



Seasonal influenza vaccination in Europe.

Overview of vaccination recommendations and coverage rates in EU Member States from 2007-08 to 2014-15

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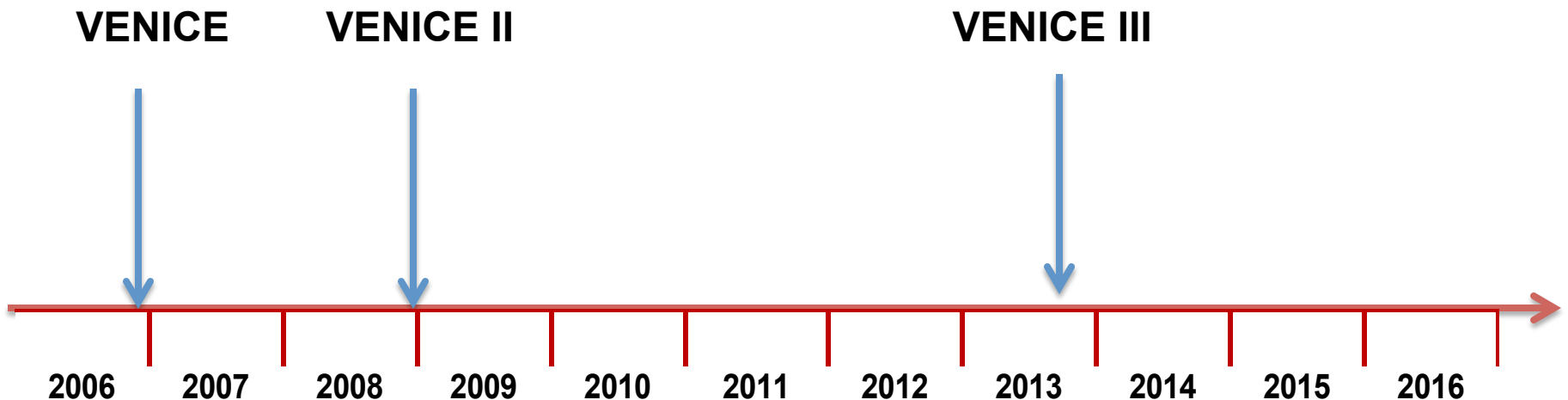
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Seasonal influenza vaccination recommendations

- European Council (EC) Recommendation 2009
 - To achieve 75% vaccination coverage by 2014-15
 - Older age groups
 - Chronic medical conditions
 - To improve vaccination coverage
 - Health care workers (HCWs)
- WHO recommendations 2012
 - Pregnant women
 - Children aged <5 years
 - Older age groups
 - Chronic medical conditions
 - HCWs

VENICE Project

- VENICE - Vaccine European New Integrated Collaboration Effort
- Network of experts working in immunisation programmes
- Involve all EU member states, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway
- Objective to promote and share knowledge and best practices in vaccination

