



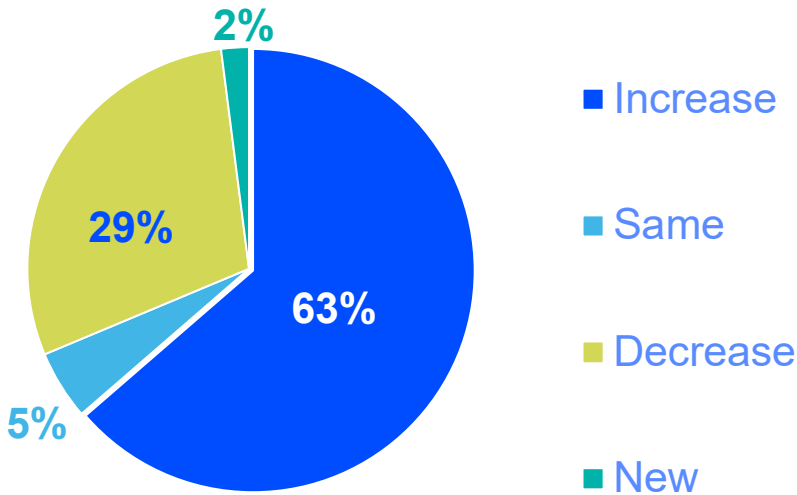
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EUROPE

**ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP
CENSUS**

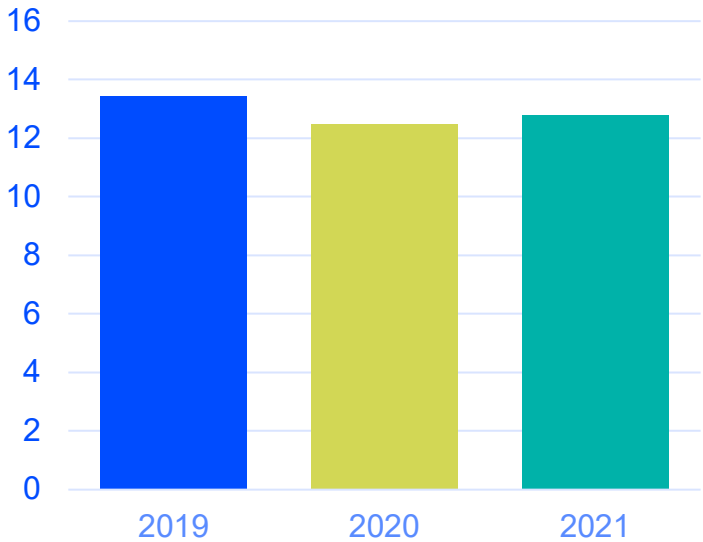
2021

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH



The percentage of physiotherapists who are individual members of their member organisation in relation to the total physiotherapy workforce **has increased by 8% in the region**

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS PER 10,000 POPULATION IN EUROPE REGION



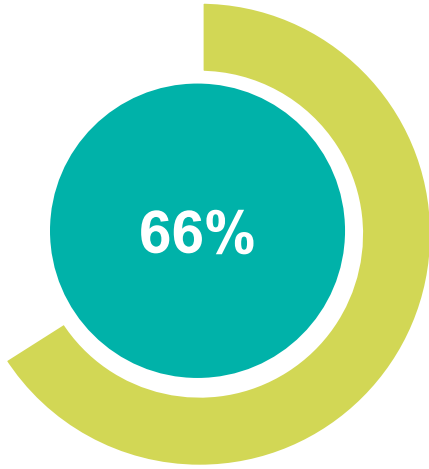
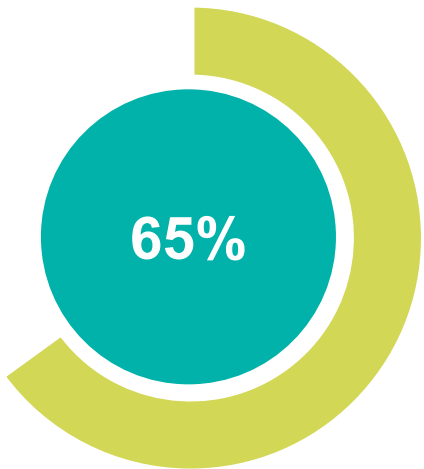
63%

of member organisations in the region have **increased** their membership during the last year



