

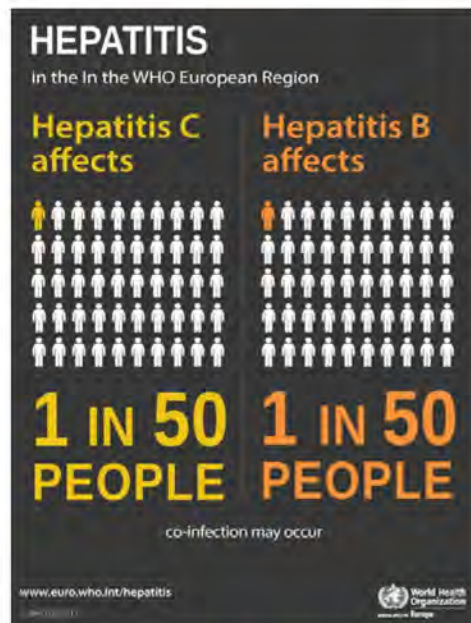
Viral hepatitis: a European problem and the way forward

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Chronic viral hepatitis: a major public health threat in the WHO European Region

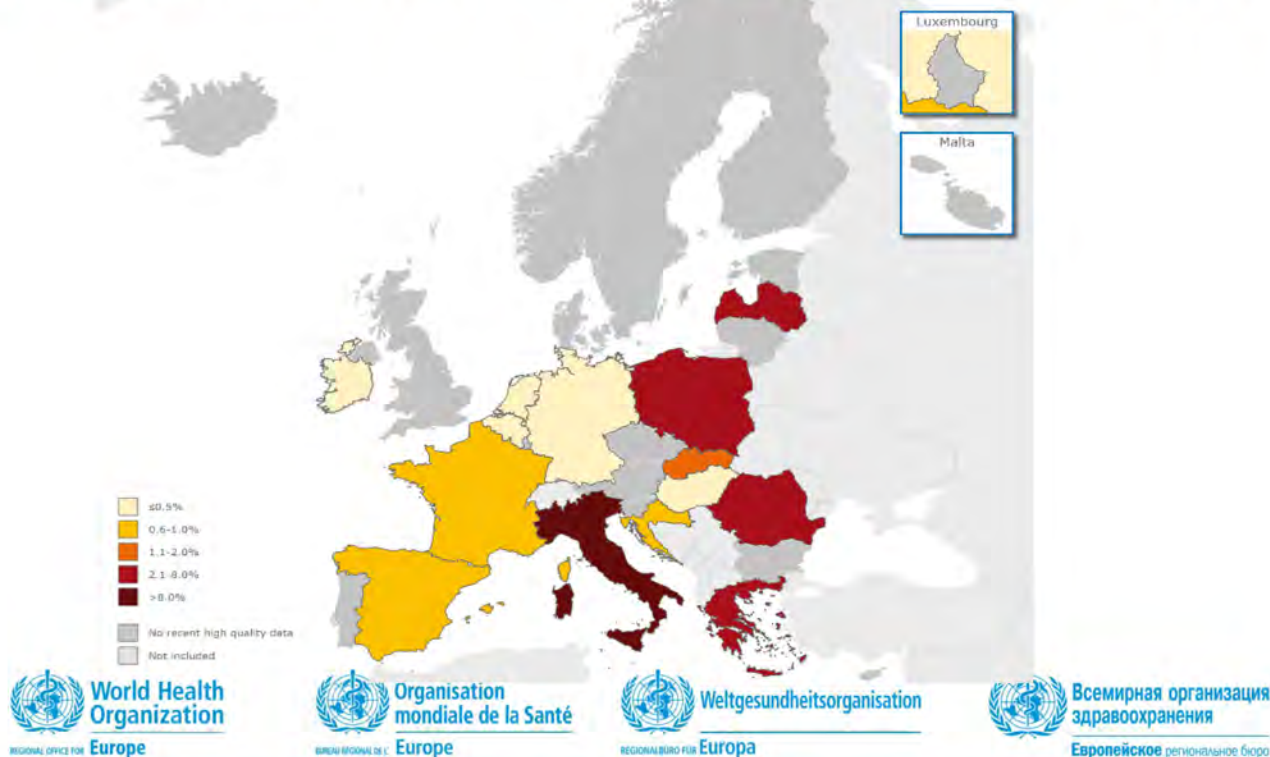


- Estimated number of people living with infection:
 - Hepatitis B virus (HBV) – 13.3 million
 - Hepatitis C virus (HCV) – 14–15 million
- Over 2/3 in – in EECA
- Populations most affected and at risk differ