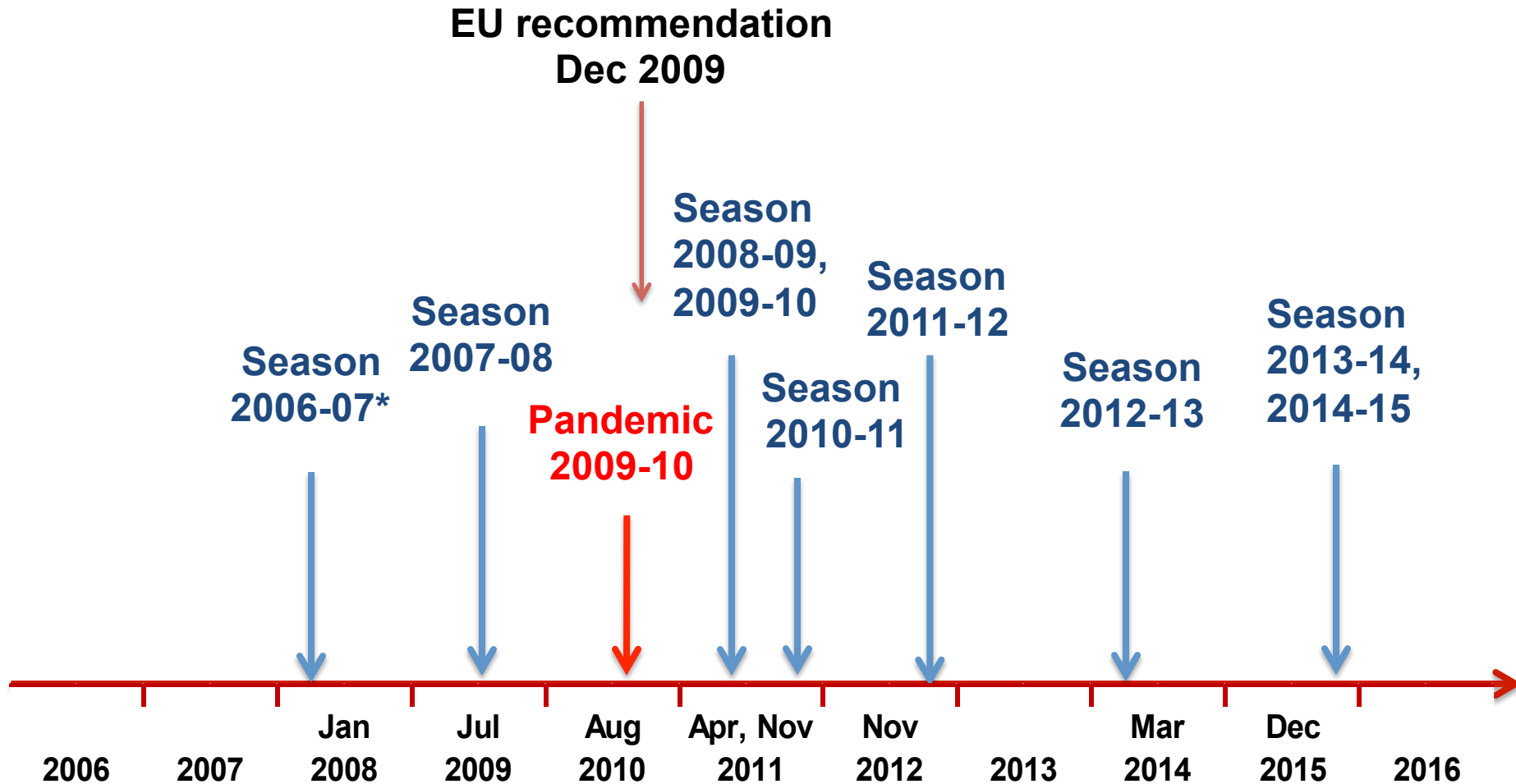


EU/EEA Member States

- EU: 28 Member States
- EEA: Lichtenstein, Iceland, Norway
- Population 2015:
508 191 116



Influenza surveys conducted by VENICE, 2008-2016



EU recommendation
Dec 2009

Season
2008-09,
2009-10

Season
2011-12

Season
2006-07*

Season
2007-08

Pandemic
2009-10

Season
2010-11

Season
2012-13

Season
2013-14,
2014-15

2006

2007

Jan
2008

Jul
2009

Aug
2010

Apr, Nov
2011

Nov
2012

2013

Mar
2014

Dec
2015

2016

Some countries provided data for season 2003-04 or 2005-06;
most countries provided data for season 2006-07

The same methodology for all surveys

- Collaborative studies
- Questionnaire administration
 - On-line on VENICE website
 - Limited access
- Completion
 - National experts in each MS
- In this presentation
 - Data combined from last seven surveys for seasonal influenza
 - Vaccination coverage in UK presented for England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales
 - Vaccination coverage cover eight influenza seasons
 - Policy, recommendations, funding mechanisms refer to 2014-15 influenza season



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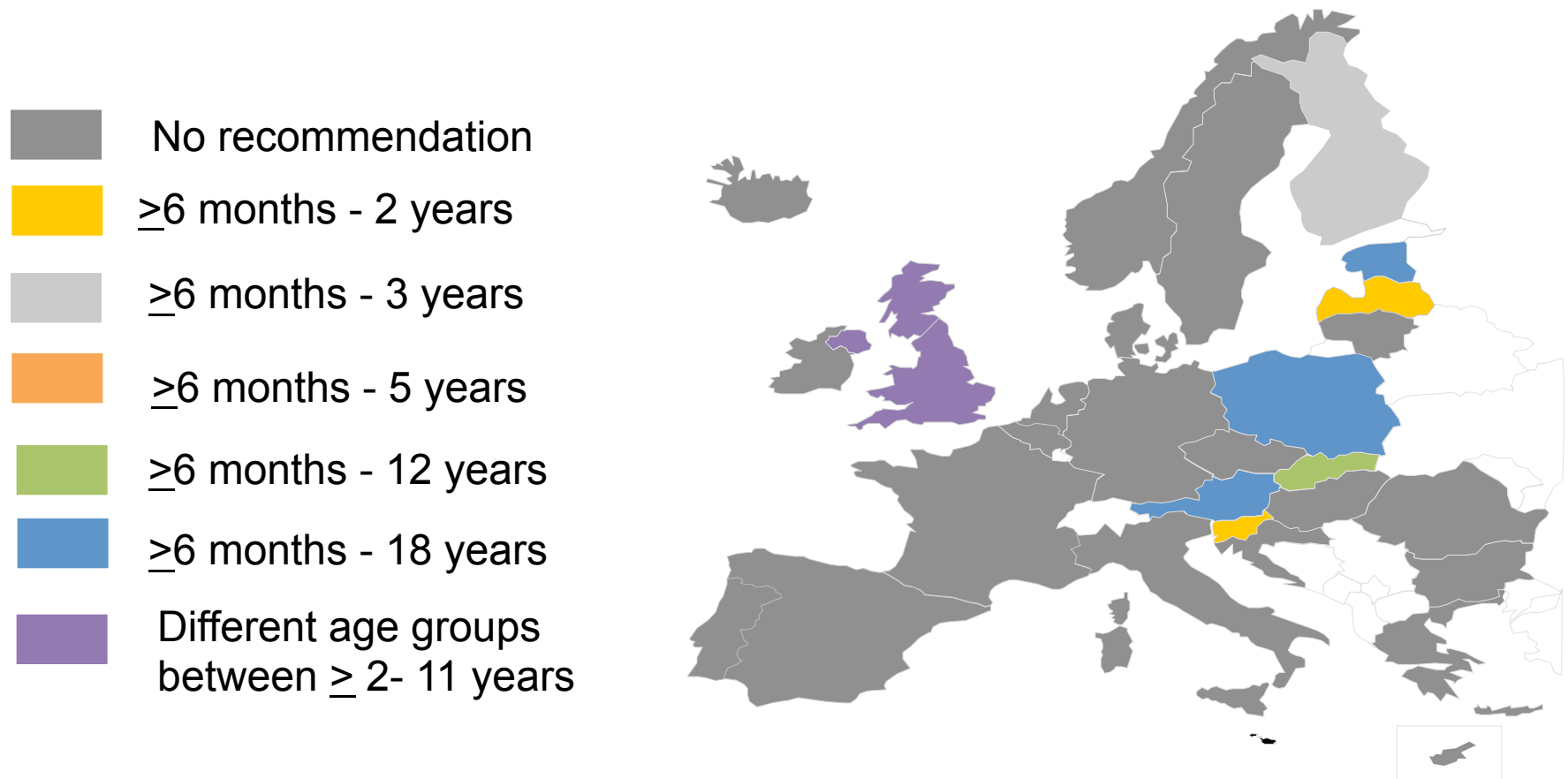
Objectives

