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Health Needs in Balkans

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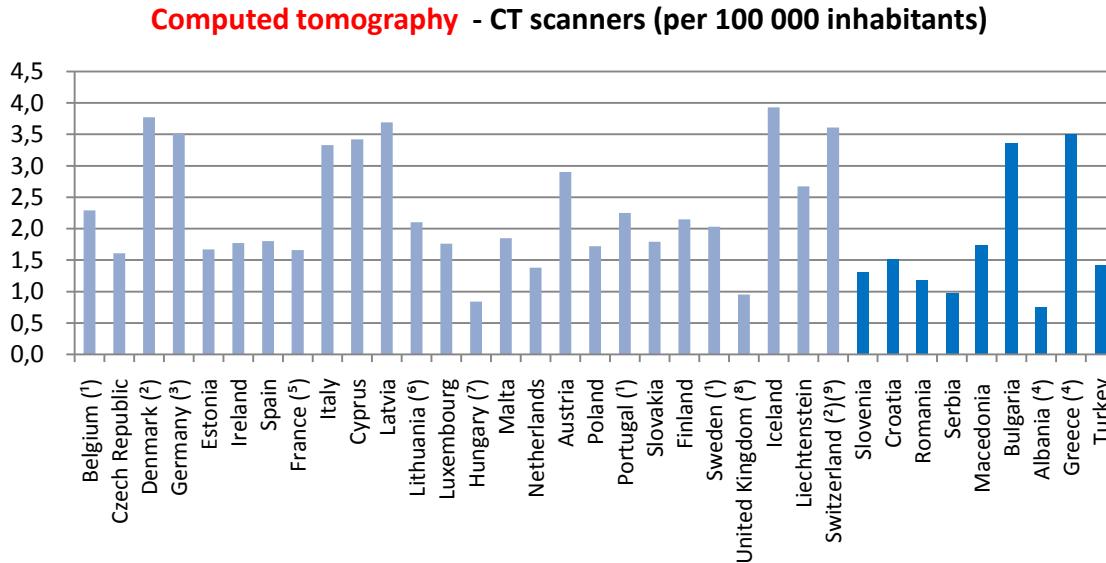
1. Availability of medical technology:
 - Imaging equipment
 - Use of imaging equipment
2. Radiotherapy treatment equipment
3. Cancer statistics

Geographical Southeast Europe



- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Greece
- Kosovo^[a]
- Macedonia
- Montenegro
- Romania
- Serbia
- Slovenia
- Turkey *

