

Patient Safety in the EU: 2014

What is the issue?

★ Types of adverse events

Healthcare-associated infections (HAI):

are directly responsible for **37000** deaths / year
 contribute to a further **110000** deaths / year
 cost hospitals over **€5.4 billion** / year

Medication-related errors

Surgical errors

Medical device failures

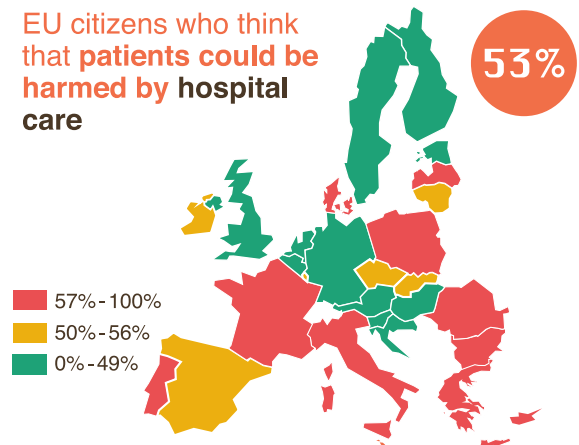
Errors in diagnosis

Failure to act on the results of tests

★ Patients think they can be harmed

EU citizens who think that patients could be harmed by hospital care

53%



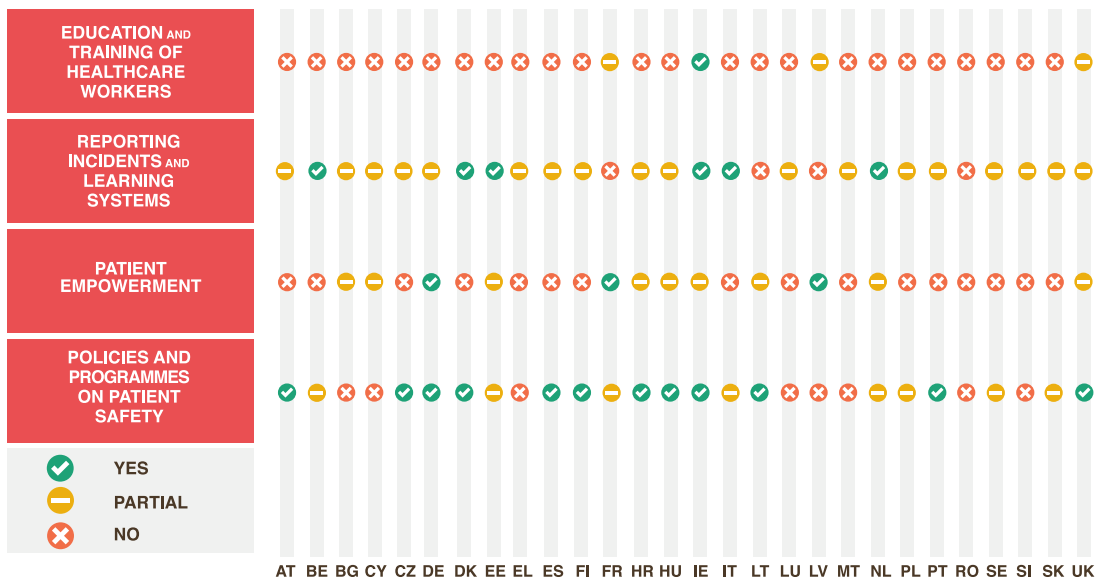
★ **91%** of STAKEHOLDERS think patient safety is an issue

What is the EU response?

★ 2009 EU Council Recommendation on patient safety

2014 state of implementation

Member States' action*



According to Stakeholders

17% YES FULLY



58% YES PARTIALLY



6% NO



19% DON'T KNOW

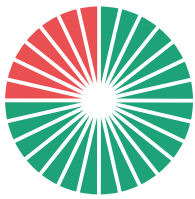


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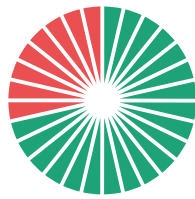
★ Impact of the Recommendation

According to Member States it has:

Increased awareness at

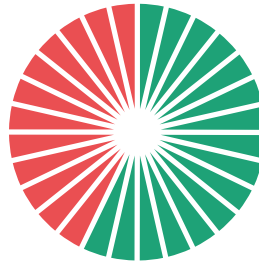


Political level
21/28*



Healthcare setting level
20/28*

Triggered concrete action



16/28*

According to Stakeholders it has

Improved patient safety

65%
AGREED



35%
say:
TO CERTAIN
EXTENT



Areas to improve

Education and training of healthcare workers

Reporting incidents and learning systems

Patients... **

...experiencing an adverse event...

27%

30% - 100%
25% - 29%
0% - 24%



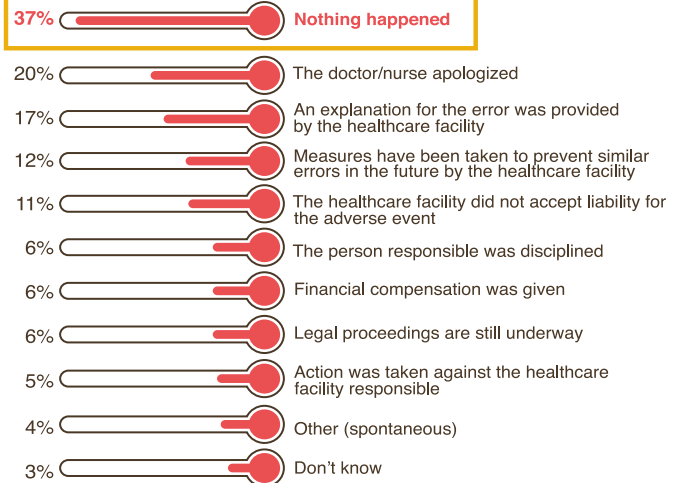
...reporting it...

46%

50% - 100%
43% - 49%
0% - 42%



...to what result

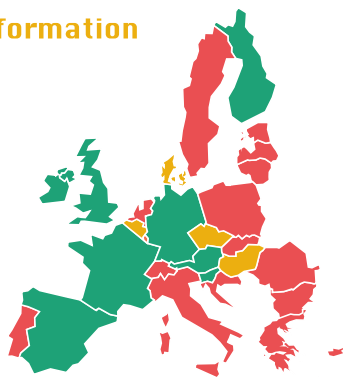


Patient empowerment

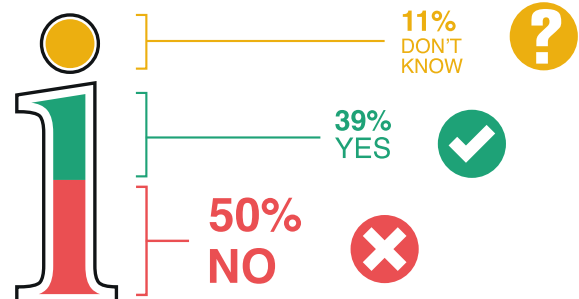
Patients... **

...receiving information on risks of HAI

43% - 100%
36% - 42%
0% - 35%



EU average



* Assessment based on reporting by MS
** Source: Eurobarometer 411