- The first survey
 - To collect baseline information on seasonal influenza
 - Country specific vaccination recommendations for targeted and risk groups
 - To obtain
 - Available data on vaccination coverage
- The following surveys
 - To update
 - Country specific vaccination recommendations for targeted and risk groups
 - To obtain
 - Latest data on vaccination coverage
 - To identify
 - Changes and compliance with EC and WHO recommendations

among the EU/EEA countries during different influenza seasons

Results

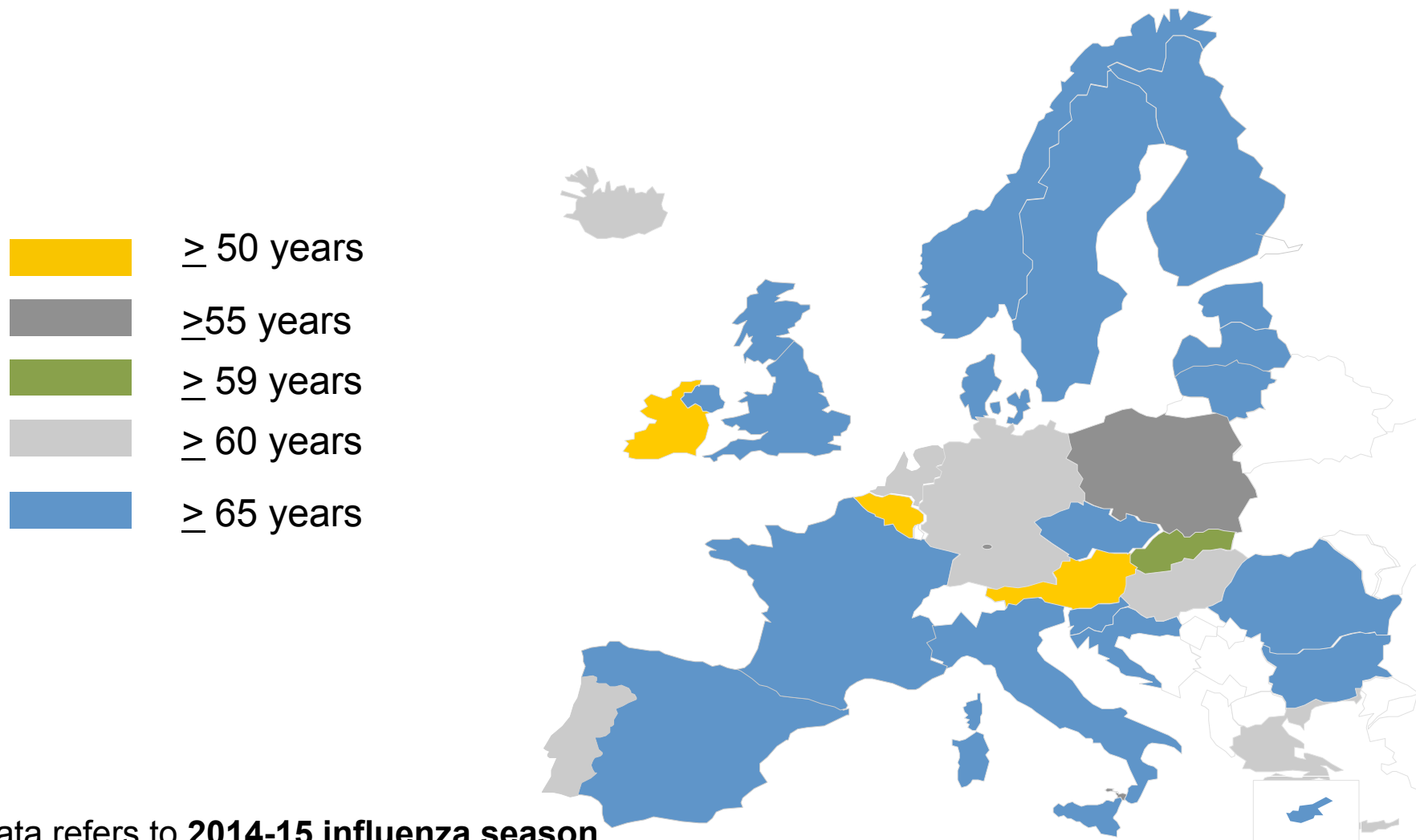
Countries recommending seasonal influenza vaccine for children and adolescents (n=30)