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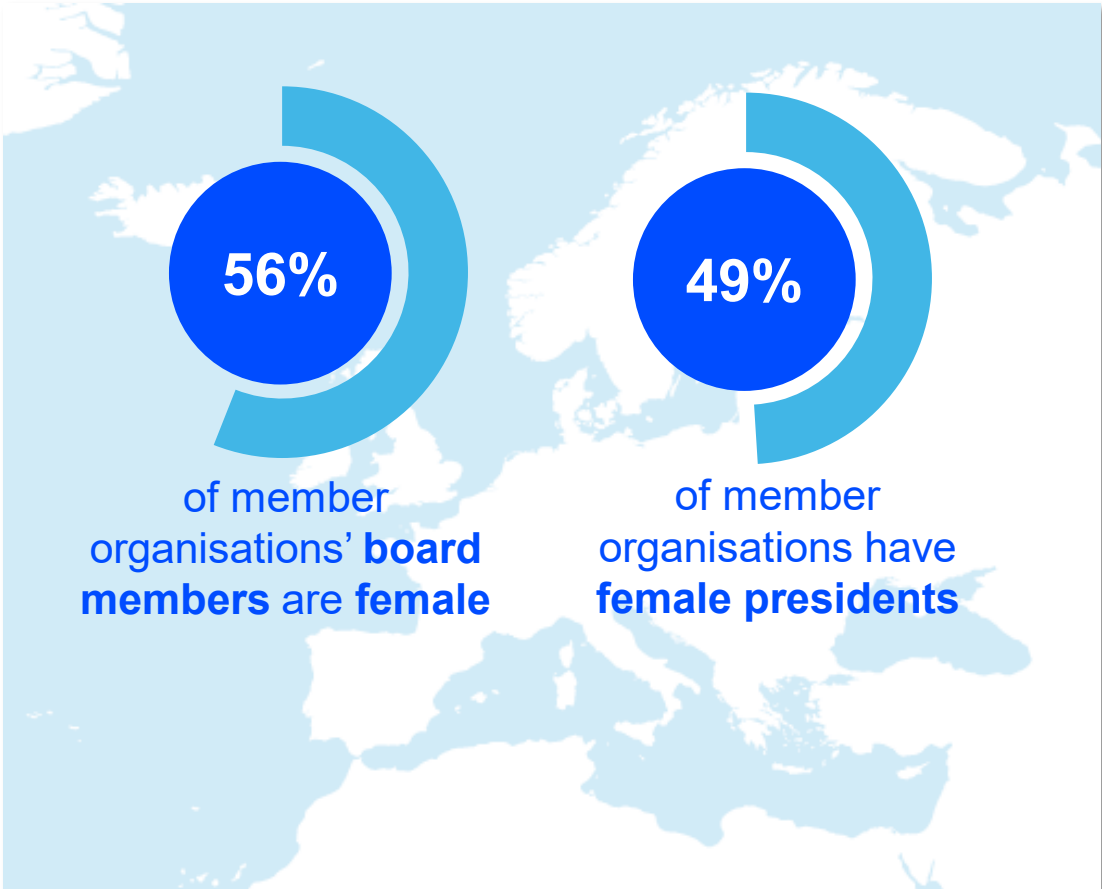
is the average number of **practising physiotherapists** per 10,000 population in the World Physiotherapy **Europe region** in 2021



