

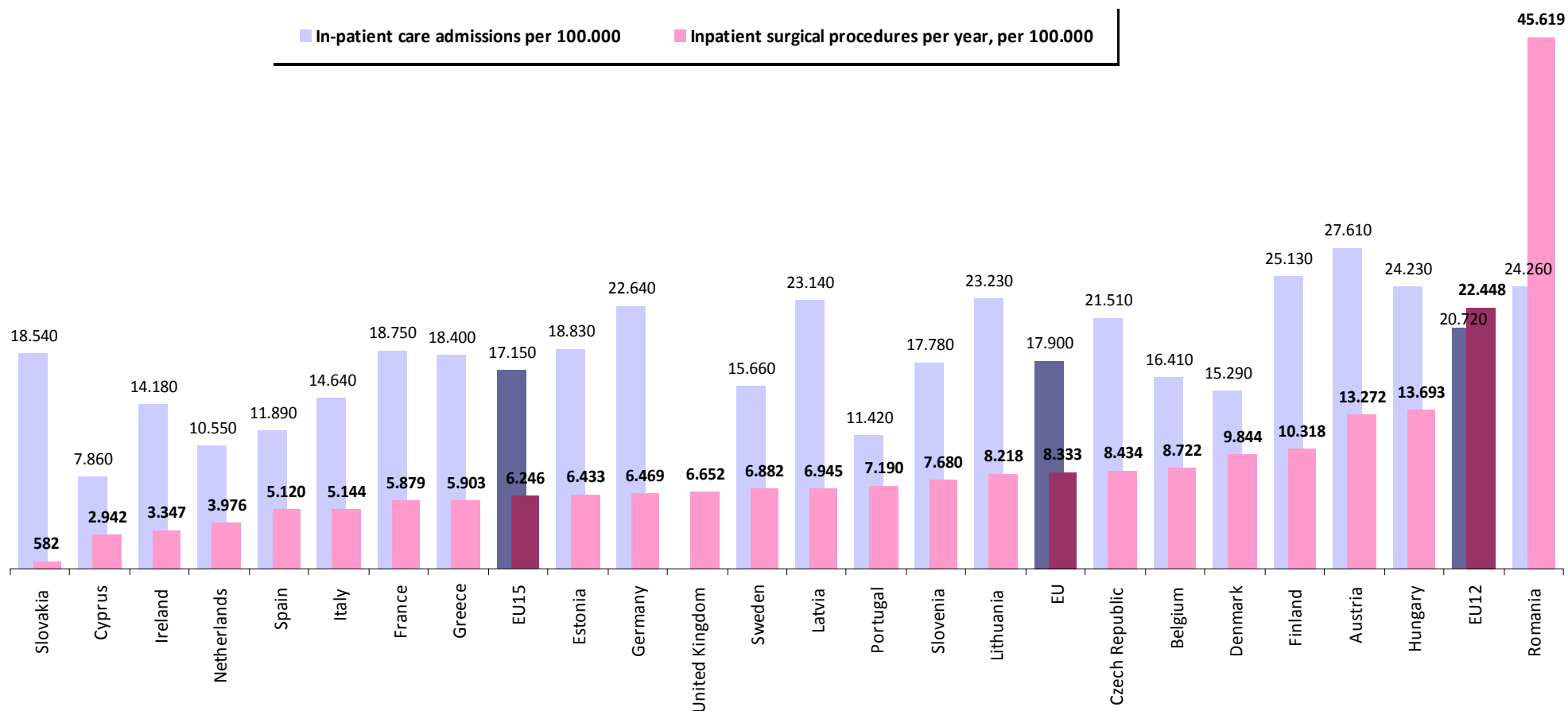
HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES: INPATIENT SURGICAL PROCEDURES

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) defines **inpatient surgical procedures** as all invasive therapies performed as in-patient surgery, where in-patient surgery is a surgical operation or procedure that is performed with an overnight stay in an in-patient institution.

In 2007, in the European Union were performed 47 inpatient surgical procedures every 100 admissions per 100.000 inhabitants, 36 in EU15 and 108 in EU12. A value particularly high was registered in Romania, where the number of surgical procedures per 100.000 inhabitants almost doubled the number of inpatient care admissions per 100.000 inhabitants (45.619 against 24.260). Adversely, in Slovakia there were 581,7 inpatient surgical procedures against 18.540 Inpatient care admissions per 100.000 inhabitants.

Between 1996 and 2007 the registered number of inpatient surgical procedures per 100.000 inhabitants generally increased: +30,0% in EU, +4,8 in EU15, +131,1 in EU12. The only Member States showing a steady decrease were Slovakia (-36,0%) and Spain (-8,2%).

Transfers from one department to another one at the same hospital, day-cases of day patients, cases where treatment is provided by hospital personnel at the patient's home as well as newborns are excluded from the number of admissions/discharges.



NOTE. All data refer to 2007 except Greece (year 2004); admissions per 100.000 inhabitants in Ireland and Italy (year 2005); inpatient surgical procedures in France (year 2003).

Data for Bulgaria, Luxembourg, Malta and Poland are not available.

Source of data: WHO/Europe, European HFA Database, August 2009.