1. Availability of medical technology - imaging equipment - 2015 (MK 2018)



SEEU

24% less

The most 3.5 (Greece, Bulgaria)
The least 0.8 (Albania)
Average 1.7

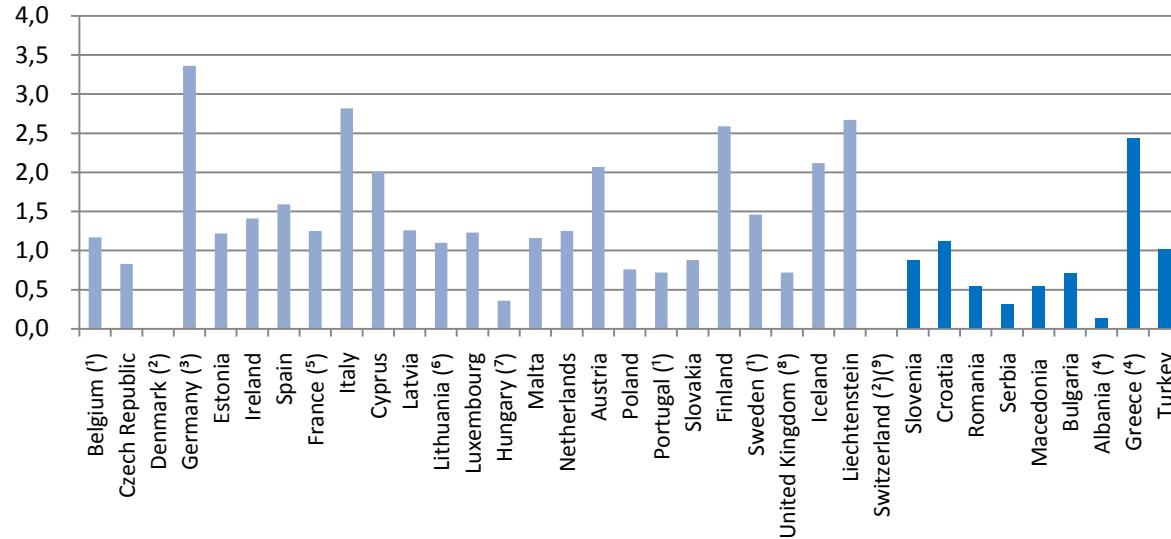
EU

The most 3.9 (Denmark, Switzerland)
The least 0.8 (Hungary)
Average 2.3



1. Availability of medical technology - imaging equipment - 2015 (MK 2018)

Magnetic resonance imaging - MRI units (per 100 000 inhabitants)