Data refers to **2014-15 influenza season**

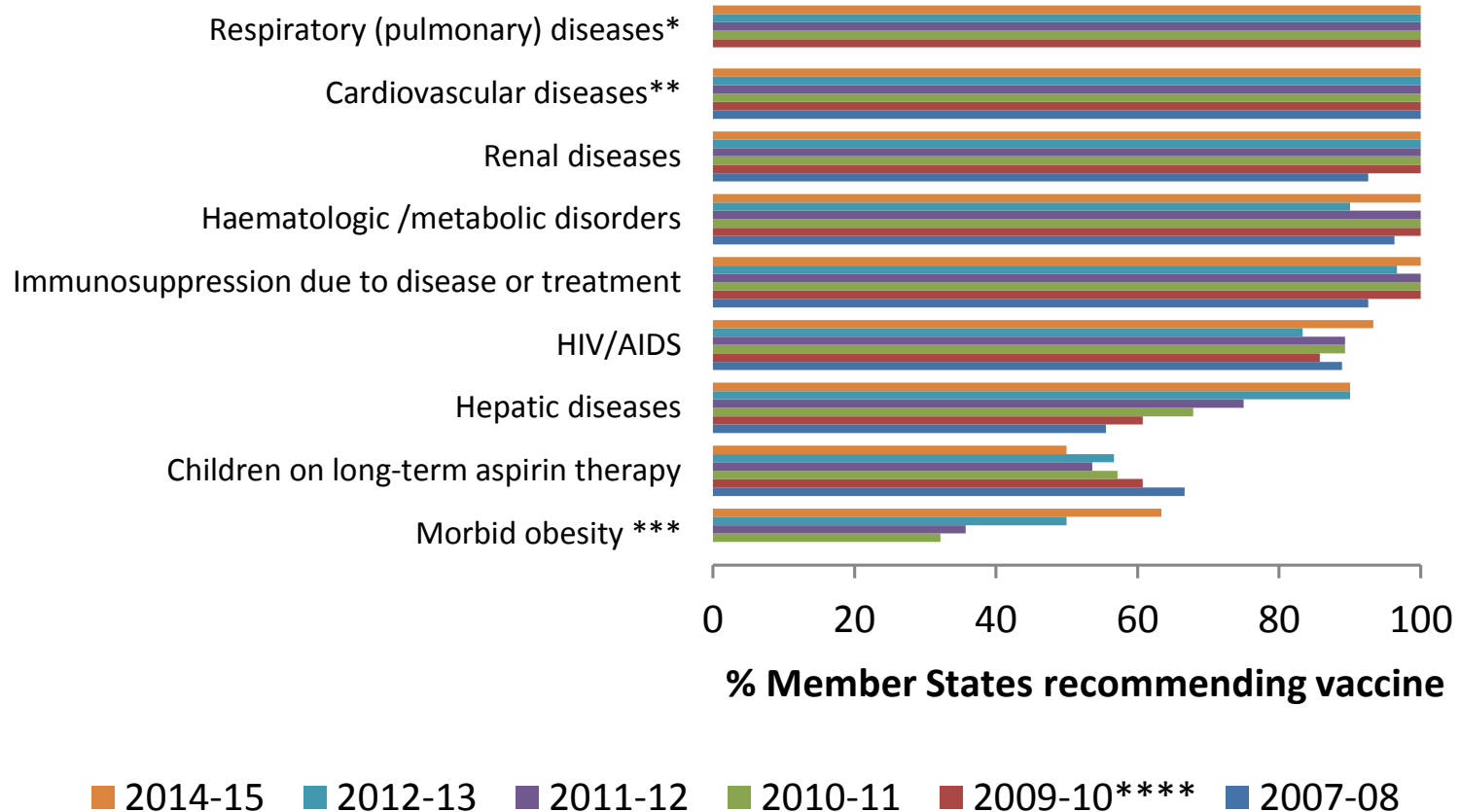
In Malta vaccine is recommended for those ≥ 6 months – < 5 years

Countries recommending seasonal influenza vaccine for older age groups (n=30)



In Ireland NITAG recommends vaccine for ≥ 50 years but programme focus on ≥ 65 years only

Chronic medical conditions recommended seasonal influenza vaccine



*Respiratory (pulmonary) diseases, e.g. chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cystic fibrosis, asthma

** Cardiovascular diseases, e.g. congenital heart disease, congestive heart failure and coronary artery disease, except hypertension

*** Morbid obesity is defined as having a body mass index of $\geq 40 \text{ kg/m}^2$. This information was not collected before/during A(H1N1)pdm09