HBsAg prevalence in the adult general population in the EU/EEA, 2005-2015

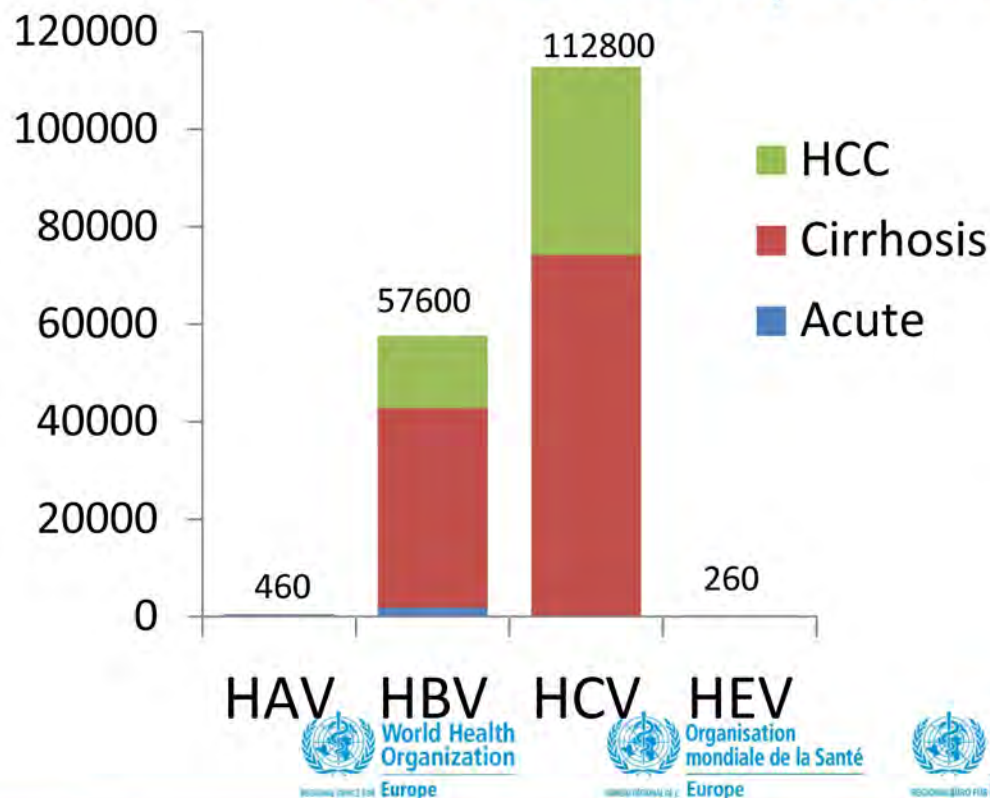


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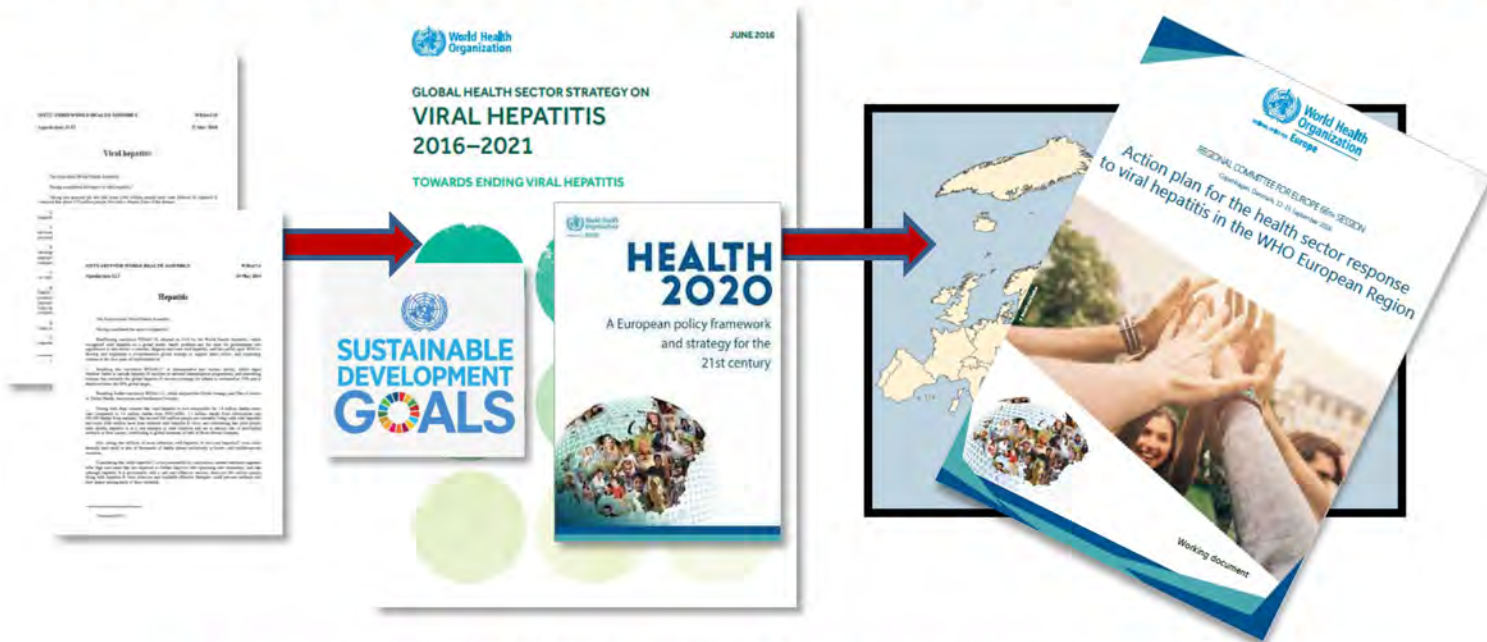
Source: Systematic review on hepatitis B and C prevalence in the EU/EEA. Stockholm: ECDC; 2016.

Estimated number of deaths in the WHO European Region in 2013



- Over 171 000 deaths
- 98% due to complications of chronic infection: liver cirrhosis and cancer (HCC)
- Many of these deaths can be prevented

An action plan for a comprehensive response



Alignment with global and regional policies and strategies

Development through wide participatory process

- Advisory Committee
- Member States consultation
- Web consultation



Action plan for the health sector response to viral hepatitis

2030
Vision

- Transmission of new viral hepatitis infections is halted, testing is accessible, and people living with chronic viral hepatitis have access to care and affordable and effective treatment

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Goal

- Elimination of viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030 through:
 - reduction of transmission
 - reduction in morbidity and mortality
 - ensuring equitable access

Frameworks for action: universal health coverage, the continuum of services, a public health approach



Seven essential targets by 2020

Prevention

- 95% coverage with three-dose hepatitis B vaccine for children
- 90% coverage with interventions to prevent hepatitis B vertical transmission
- 100% blood donations screened
- 50% of injections with safety-engineered devices
- At least 200 sterile injection kits per person per year for people who inject drugs

Testing and treatment

- 50% of people diagnosed and aware of their hepatitis infection
