

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CENSUS

2023



World
Physiotherapy



EUROPE





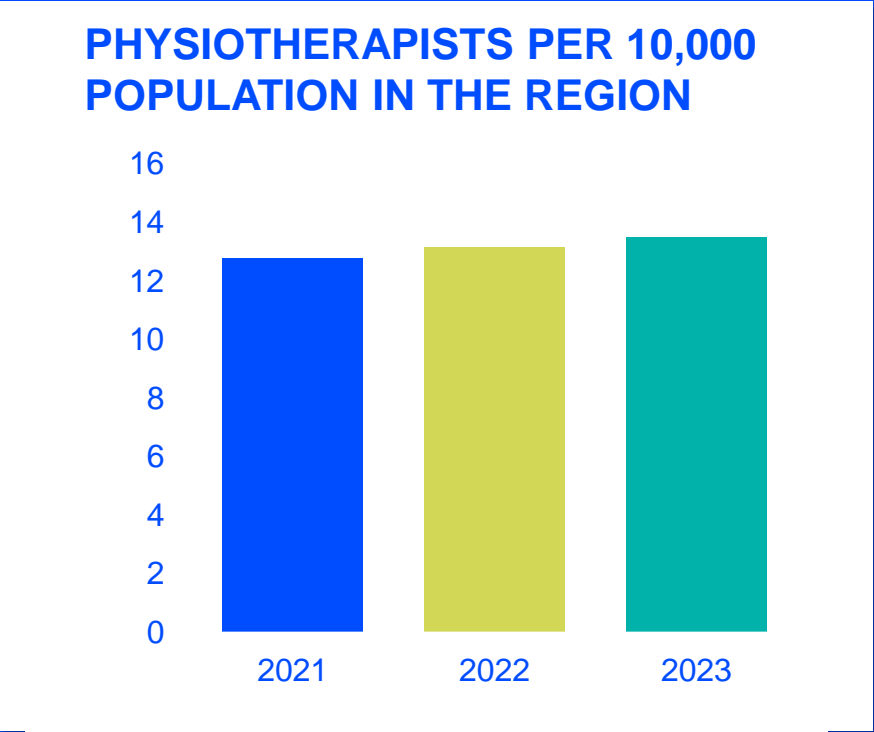
54%


of AMC respondents in the Europe region have **increased** their **membership** during the last year

39%

of **physiotherapists** in the Europe region are **members** of their member organisation