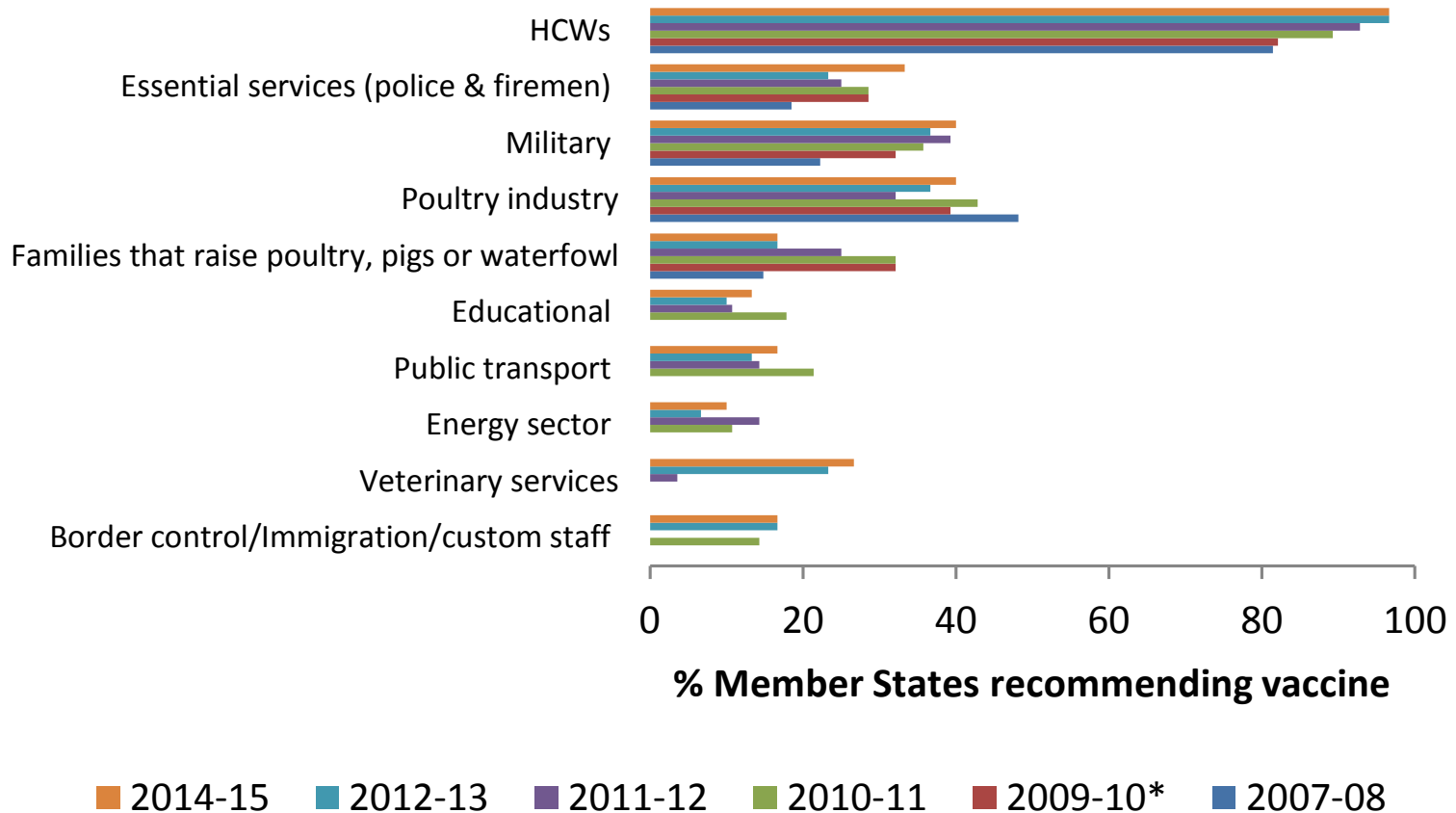
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Pregnancy related seasonal influenza vaccine recommendations



