

**World
Physiotherapy**

EUROPE

**ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP
CENSUS**

2022



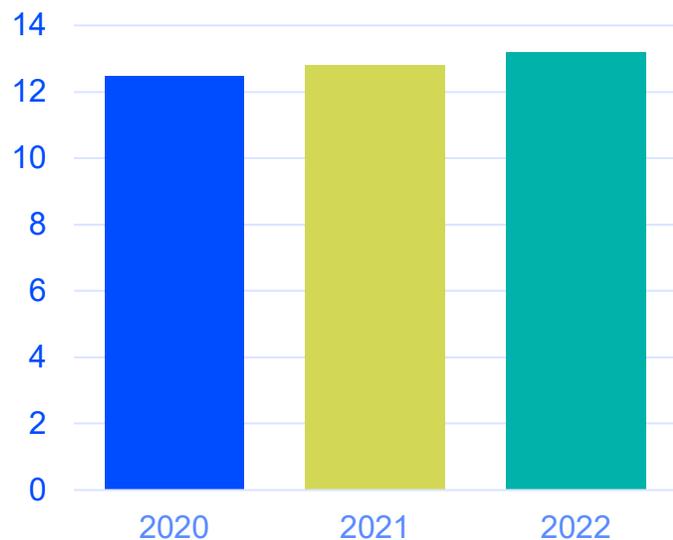
66%

of AMC respondents have **increased** their membership during the last year.

The number of **physiotherapists** who are **members** of their member organisation **increased by 2%** in relation to the workforce.



PHYSIOTHERAPISTS PER 10,000 POPULATION IN THE REGION



13.18

is the average number of **practising physiotherapists** per 10,000 population in the **Europe region** in 2022.

This is the **highest ratio** across all five regions.