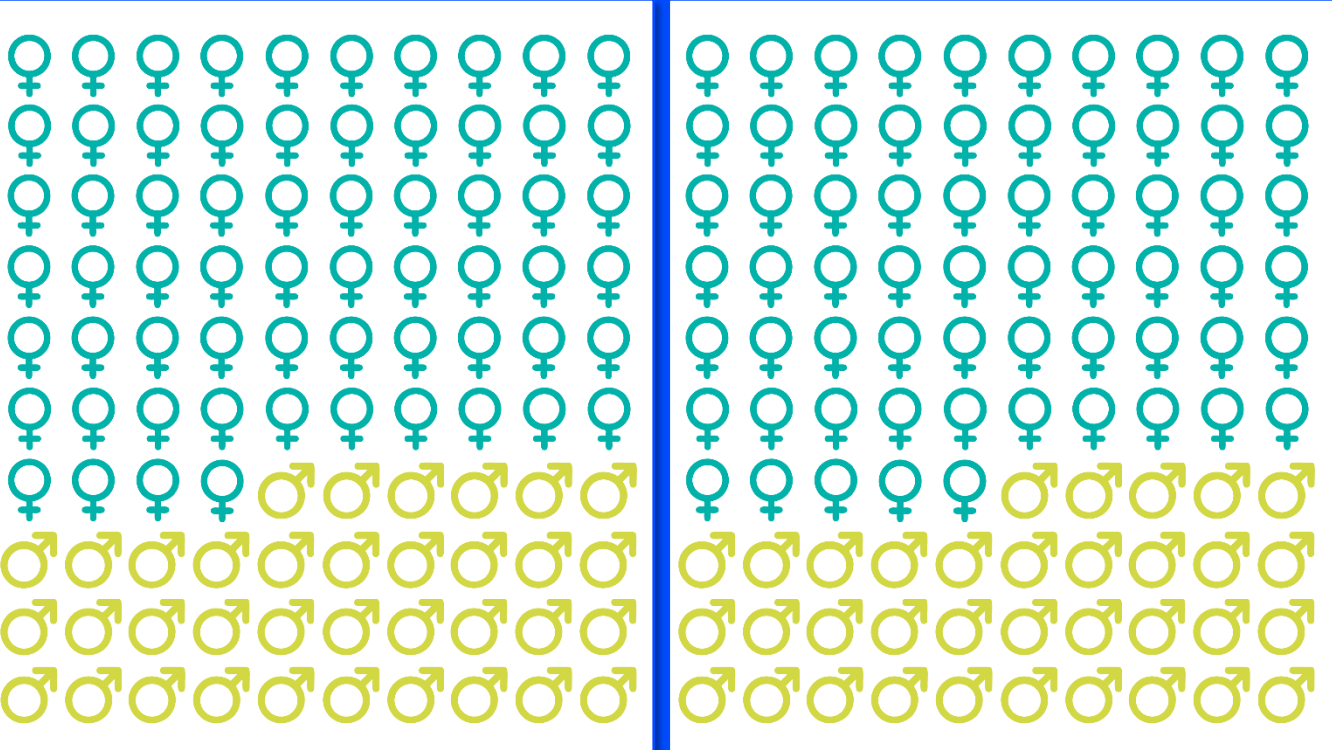




13.5

is the average number of **practising physiotherapists** per 10,000 population in the **Europe region** in 2023.