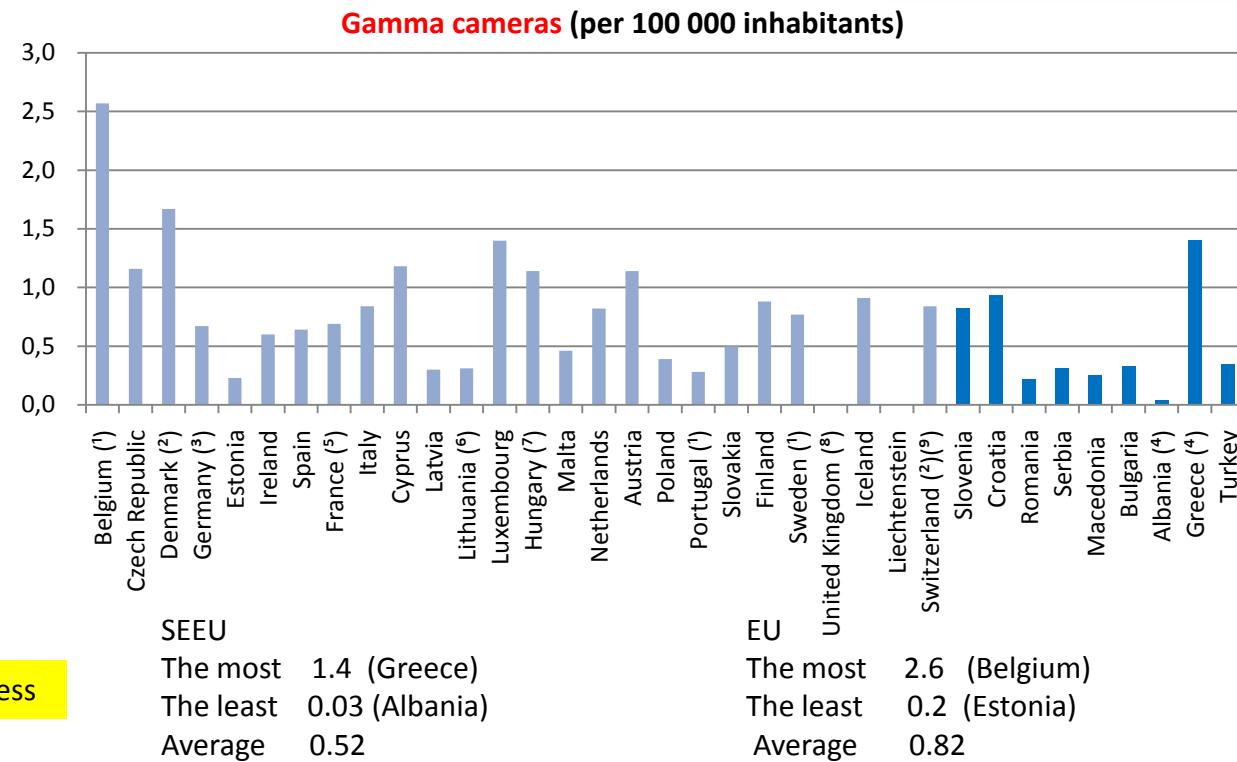
43% less

SEEU
The most 2.4 (Greece)
The least 0.1 (Albania)
Average 0.8

EU
The most 3.4 (Germany)
The least 0.4 (Hungary)
Average 1.5

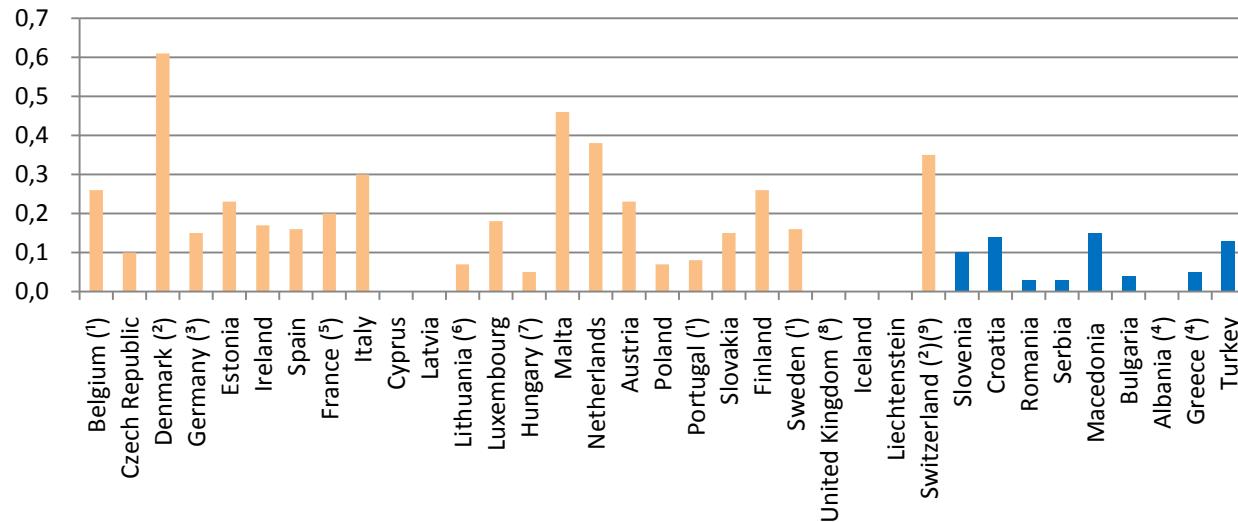


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PET scanners (per 100 000 inhabitants)