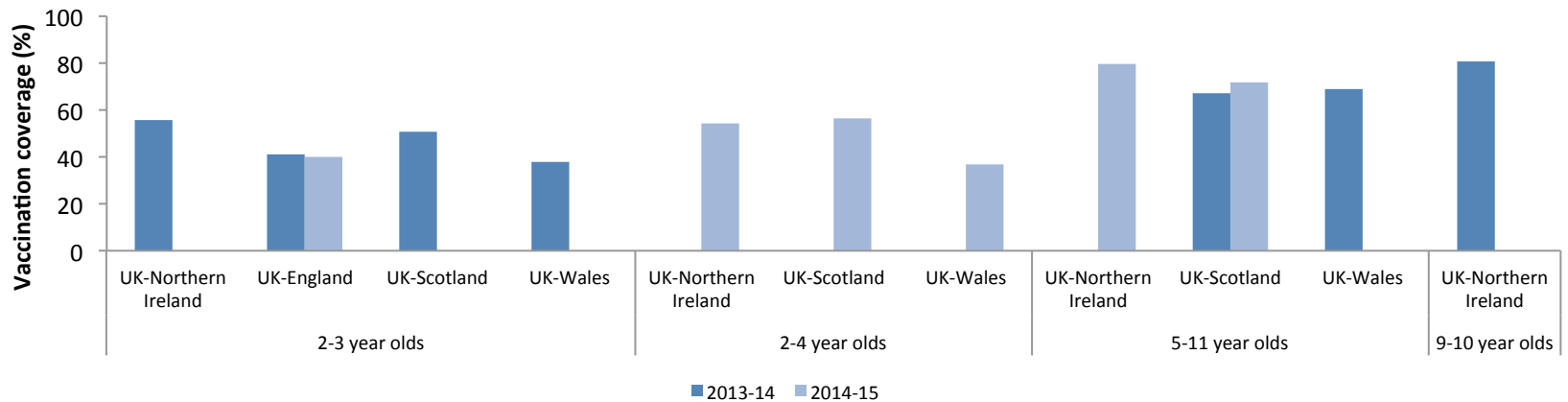
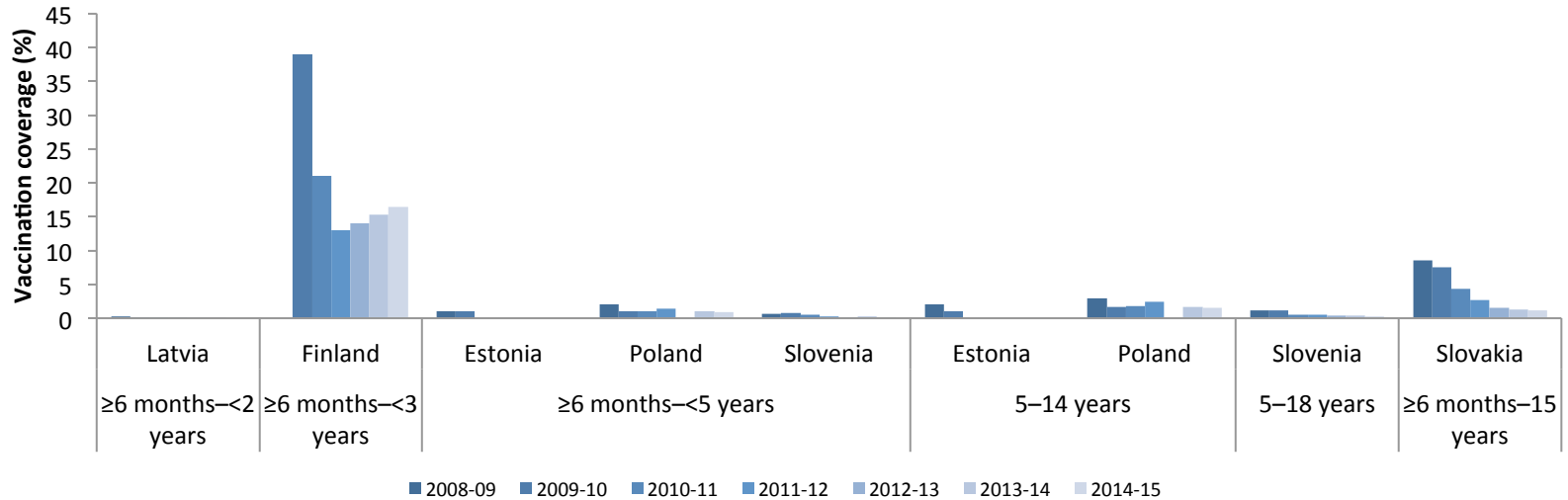
* % calculated from those countries which recommend vaccine for pregnant women; data on recommendations for pregnancy trimester in 2007-08 and 2009-10 were not collected

Occupational groups recommended seasonal influenza vaccine

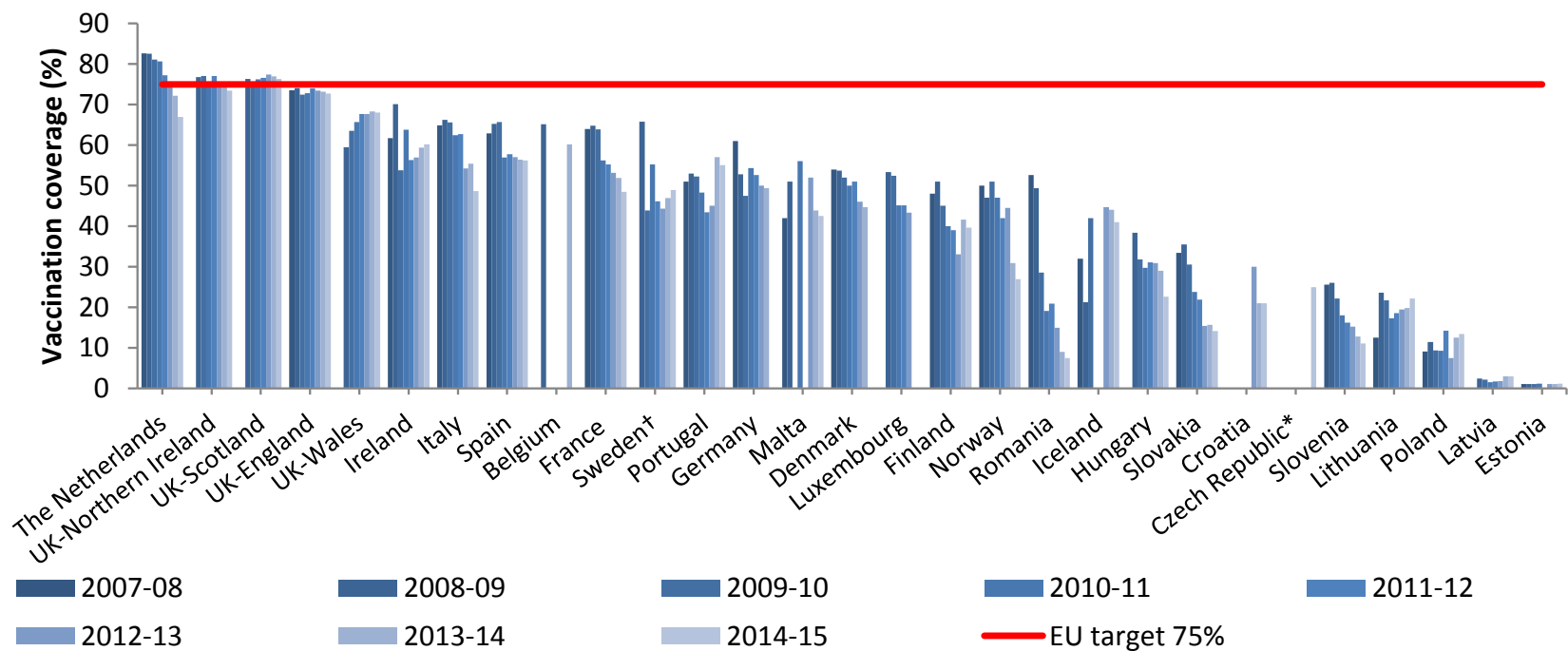


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Reported seasonal influenza vaccination coverage in children in seven EU/EEA MSs