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



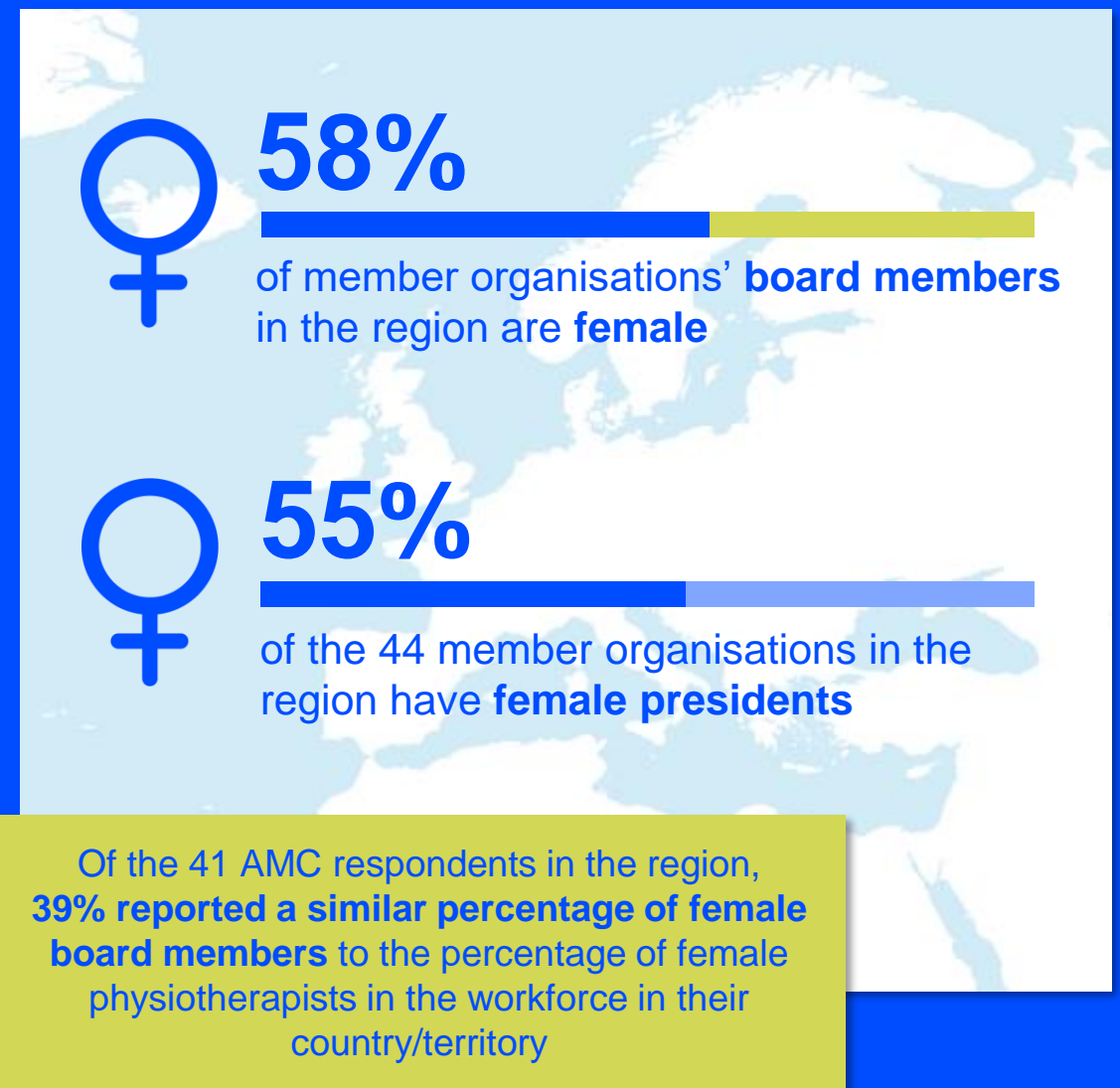
64%

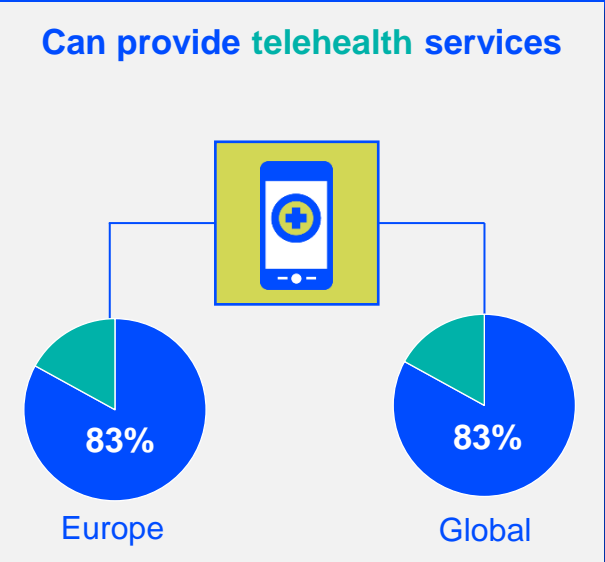
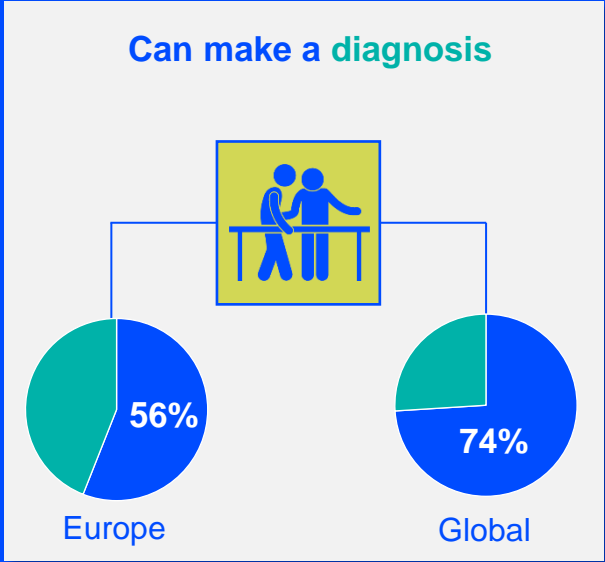