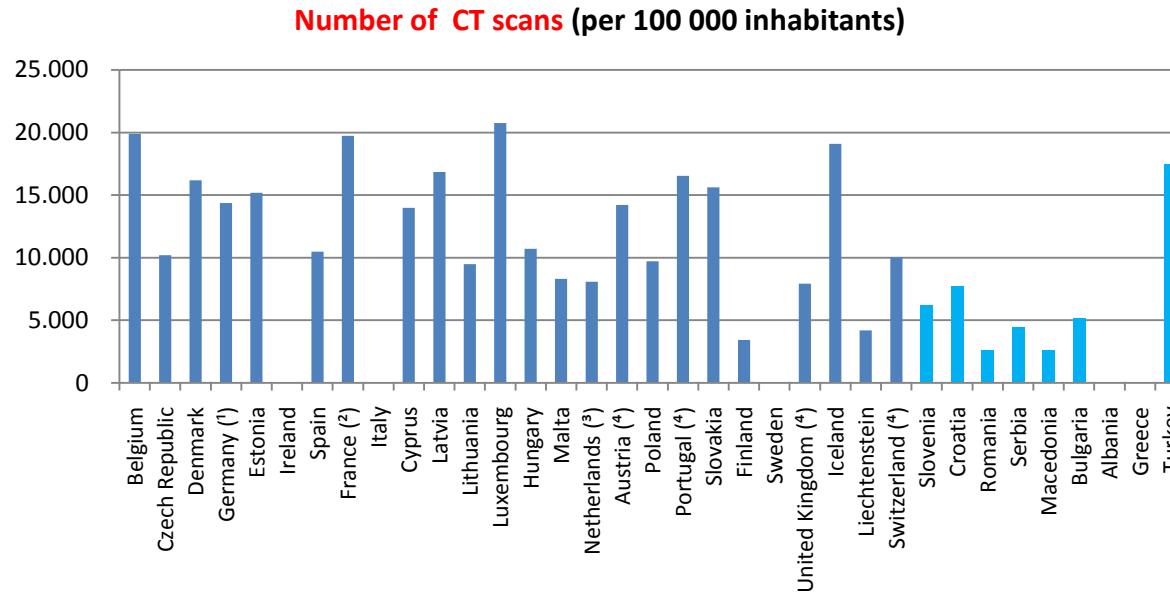
55 % less

SEEU
The most 0.2 (Macedonia *²⁰¹⁸)
The least (Albania)
Average 0.08

EU
The most 0.6 (Denmark)
The least (Latvia, Cyprus,...)
Average 0.18



1. Availability of medical technology – use of medical technology



MKD –
number of
scans in
private CT
units?

SEEU-No data Albania, Greece

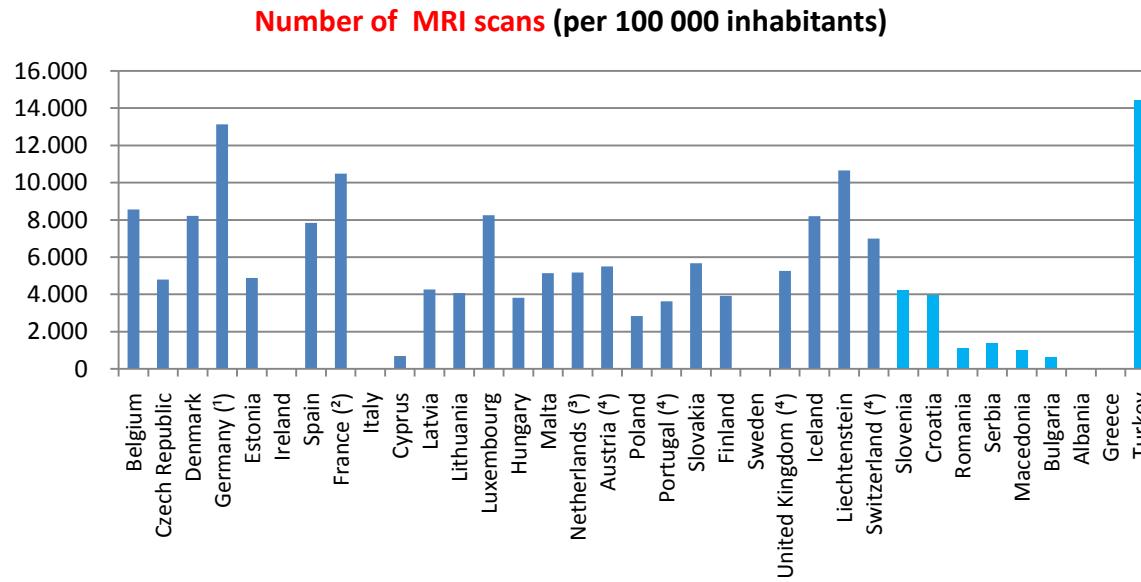
The most 17 484 (Turkey, 2x less CT scanners?)
The least 2 583 (Romania)
Average 7 955

EU

The most 20 766 (Luxemburg, Belgium, France)
The least 3 416 (UK)
Average 12 825



1. Availability of medical technology – use of medical technology



MKD –
number of
scans in
private
MRI units?

SEEU-No data Albania, Greece

The most 14 429 (Turkey, 3x less MRI units?)