of physiotherapists in
member organisations
in the
Europe region
are female

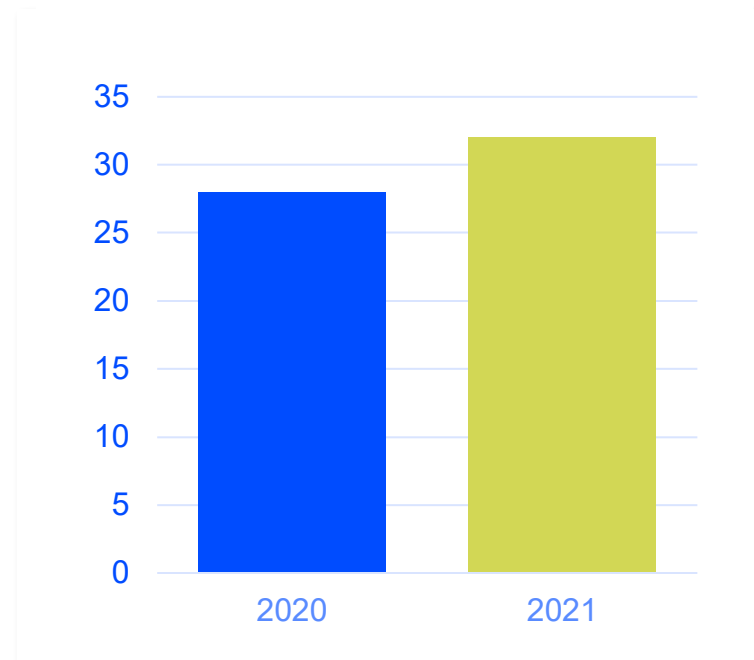
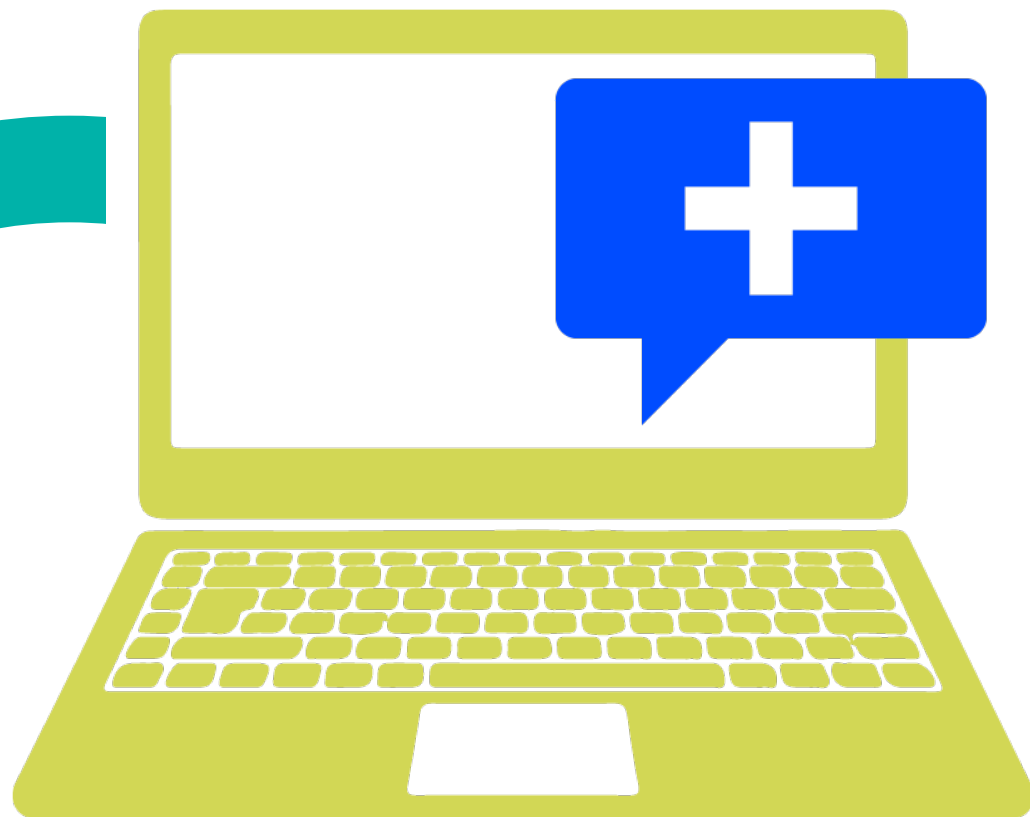
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Europe region
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BOARD MEMBERS



Of the 41 member organisations that took part in the census, 12 reported a higher percentage of female board members than the percentage of female physiotherapists in the workforce in their country/territory.

