



VACCINATION CHALLENGES: EU COLLABORATION & CONVERGENCE

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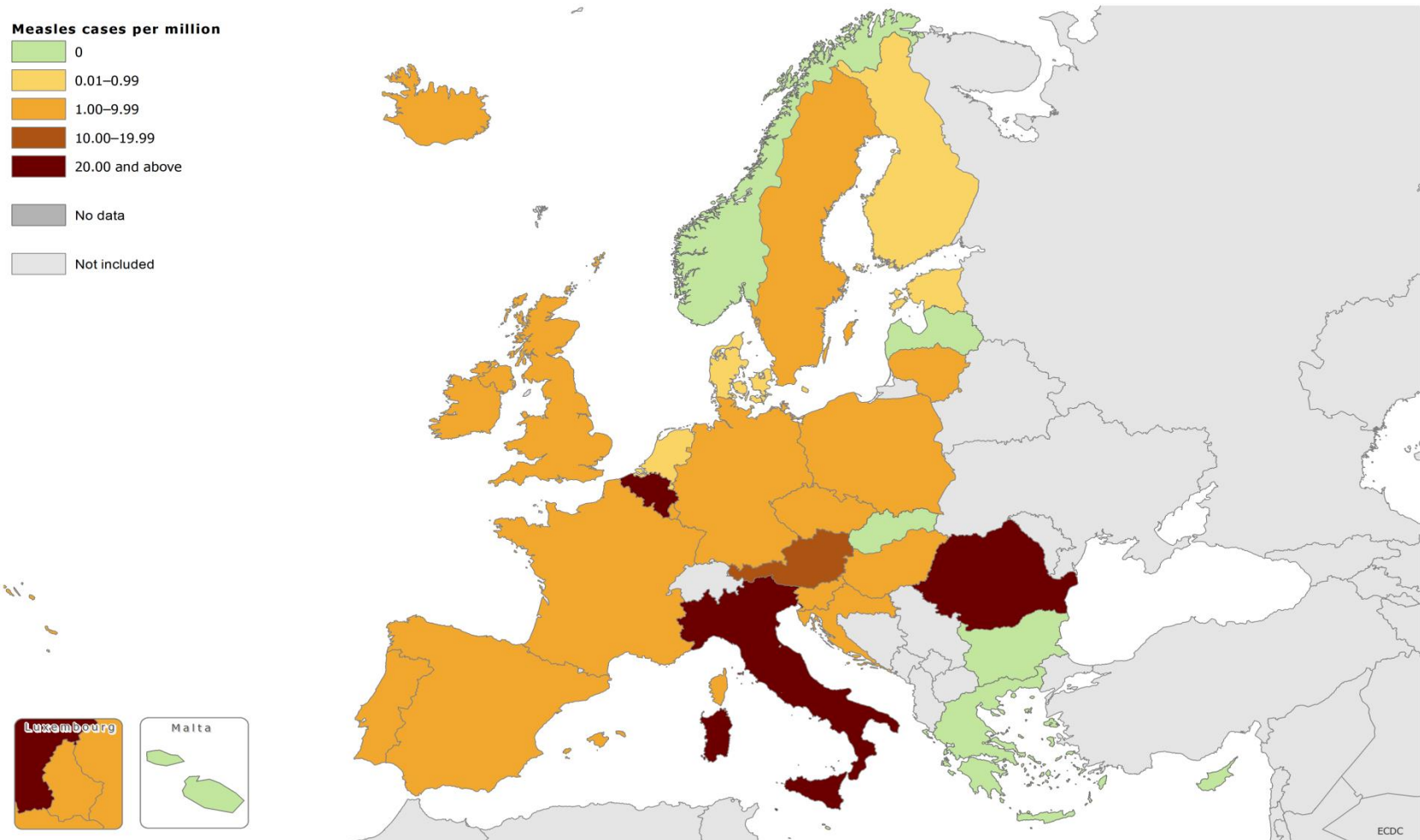
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Success of vaccination