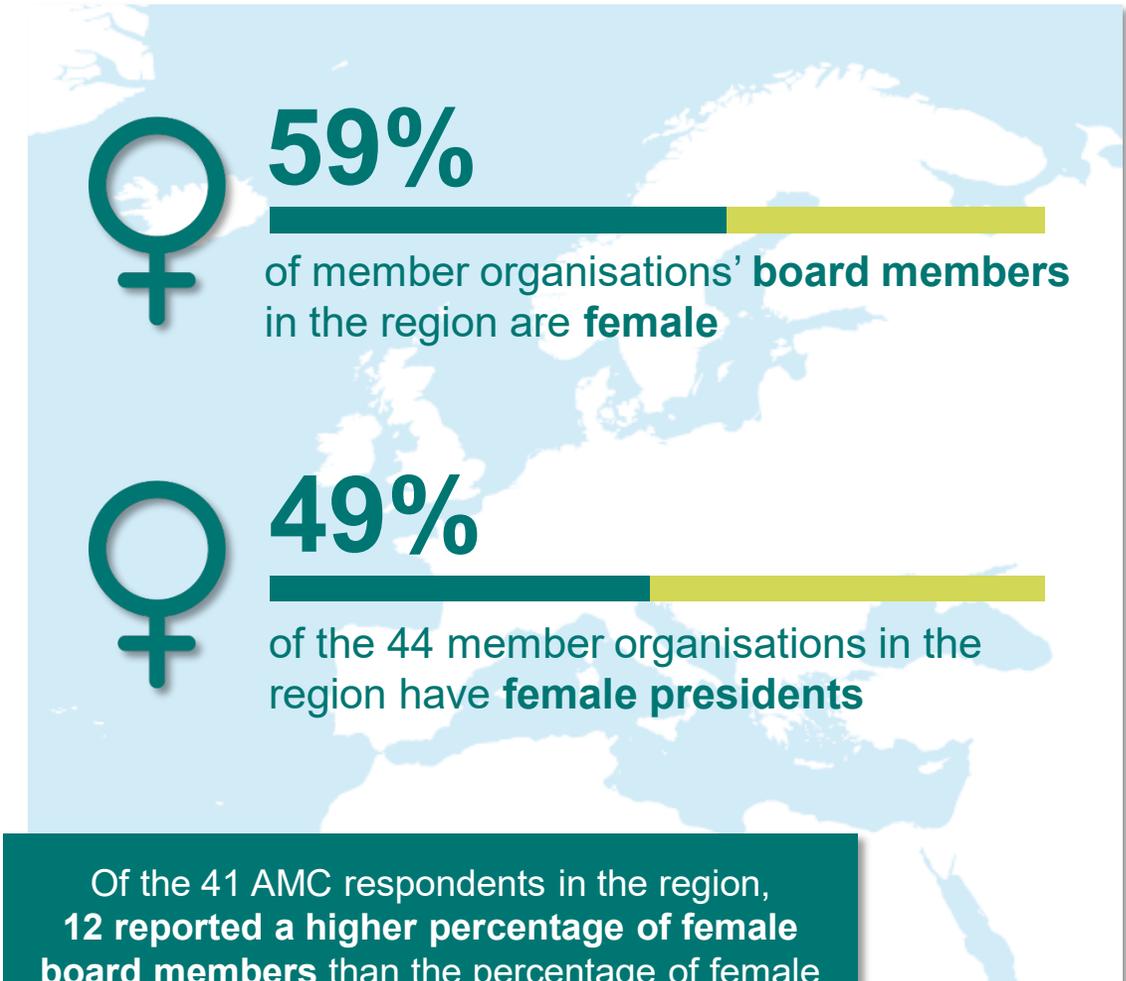


of individual members in **member organisations** in the **Europe region** are female



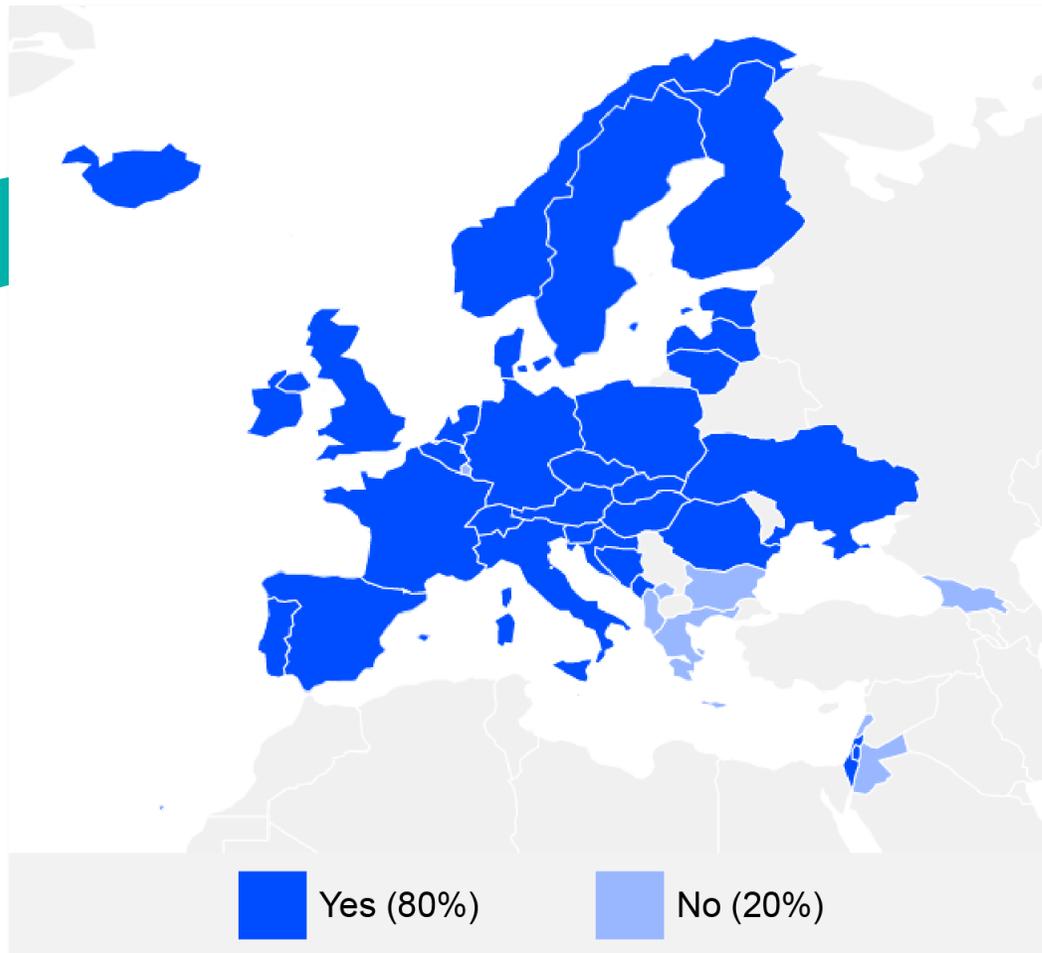
of the physiotherapy workforce in the **Europe region** are female