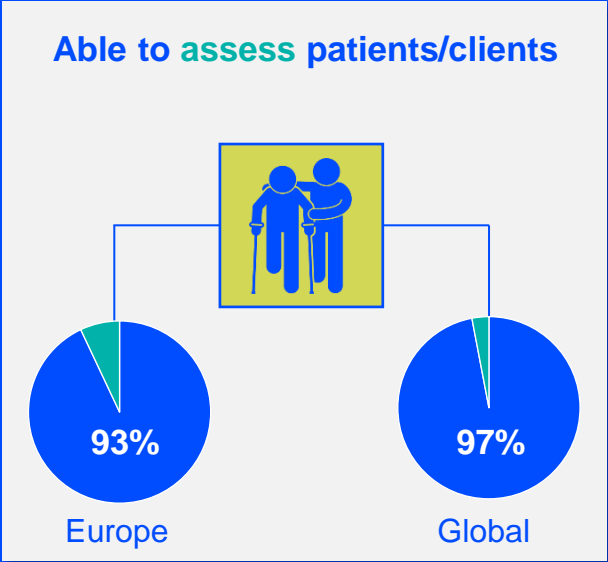
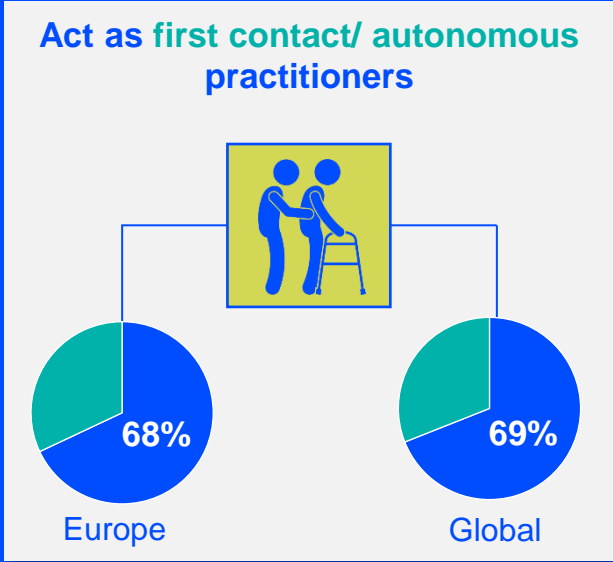
of individual members in member organisations in the Europe region are female