The least 633 (Bulgaria)

Average 3 820

The most 13 135 (Germany)

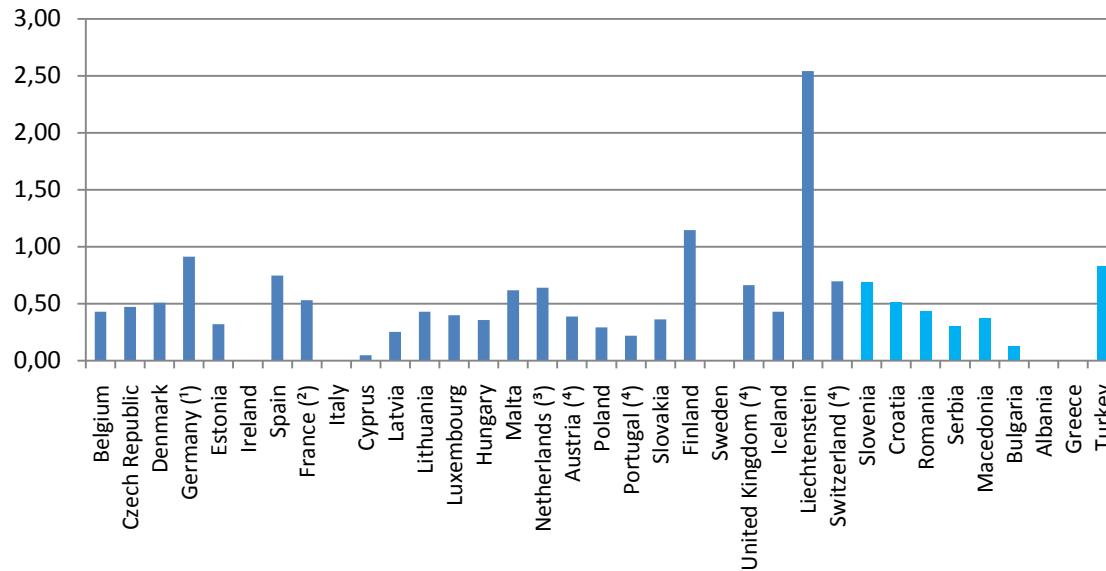
The least 683; 380 (Cyprus, Portugal, Hungary, Finland)

Average 6 172



1. Availability of medical technology – use of medical technology

Number of MRI vs number of CT scans



3.07 times
less MRI
exams in
clinical
practice

SEEU No data Albania, Greece

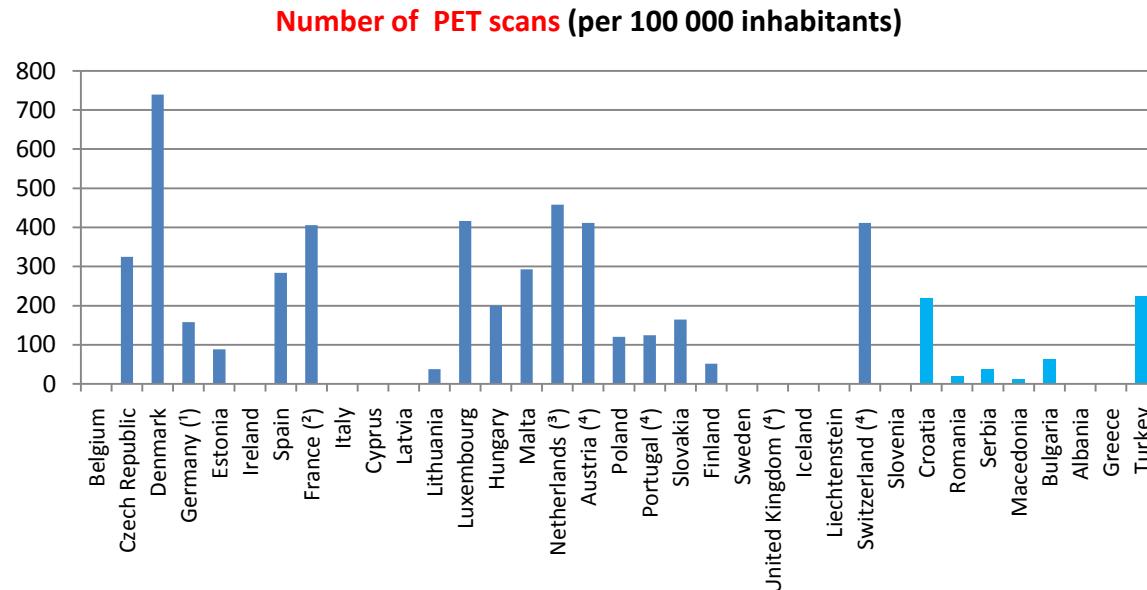
The highest ratio 0.83 (Turkey)
The lowest ratio 0.12 (Bulgaria)
0.38 (Macedonia)

