ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CENSUS

BULGARIA 2020
BULGARIA | PHYSIOTHERAPIST NUMBERS

Physiotherapists in the country/territory

- Members in MO: 278
- Total physios in country: 4,000

Physiotherapists in the Europe region of World Physiotherapy

- Members in MOs: 343,630
- Number of physios in the region: 807,460

Physiotherapists in the world

- Members of MOs globally: 658,433
- Physios globally: 1,901,585

- 7% of physiotherapists in the country/territory are members of the Bulgarian Association of Physiotherapists.
- 43% of physiotherapists in the region are members of a World Physiotherapy member organisation.
- 35% of physiotherapists in the world are members of a World Physiotherapy member organisation.

The data in this page includes data from all of World Physiotherapy’s 122 member organisations. Some data has also been collated from other sources available to World Physiotherapy.
Number of new member organisations and member organisations which have increased, decreased or kept the same membership in each World Physiotherapy region.

In your region 51% of member organisations have increased their membership.

Total membership of the Europe region has increased by 157,490 individual members.
BULGARIA | GENDER

63% of physiotherapists in Bulgaria are female
63% of physiotherapists globally are female

The 3 countries with the highest % of female physiotherapists in your region

Estonia  Hungary  Slovenia

PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE PHYSIOTHERAPISTS IN WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPY REGIONS

70% in North America Caribbean region
67% in Europe region
62% in Africa region
54% in Asia Western Pacific region
61% in South America region

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73% of member organisations in the Europe region have carried out advocacy on behalf of their members during the COVID-19 pandemic.

90% of countries/territories in the region had to stop clinical practice at some point during the pandemic.

73% of countries in the Europe region reported challenges for physiotherapists accessing PPE.

The information on this page includes data from 40 of the 41 World Physiotherapy member organisations in the Europe region that completed the 2020 annual survey.
What actions did member organisations in your region take to support their members during the COVID-19 pandemic?

- **28** member organisations offered COVID-19 specific **online education or training**
- **19** member organisations facilitated access to **personal protective equipment** for physiotherapists
- **8** member organisations arranged **other support** for their members

51% of national **conferences** in the Europe region were **cancelled or postponed** due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

41% of countries in the Europe region had to **cancel or postpone continuous professional development (CPD)** activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Map showing the number of practising physiotherapists per 10,000 of the population within the Europe region of World Physiotherapy.
1.4 entry-level education programmes in your country/territory per 5 million population

6.9 is the average number of entry-level education programmes per 5 million population in the Europe region of World Physiotherapy.
ARE PHYSIOTHERAPISTS PERMITTED TO PROVIDE TELEHEALTH SERVICES?

76% of respondents reported that physiotherapists in your region are permitted to provide telehealth services in the workforce.

In your country/territory physiotherapists are not permitted to provide telehealth services.

CAN PHYSIOTHERAPISTS IN YOUR COUNTRY/TERRITORY TREAT PEOPLE WITHOUT A REFERRAL FROM A MEDICAL DOCTOR?

10% of respondents in your region reported full direct access to physiotherapy services.

In your country/territory direct access is not permitted.
GLOBAL | A PICTURE OF THE PROFESSION

74% recognise special interest groups

79% provide CPD for their members

58% have support personnel to work with physiotherapists

16% of countries a physiotherapist has to be a member of our MO to practice

71% have postgraduate education

48% have access to PhD programmes
GLOBAL | RESPONSE TO SURVEY

WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPY MEMBER ORGANISATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES RESPONDED:

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The survey was sent to World Physiotherapy’s 122 member organisations, of which 111 responded, representing a 91% response rate.
DISCLAIMER

- The data in this report is based on responses to annual surveys sent to World Physiotherapy's member organisations.

- In 2020 the annual survey was sent to 122 member organisations and 111 responded. The census date was 30 June 2020.

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