BOARD MEMBERS

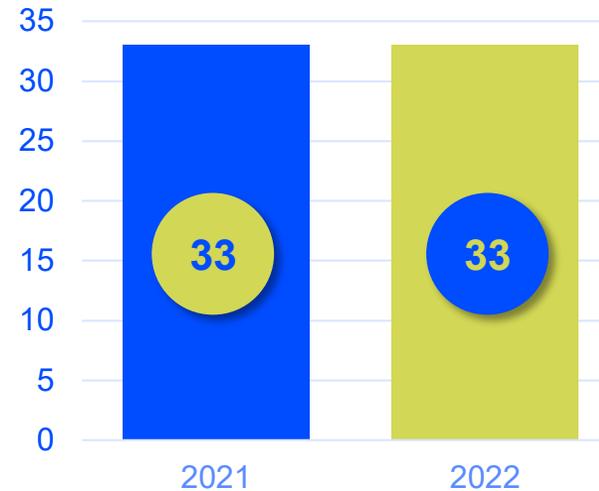


Of the 41 AMC respondents in the region, **12 reported a higher percentage of female board members** than the percentage of female physiotherapists in the workforce in their country/territory.

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



NUMBER OF COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES



80%

of AMC respondents in the region report **physiotherapists are allowed to provide telehealth services**

Permission to offer telehealth services in the region has **remained consistent at 80% since 2021**

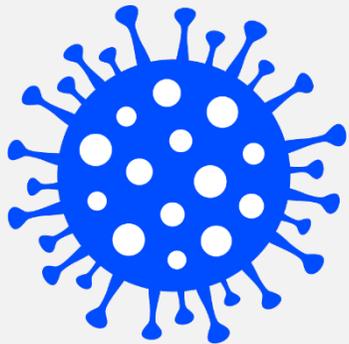


29%

of AMC respondents reported that **physiotherapy** is included in health **emergency preparedness** measures in their country/territory



IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



95%

of AMC respondents reported the capacity to provide **physiotherapy services** in their country/territory had **returned to a pre-pandemic level** or increased, regarding the number of physiotherapists working full-time and with access to necessary materials and resources. This the highest percentage across all five regions.

THE THREE KEY CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION USED BY AMC RESPONDENTS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR MEMBERS