EU

The highest ratio 2.54 (Liechtenstein, Finland, Germany)
The lowest ratio 0.05 (Cyprus)



1. Availability of medical technology – use of medical technology



SEEU – No data Albania, Greece

The most 225 (Turkey)

The least 12.5 (Macedonia, the most PET scanners?)

Average 141

EU - No data Belgium

The most 740 (Denmark)

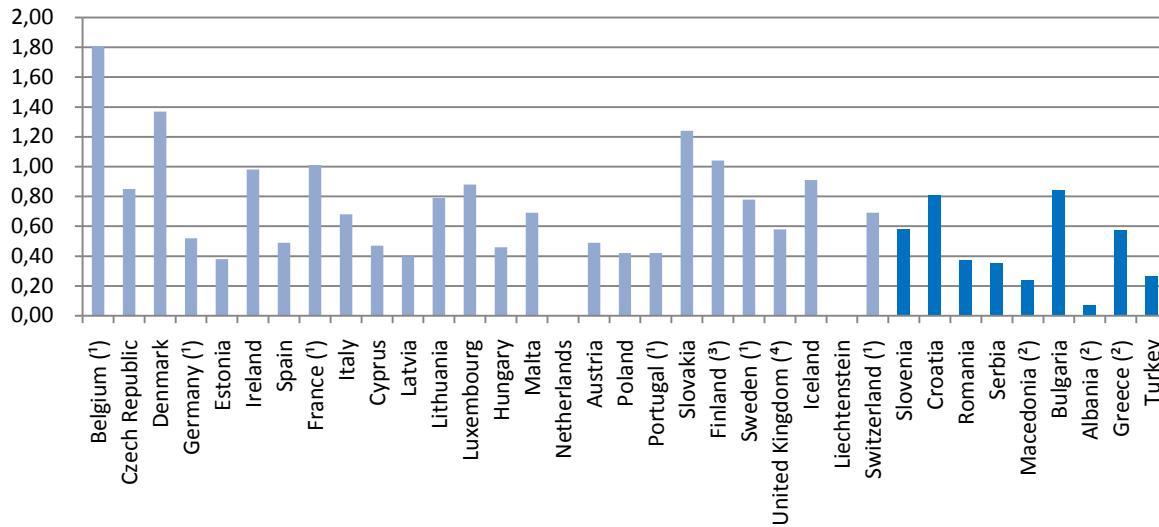
The least 37 (Lithuania)

Average 276



2. Availability of medical technology - therapy equipment - 2015 (MK 2018)

Radiation therapy equipment (per 100 000 inhabitants)