- 75% treatment coverage for hepatitis B and C among diagnosed and eligible

Strategic direction 1: Information for focused action (the “who” and “where”)



The way forward:



Strategic direction 2: Interventions for impact (the “what”)



The way forward:

**Essential
hepatitis
services
package
defined based
on country
context**

**Member
States to set
national
targets for
hepatitis
interventions
coverage**

**Full range of
hepatitis
services
made
accessible
and
affordable for
all in need**

Strategic direction 3: Delivering for equity (the “how”)



The way forward:

**Epidemiological
evidence to
identify
populations
and locations
most affected**

**Addressing
existing
barriers,
inequalities,
stigma and
discrimination**

**Strengthening
capacity of the
health sector
and involving
the community**

Strategic direction 4: Financing for sustainability (the financing)



The way forward:

**Good response
management and
coordination with
other health
programmes and
guidance on price
reduction strategies**

**Building political
commitment for
sustained financing
supported by developing
an investment case and
using innovative funding
approaches**

Strategic direction 5: Innovation for acceleration (the future)



The way forward:

Prioritizing viral hepatitis as a research area and providing public funding for targeted projects

Translating research findings into practice rapidly and sharing best practices

Resolution (EUR/RC66/Conf.Doc./6)

- align national viral hepatitis strategies with the action plan and strengthen public health systems
- target individuals most affected and at risk
- facilitate partnerships to strengthen the response to viral hepatitis and exchange of best practices and experiences
- monitor and report to 69th and 72nd Regional Committees on implementation of the action plan



Thank you