65%

of the physiotherapy workforce in the Europe region is female

BOARD MEMBERS







COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES WITH **DIRECT ACCESS**



24%

of countries/territories in the Europe region have **full direct access** to physiotherapy services



46%

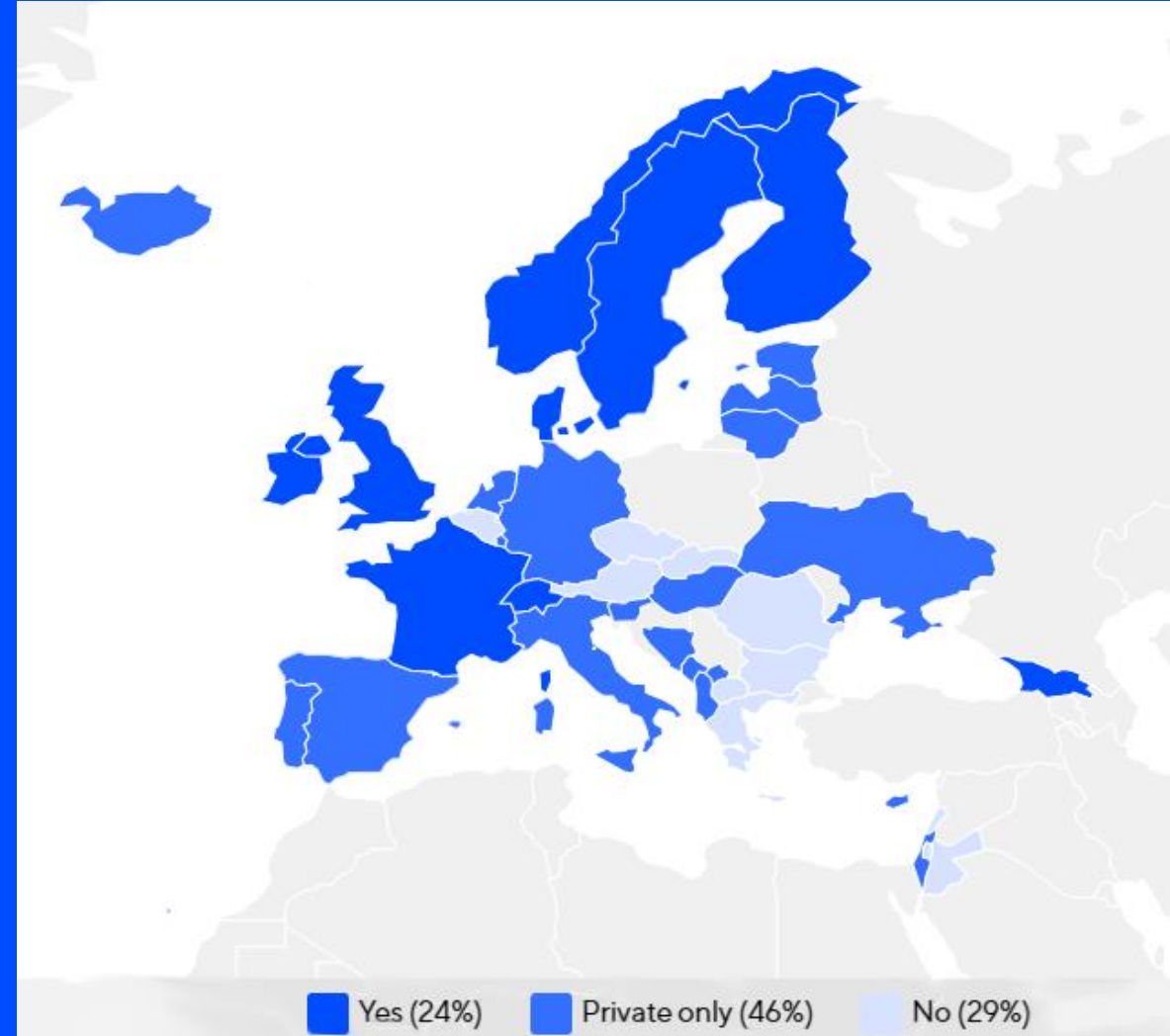
of the AMC respondents in the Europe region reported direct access only for **private physiotherapy** services



29%

reported direct access is **not allowed** in the Europe region

The most frequently reported **limitation to direct access** was **practice setting** (49%).



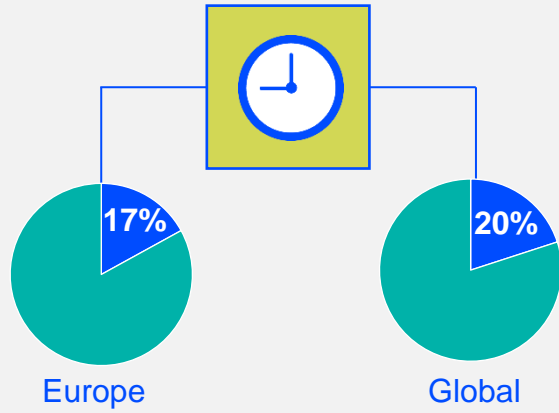


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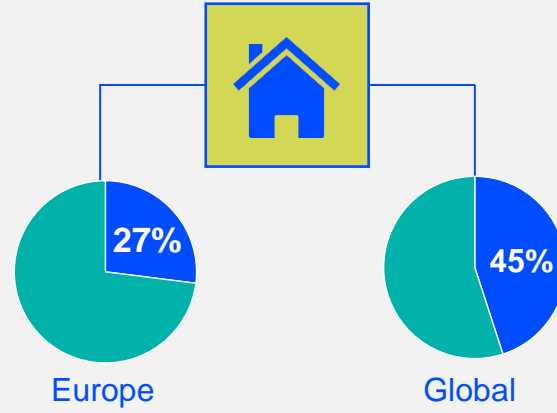
63%

of countries/
territories in the
Europe region said
they had one or
more of these
mitigation strategies
to **overcome**
physiotherapy
service
disruptions