Reported seasonal influenza vaccination coverage in older population in 26 EU/EEA MSs



† Sweden- reports were received for only around 60% of the population for 2009-10 influenza season

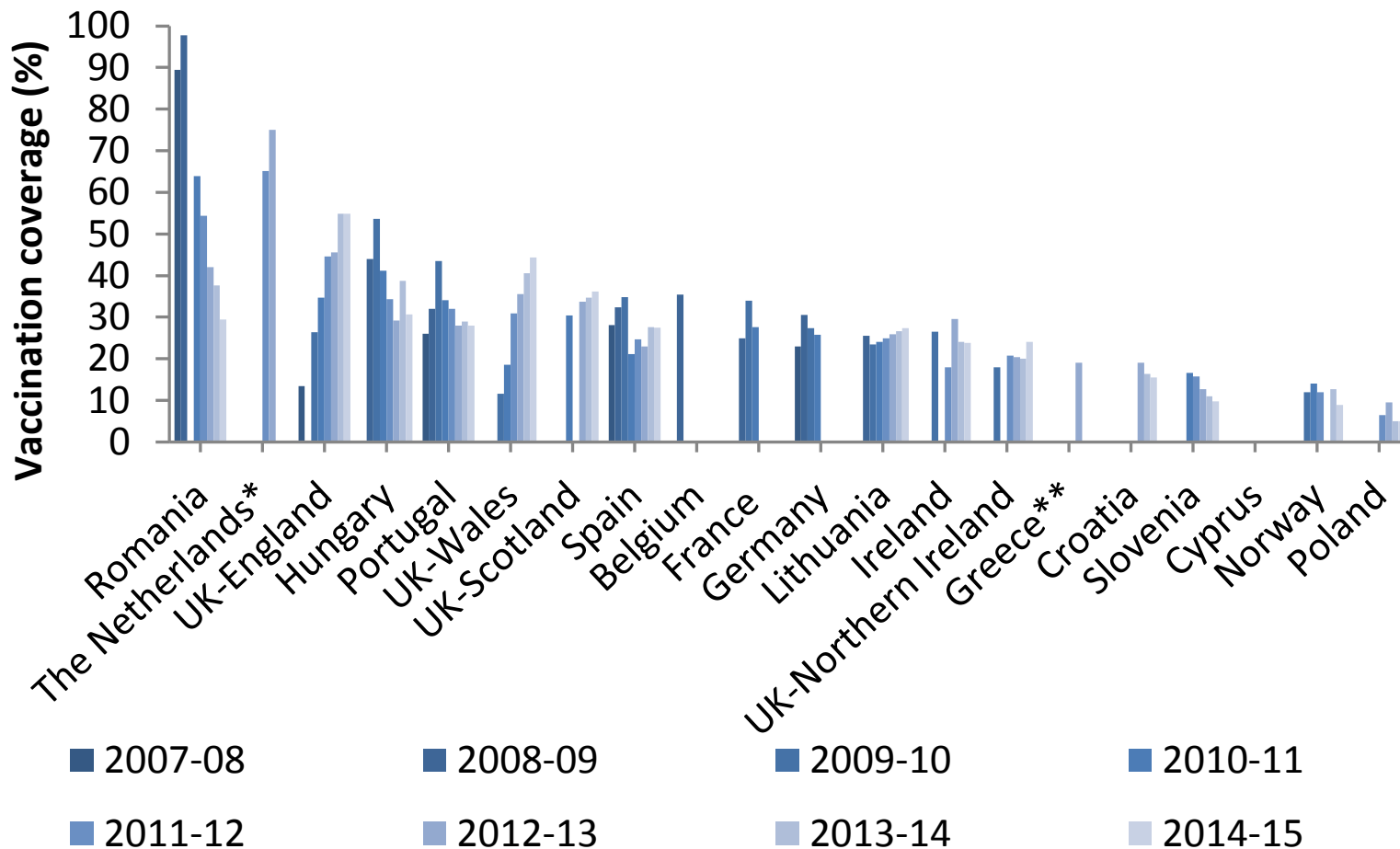
*Czech republic - coverage results calculated for those ≥65 and clinical risk groups together

Reported seasonal influenza vaccination coverage among those with chronic medical conditions in nine EU/EEA MSs



*Norway- 2008-09 and 2009-10 and Czech Republic 2014-15 coverage results calculated for those ≥ 65 and clinical risk groups together