NUMBER OF COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES IN THE REGION WHERE PHYSIOTHERAPISTS ARE ALLOWED TO PROVIDE TELEHEALTH SERVICES



78%

of countries/territories allow
**physiotherapists to
provide telehealth services**

8%

increase since 2020 in
number of
countries/territories where
**physiotherapists can
provide telehealth services**

COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES WITH DIRECT ACCESS TO PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES IN THE EUROPE REGION

15%

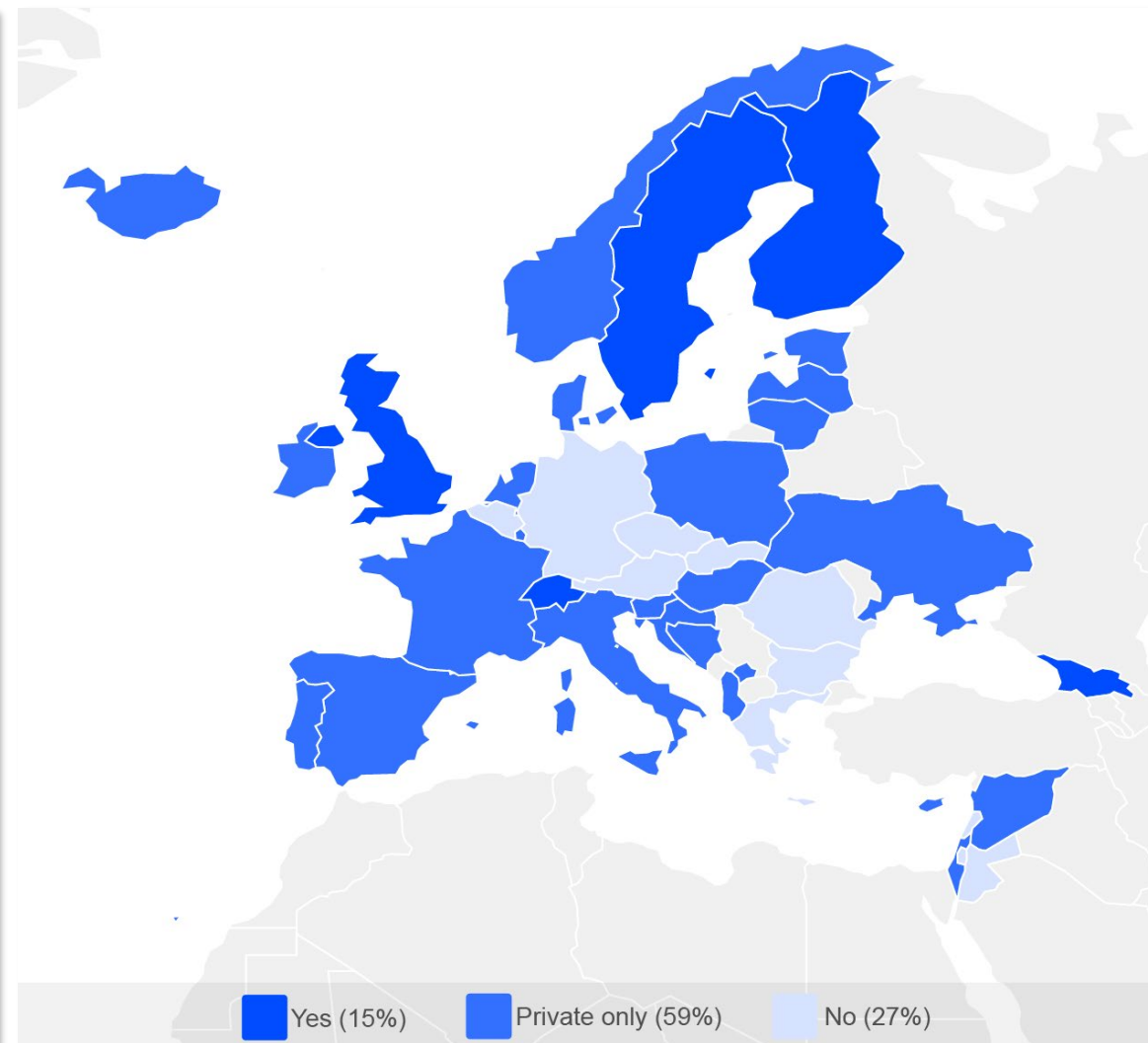
of countries/territories in the Europe region have **full direct access** to physiotherapy services. This is the lowest level across all five regions.