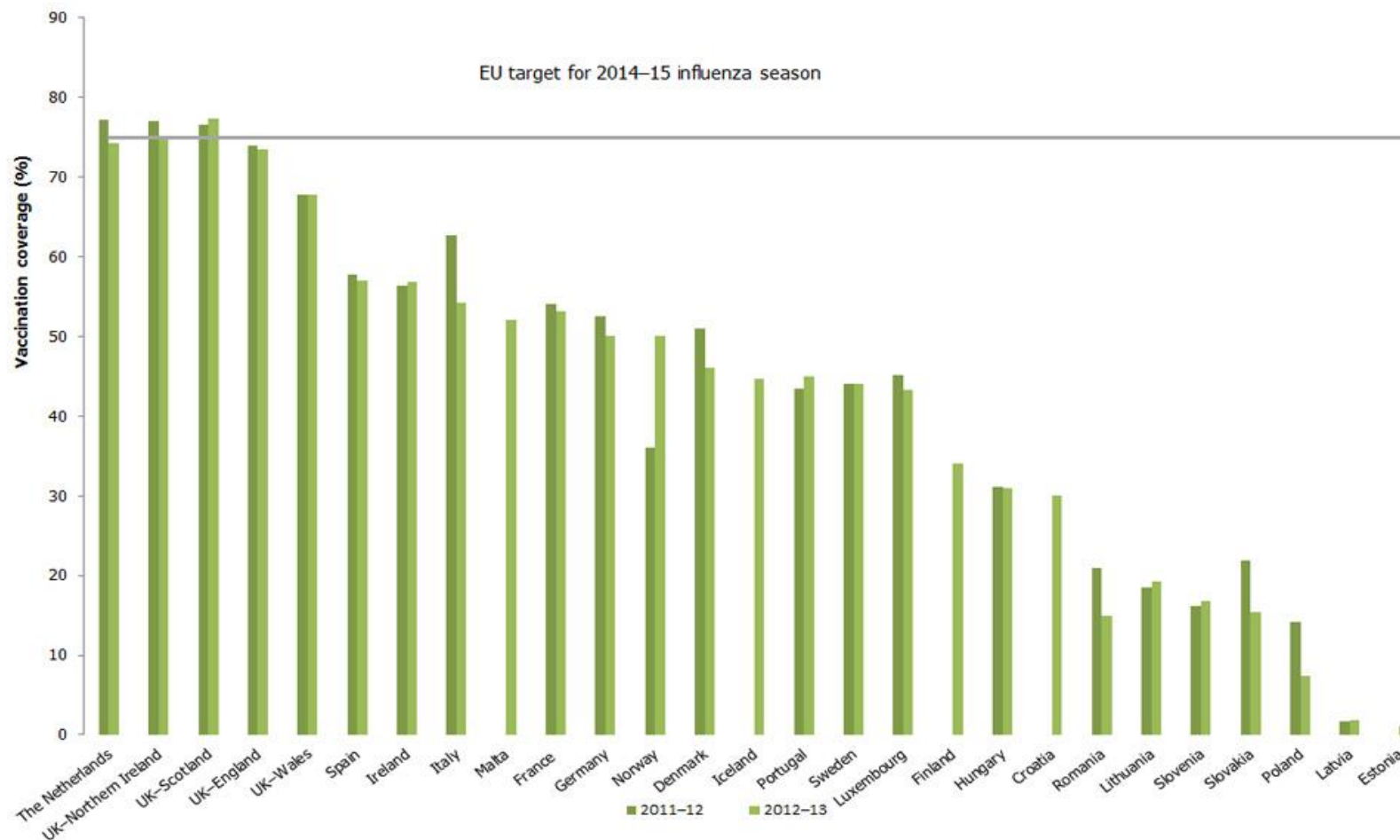


- **Eradication of smallpox**
- **Near eradication of polio**
- **Prevention of estimated 2.5 million deaths each year worldwide.**
- **94 % decrease of measles cases since 1980.**
- **Estimated 74 % reduction in measles deaths over the last 10 years.**
- **Seasonal influenza vaccination currently prevents up to 37.000 deaths each year in the EU.**

Vaccination policy in Europe is not achieving its public health goals



Seasonal influenza vaccination coverage rates in older age groups in EU/EEA Member States, 2011–12 and 2012–13 influenza seasons (n=24 Member States)



