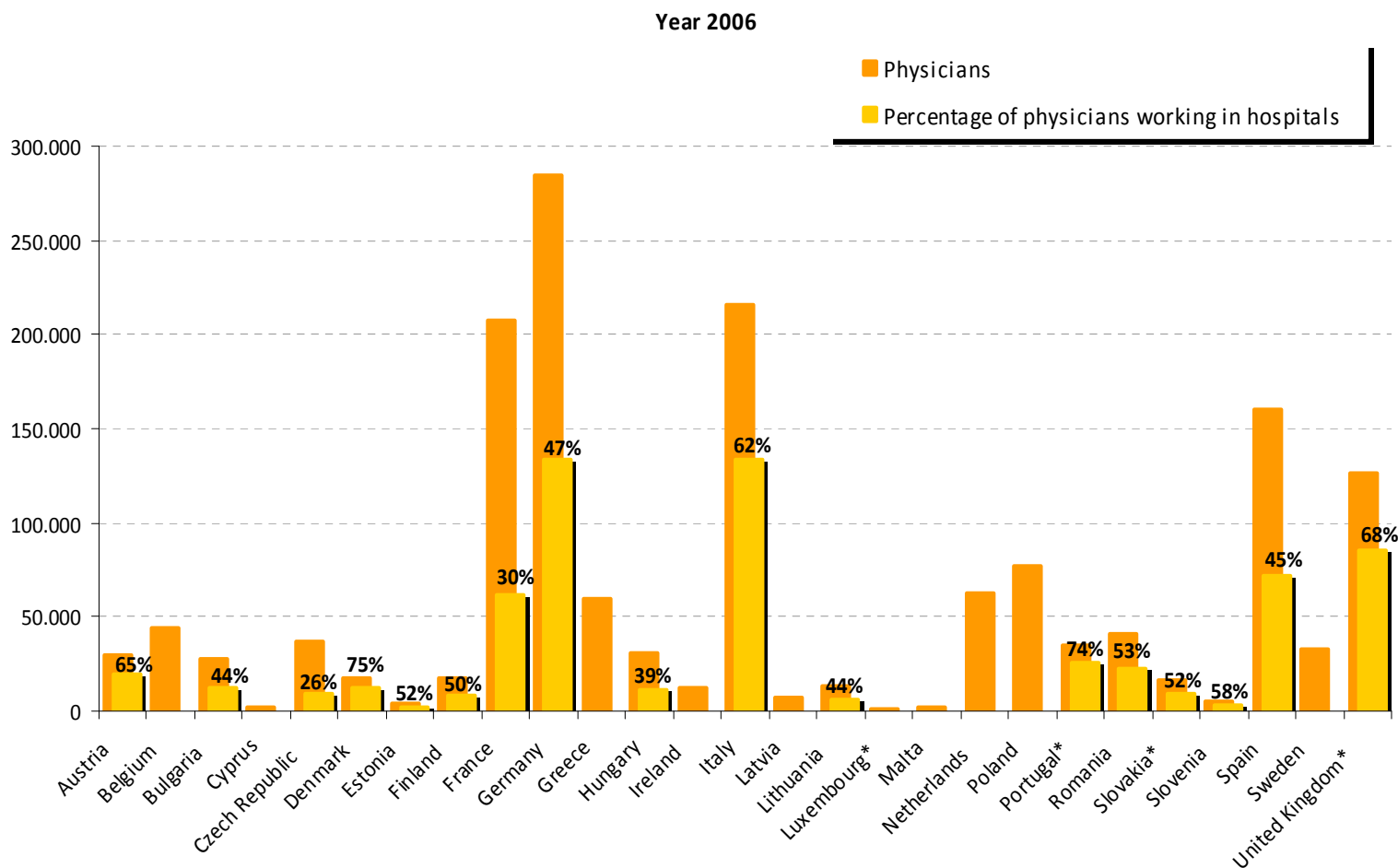


**HEALTH PROFESSIONALS' PROFILE**  
**NUMBER OF PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIANS WORKING IN HOSPITALS**



Even if the lack of consistently-used measurement tools often limit the statistical comparability of hospital staff across countries, available data for the last decade show that the greatest part of nurses and physicians in the European Union works in hospital facilities.

In 2006 the **rate of nurses working in hospital** ranged between 50,4% in Hungary and 88,3% in Malta.

The **rate of physicians working in hospitals** ranged between 25,7% in Czech Republic and 74,5% in Denmark.

Between 1996 and 2006 relevant decreases in the percentage of physicians working in a hospital happened in Hungary (-7,0 p.p.), Czech Republic (-5,6 p.p.) and Austria (-5,4 p.p.), relevant increases in Romania (+12,3 p.p.) and Estonia (+11,5 p.p.).

**NOTE.** All data refer to 2006 except Luxembourg (year 2005), Portugal and Slovakia (year 2004) and the United Kingdom (year 2002).

**Main source of data: WHO/Europe, European HFA Database, August 2009.**