59%

reported that direct access is only allowed for **private physiotherapy** services.

27%

reported that direct access is **not allowed**.



FRENCH NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

- **Telehealth** was introduced during the lockdown in 2020 and since June 2021 can be delivered in a non-pandemic period. Telehealth can only be delivered after an initial assessment or a renewal of the assessment, as well as a first face-to-face treatment in a clinical or home/community setting. The use of telehealth is determined by the physiotherapist.
- **Direct access:** In September 2019, direct access to a physiotherapist for ankle sprains and acute low back pain was made concrete by two orders on the cooperation protocol of March 2020. In April 2021, the Rist law brings real changes for the physiotherapy profession, giving greater autonomy, including the renewal and adaptation of prescriptions from doctors of less than one year. Under this law the possibility of allowing physiotherapists to practice without a medical prescription is being explored.
- **Master's degree:** In May 2021, the French Minister of Solidarity and Health announced the recognition of a Master's degree for students with a state diploma in physiotherapy. A government decree in August 2021 confers a Master's degree to anyone who held a state diploma of physiotherapy at the end of the 2020-2021 training year.

“This decree participates in the recognition of the essential place of physiotherapy in our health system. Prevention and rehabilitation through movement are investments in the future, essential for the health of our fellow citizens. This recognition is a token of the confidence that the government places in physiotherapists.”

Pascale Mathieu
President,
French National Council of
Physiotherapists

LATVIAN PHYSIOTHERAPISTS' ASSOCIATION

The Latvian Physiotherapists' Association **increased its membership by 42%** during the last year, using a number of strategies, including:

- increasing activities, with a special **focus on online events**
- holding meetings with physiotherapy students to inform them about the association and the benefits of becoming an individual member on graduation. In January 2021, the **association established a student network**
- developing **active subgroups** in, for example, mental health, trauma, orthopaedics, and pelvic floor has built engagement with their members



Europe region	
Albania	Kosovo
Austria	Latvia
Belgium	Lebanon
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Lithuania
Bulgaria	Luxembourg
Croatia	Malta
Cyprus	Netherlands
Czech Republic	Norway
Denmark	Palestine
Estonia	Poland
Finland	Portugal
France	Romania
Georgia	Slovakia
Germany	Slovenia
Greece	Spain
Hungary	Sweden
Iceland	Switzerland
Ireland	Syria
Israel	Ukraine
Italy	United Kingdom
Jordan	

93%
of member organisations
(41 out of 44) in the
region submitted data
for the 2021 census

DISCLAIMER

- The data in this report is based on responses to the annual membership census sent to World Physiotherapy's member organisations.
- In 2021 the annual membership census was sent to 125 member organisations, of which 117 responded, representing a 94% response rate. The census date was 30 June 2021.
- Some data in this report has been collated from other sources available to World Physiotherapy.
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