Source: National seasonal influenza vaccination survey, March 2014

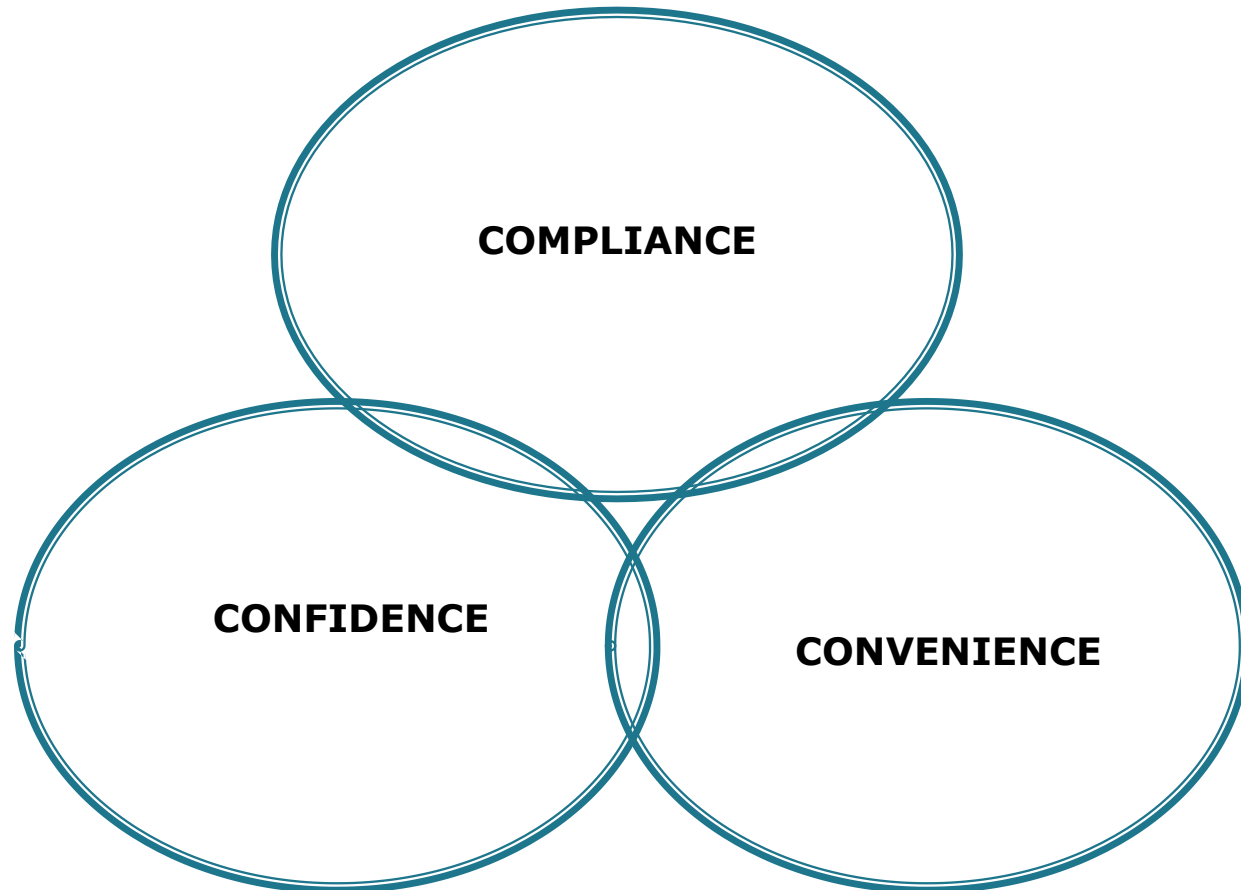
Vaccine acceptance



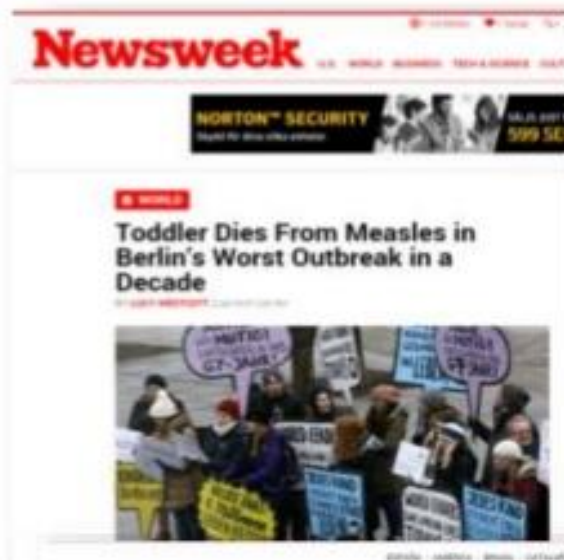
Underestimated

- **Seriousness of vaccine-preventable diseases**
- **Benefits of vaccination**
- **Economic value of vaccines**

Vaccine hesitancy



EU citizens still die from vaccine preventable diseases! The threat continues



The gravest health challenges are being faced by the estimated 700 000 people internally displaced inside Ukraine, along with the Roma community, children, women, elderly, as well as people living with disabilities and the chronically sick. Pregnant women, people suffering from cancers and diabetes, and those needing mental and psychosocial support are among many Ukrainians requiring health support. There is also the risk of outbreaks of communicable diseases, including vaccine preventable diseases like polio and measles.

Other health challenges include:

- The average vaccination coverage in the country is well under 50%.
- About 30 to 70% of health care workers have fled the fighting areas or died.



Thank you for your attention



http://ec.europa.eu/health/vaccination/policy/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/health/vaccination/events/ev_20121016_en.htm