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



17%

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



54%

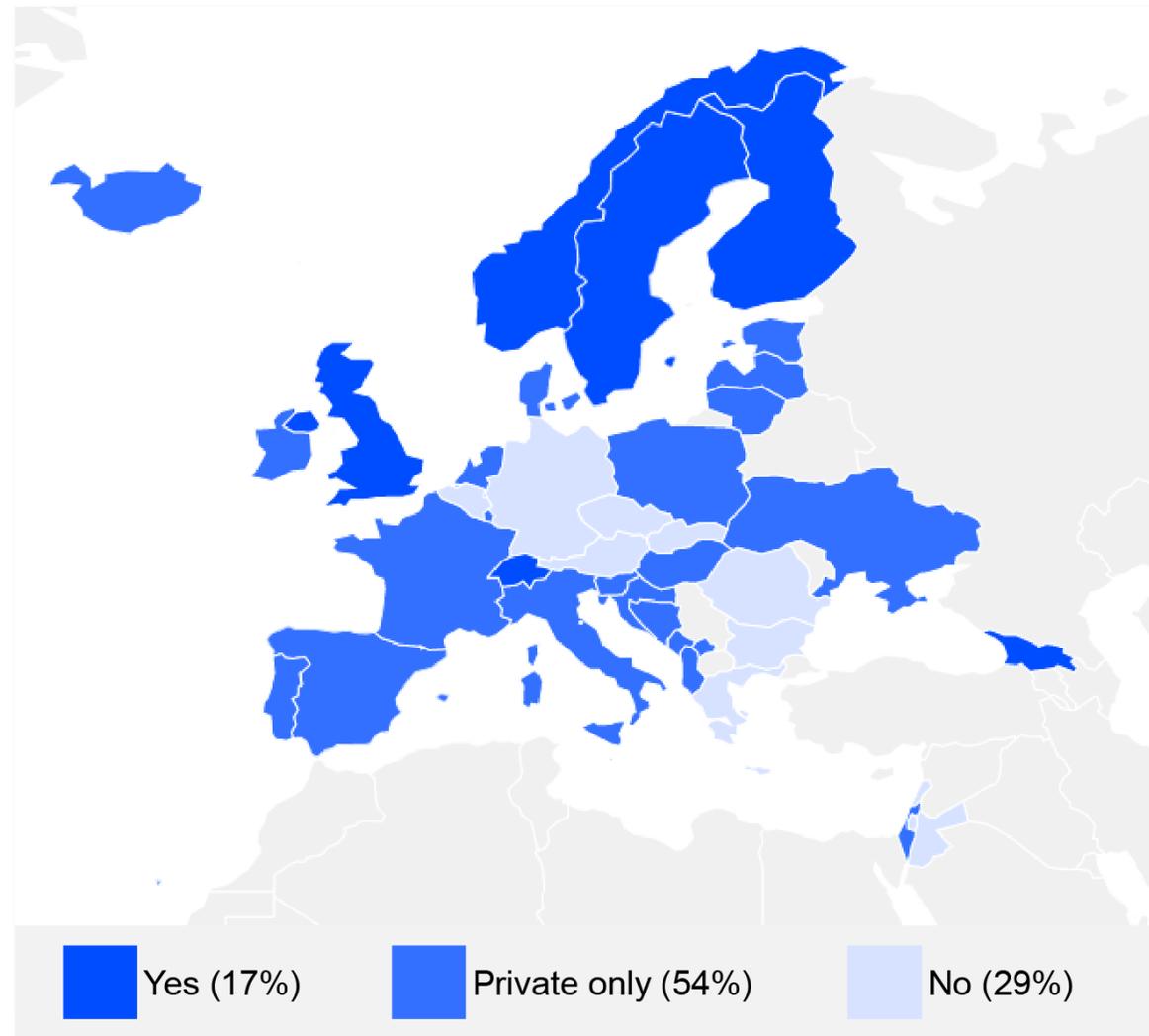
of the AMC respondents reported direct access only for **private physiotherapy services**.



29%

reported direct access is **not allowed**.

The most frequently reported **limitation to direct access** was **practice setting** (51%).



SPAIN - MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

The Spanish Physiotherapy Association (AEF) **increased their membership by 18%** during 2022, continuing a trend of membership growth since 2016. Their strategies to increase membership include:

- agreements with universities so physiotherapist educators are offered a discount on the AEF membership fee
- creation of six new interest groups (subgroups) to expand areas of clinical interest within the profession, bringing the total to 14 AEF subgroups
- organisation of scientific and training events throughout Spain, decentralising them from the AEF offices in Madrid
- agreements with regional professional associations (regulators)
- promotional campaigns to attract new members
- new subgroup for students, diversifying pathways to membership
- strengthening presence on social media to highlight AEF activities.



SPAIN - LEADERSHIP AND GENDER

In AEF there is a balance in gender between the physiotherapy workforce and representation within the AEF executive board. Women represent 62% in both the workforce and executive board.

Their **strategies to increase female representation in leadership roles** include:

- leveraging the historically high participation of women in executive roles
- intentional work towards gender balance in leadership roles
- campaigns and internal processes to promote women in decision-making roles of subgroups, diversifying participation and inclusion.



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

93%
of member organisations
(41 out of 44) in the
region submitted data
for the annual
membership census
(AMC) in 2022.

DISCLAIMER

- The data in this report is based on responses to the annual membership census (AMC) sent to World Physiotherapy’s member organisations.
- The AMC was sent to 125 member organisations, of which 116 responded, representing a 92.8% response rate. This is consistent with previous years’ response rates and demonstrates strong engagement between World Physiotherapy and its member organisations. The census date was 30 June 2022.
- Some data in this report has been collated from other sources available to World Physiotherapy.
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