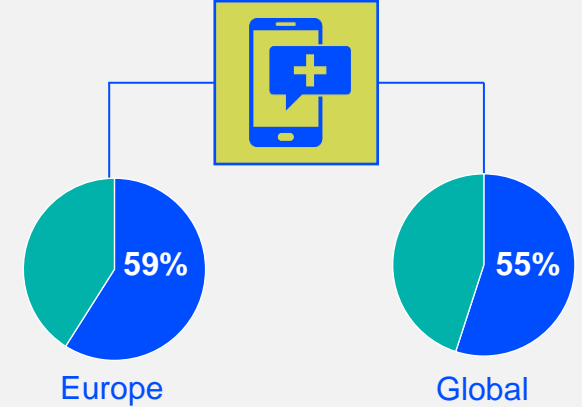
Expansion of hours



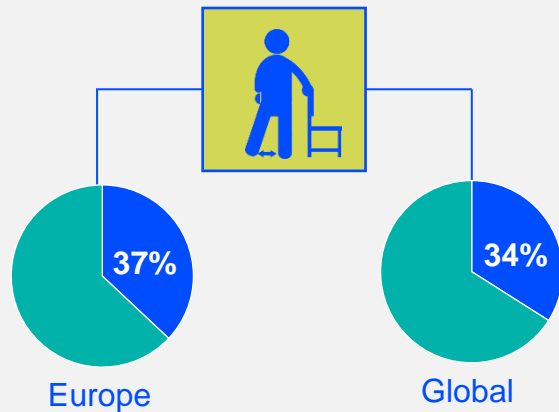
Provision of home-based care



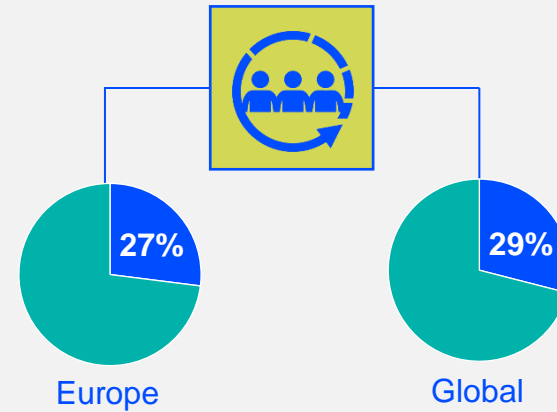
Telerehabilitation services



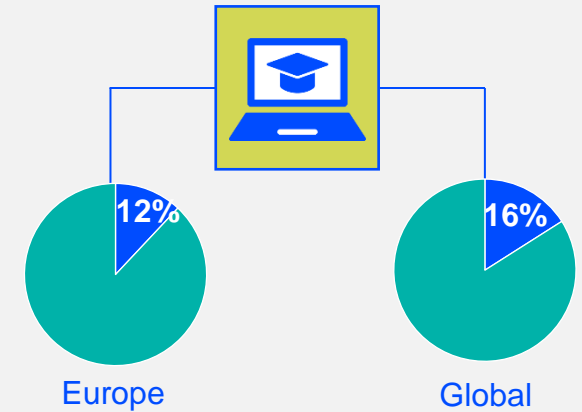
Use of self-care interventions



Redistribution of physiotherapy roles

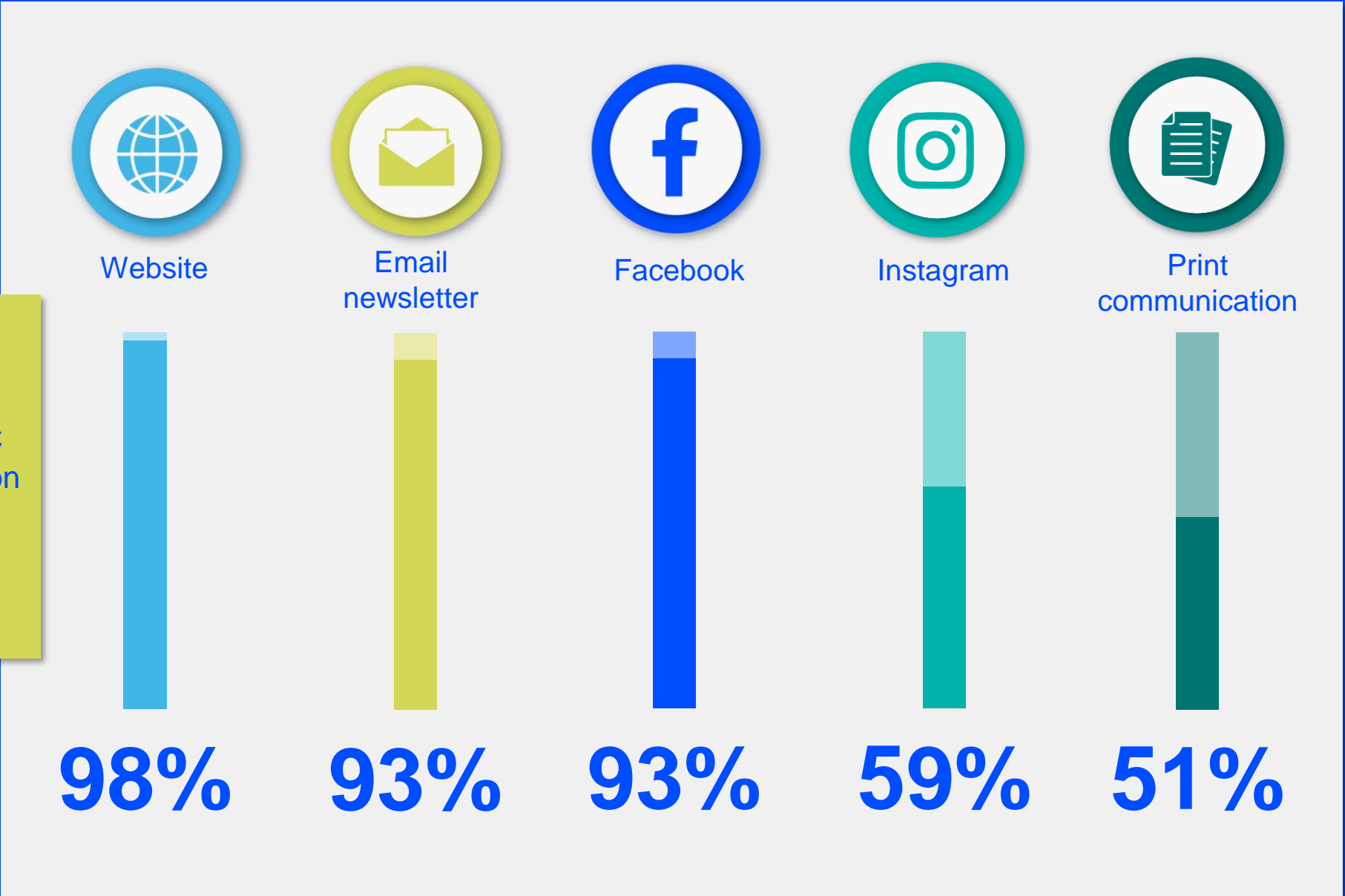


Rapid training mechanisms and job aids





The top five channels of communication used by AMC respondents in the Europe region to communicate with their members





GERMANY - ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN TO IMPLEMENT NATIONWIDE BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Deutscher Verband fuer Physiotherapie/German Association for Physiotherapy is campaigning to reform the professional laws and to implement nationwide bachelor's degree physiotherapist education programmes in Germany, the only country/territory in Europe where a vocational qualification is still sufficient for physiotherapists.

To achieve this, the association is working in an alliance, **Therapieberufe an die Hochschulen**, with representatives from universities and vocational schools.

The campaign has included discussions with political representatives, a petition, models for future studies, and the development of a competency framework. World Physiotherapy and the Europe region have provided advocacy and letters of support to the campaign.

As of December 2023, consultations on the new professional law have yet to be completed, and the association continues to work on implementing their goals for the campaign.



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Deutschland reformiert die Therapieberufe.

... aber alles nur Fassade.



Physiotherapie gehört an die Hochschulen!

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Europe region

Albania	Latvia
Austria	Lebanon
Belgium	Liechtenstein
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Lithuania
Bulgaria	Luxembourg
Cyprus	Malta
Czech Republic	Montenegro
Denmark	Netherlands
Estonia	North Macedonia
Finland	Norway
France	Palestine
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 in
2023

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 127 member organisations, of which 119 responded, representing a 93.7% 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 2023.
- Some data in this report has been collated from other sources available to World Physiotherapy.
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