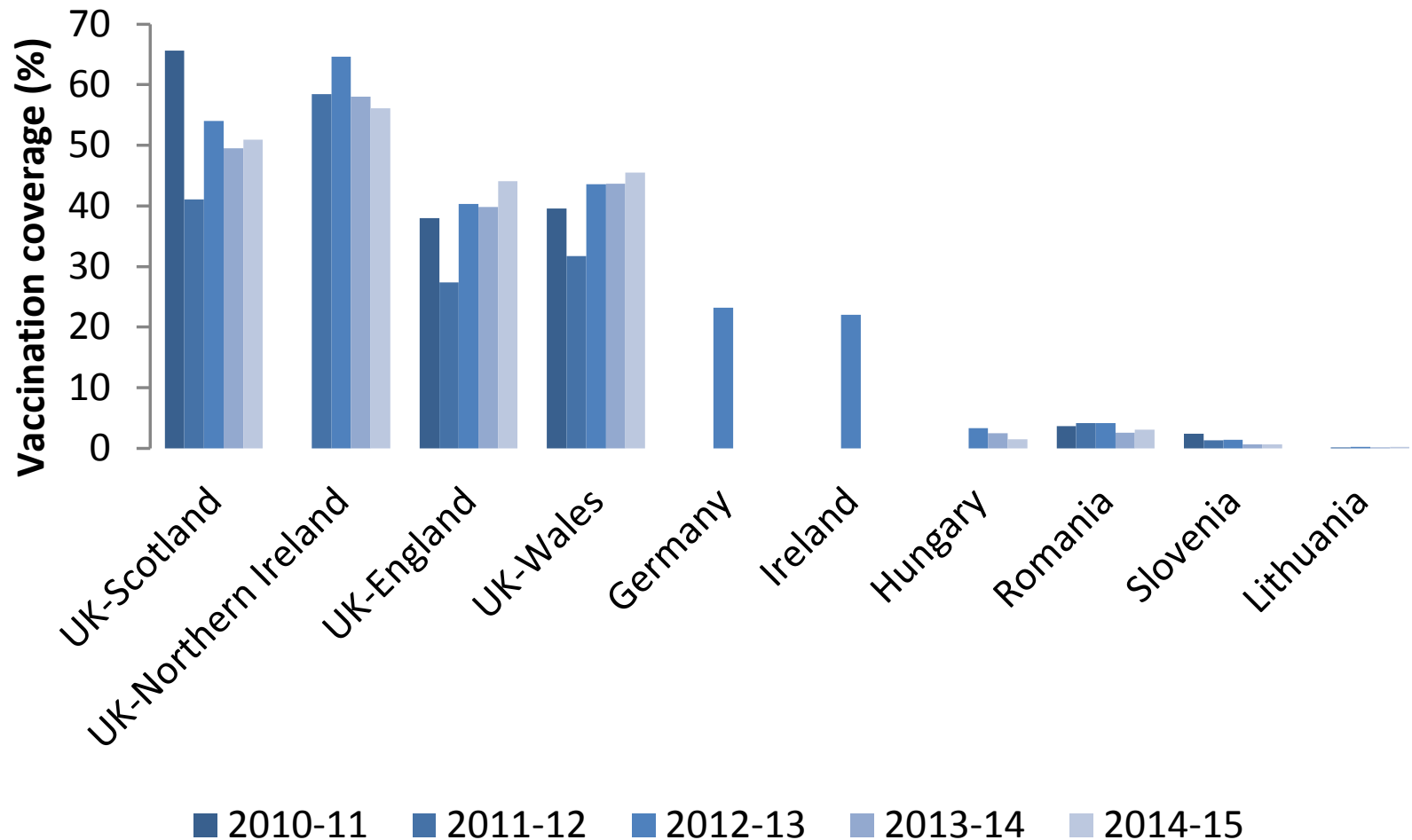
Reported seasonal influenza vaccination coverage among HCWs in 17 EU/EEA MSs



*Health care workers in GPs practice/ Outpatient health care settings.

** Inpatient healthcare settings

Reported seasonal vaccination coverage among pregnant women in seven MSs



Conclusions (1)

- Recommendations for influenza vaccination
 - Standard in most of the countries
 - Comply with EC and WHO recommendations
- Discrepancies between recommendations and vaccination coverage monitoring
 - Exist for clinical risk groups, pregnant women and HCWs
 - Some countries do not monitor vaccination coverage for older age groups

Conclusions (2)

- Vaccination coverage
 - **For the older population**
 - Lagging in most of the countries (except Netherlands and UK)
 - Did not increase in seven influenza seasons
 - Do not meet EU target by 2014-15
 - **HCWs and those with chronic medical conditions**
 - Half countries monitor for HCWs
 - One third countries monitor for chronic medical conditions
 - Moderate or low for these groups of individuals
 - Did not increase in seven influenza seasons
 - **Pregnant women**
 - One third countries monitor vaccination coverage
 - Moderate in UK, but low in the remaining countries
 - **Children**
 - Moderate in UK, but low in the remaining countries

Recommendations (1)

- All countries urged to strengthen and implement the influenza vaccination coverage monitoring systems in place
 - For most common population groups for whom vaccination is recommended
- Countries that do not monitor vaccination coverage among older population groups
 - Advised to implement vaccination coverage monitoring systems and collect these data on annual basis at the end of influenza season
- Vaccination coverage rates need to be improved in all targeted groups

Recommendations (2)

- As seasonal influenza vaccination coverage among pregnant women is monitored in only seven countries
 - Countries are advised to implement vaccination coverage monitoring systems and start to collect these data
- More research is needed to see how recommendations can be effectively translated in to higher vaccination coverage
 - Reasons for non-vaccination in countries with low vaccination coverage
 - Drivers for vaccination in countries that already achieved EU targets of 75%
- To make comparison of vaccination coverage at EU level
 - Annual population based surveys conducted using the same methodology may be useful

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