SEEU

38 % less

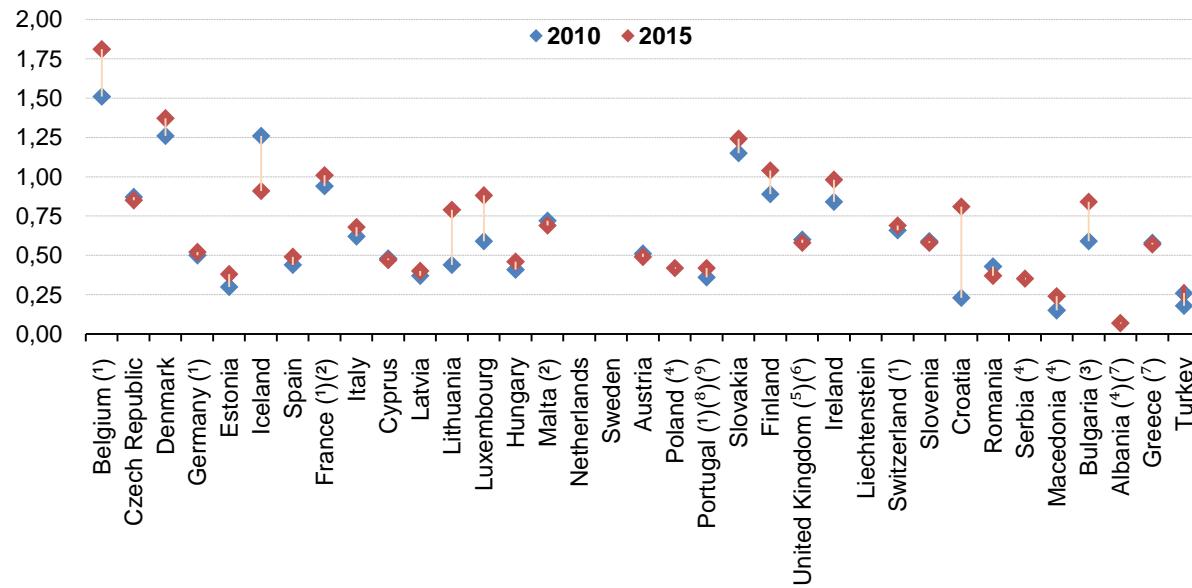
The most 0.84 (Bulgaria)
The least 0.07 (Albania)
Average 0.45

EU

The most 1.81 (Belgium)
The least 0.38 (Estonia, Liechtenstein 0.00)
Average 0.73



2. Availability of medical technology - therapy equipment - 2015 (MK 2018)



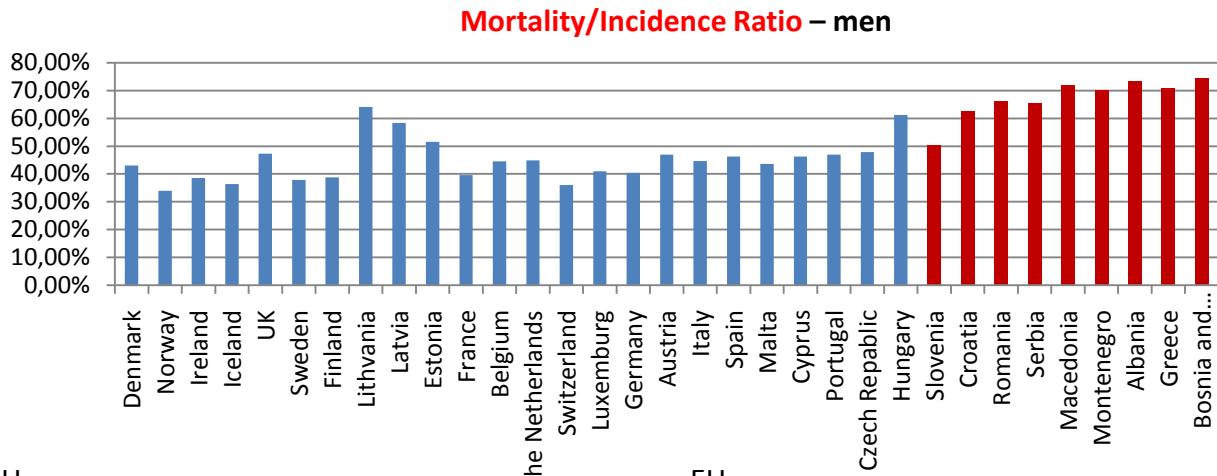
2010 – 2015 tendency

- ✓ The highest increasing in number of RTE - Croatia, Belgium, Lithuania, Bulgaria
- ✓ Decreasing of number of RTE - Germany, Switzerland (?)



3. Cancer statistics – mortality / incidence ratio

(all cancers, excluded non-melanoma skin cancers)



SEEU

The highest 74 % (BIH, ALB, MKD, MNG, GR)

The lowest 50% (SLO)

EU

The highest 64% (Hungary, Lithuania)

The lowest 34% ([Norway, Sweden, Switzerland](#))



- ✓ There is no cancer registry in the most of SEEU countries (very often heart - lung failure is declared as a cause of death in cancer patients);
- ✓ Less imaging and treatment equipment – only one factor for higher Mortality / Incidence ratio

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Thank you for your attention