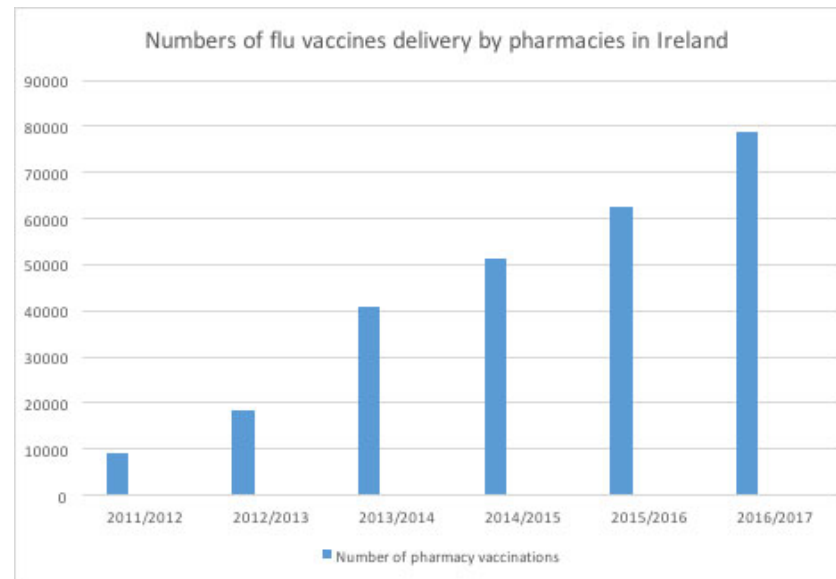
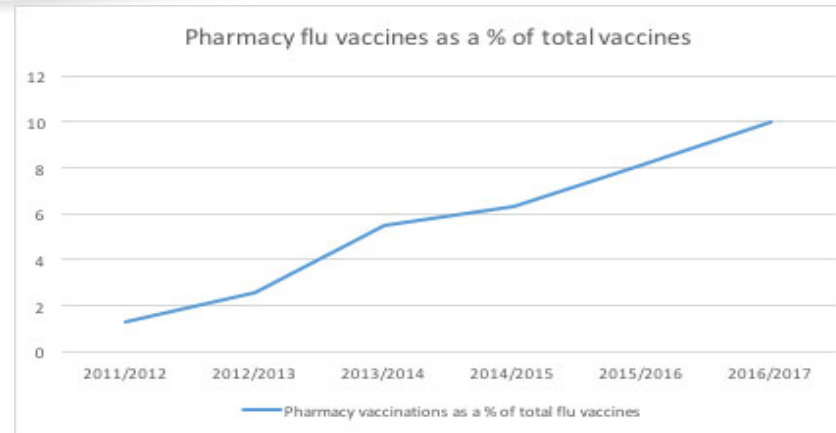
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-  COVID-19 (11 countries)
-  Other vaccines (5)



# Ireland

- **> 1,000 community pharmacies provide flu vaccination service (1907 pharmacies in IE)**
- **Pharmacies now account for over 16% of flu vaccinations**
- **Since pharmacies started flu vaccination in 2011, national flu vaccine delivery has increased by 59.5% and GP flu vaccine delivery has increased by 27%**
- **Other vaccinations in pharmacy:  
Pneumococcal & Herpes zoster (shingles) vaccine**



# France



PHARMACIENS,  
VALORISONS  
NOS COMPÉTENCES



- 2017: Law allows the conduct of a pilot project on flu vaccination against seasonal influenza by community pharmacists.
- 2017-2018: Flu vaccination pilot launched in 2 regions
  - 2,813 pharmacies (58,8%) participated
- 2018-2019: Pilot extended to 2 extra regions + enlargement target population
- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019: All pharmacists in France are allowed to vaccinate:
  - Complete vaccination training program (theoretical training + practical training)
  - Private consultation space in pharmacy
- 2019-2020: 2,4 million people (1 out of 4) got vaccinated in a pharmacy
- January 2022: around 60% of COVID-19 vaccines were given by pharmacists, 25% by doctors and 15% by nurses in France. Satisfaction rate of the service 4.92/5.00



# UK - England



62% of patients who got their flu jab in community pharmacy were aged 65 or over

**Community pharmacists in England have already administered almost 1.5 million flu vaccines, topping last year's total.**

<https://www.chemistanddruggist.co.uk/news/pharmacists-beat-201819-flu-vaccination-numbers-end-season?fbclid=IwAR2Nj6R57cFkquZ2VYfnVQwidHBfDE3GvmEoBomqMoAxMlvzYWHlyWYubJc>

2019-2020: Flu vaccinations administered by community pharmacists grew by **20%** with **1,718,147** administrations being claimed to the end of March

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Influenza

**Flu survey finds 99% of patients would have their vaccination at a pharmacy again**

*The Pharmaceutical Journal* | 25 SEP 2017 | By Julia Robinson

<http://www.pharmaceutical-journal.com/news-and-analysis/news/flu-survey-finds-99-of-patients-would-have-their-vaccination-at-a-pharmacy-again/20203614.article>





Pharmacists vaccinate since 2007.

## 2018 pilot:

- No need for medical prescription.
- No administration costs charged to the patient.
- The first results showed that the community pharmacies pilot contributed to an increase by 31.8% of the vaccination coverage in this municipality.

Flu Vaccination Campaign 2020: Pharmacies received ~10% of the vaccine stock of the National Health Service

- Citizens over 65 years able to receive the flu vaccine in a pharmacy without a prescription
- Pharmacies are reimbursed for the administration of vaccines, which covers part of the overall cost of this service for pharmacies



# Other success stories



## Italy

- March 2021 – Pharmacists are granted the right to vaccinate against COVID-19
- Flu Campaign 2021-2022 – Community Pharmacists can vaccinate for the first time



## Germany

- October 2020 – Flu vaccines in Community Pharmacy
- February 2022 – COVID-19 vaccines



## Poland

- January 2021 – pharmacists can vaccinate against COVID-19
- November 2021 – service extended to administer influenza shots





  
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# THANK YOU!

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