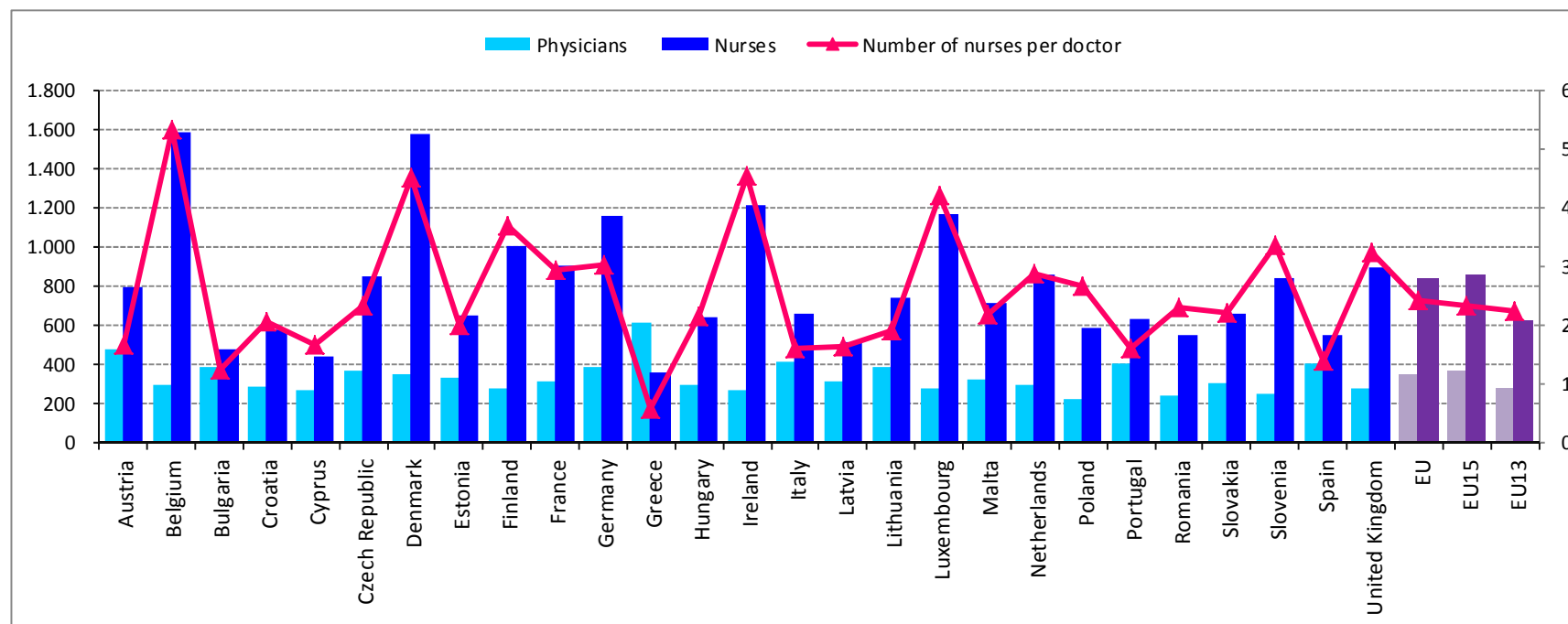# HEALTH PROFESSIONALS' PROFILE

PHYSICIANS AND NURSES PER 100.000 POPULATIONS

NOTE. All data refer to year 2011.

Data for Cyprus refer to 2004. Data for Slovakia refer to 2007. Data for Finland refer to 2008. Data for Denmark and Greece refer to 2009. Data for Belgium and Bulgaria refer to 2010.

Main Sources of data: WHO/Europe, European HFA Database, January 2014

Between 2000 and 2011, the European Union had a total of 1.645.000 physicians and 3.770.000 nurses with a more or less stable rate of 2,3 **nurses per each doctor**, as illustrated by the dotted line in the chart above.

In 2011, the **number of physicians per 100.000 inhabitants** in the European Union was on average 346, ranging between 219 in Poland and 612 in Greece.

The average number **of nurses per 100.000 inhabitants** was 836, encompassed between 354 in Greece and 1.585 in Belgium.

In 2011, the **number of physicians per 100.000 inhabitants** in ´EU13` was 34% smaller than the number of physicians in ´EU15`. The number of **nurses per 100.000 inhabitants** in ´EU13` was 39% smaller than in ´EU15`.

Between 2000 and 2011, the **number of physicians per 100.000 inhabitants** in the **28 European Member States** increased on average by 20,3%. In ´EU15` it increased by 24,4% in ten years, in ´EU13` instead, by about 5,1% (it increased until 2004, then it started dropping off and since 2005 it increased again).

The number of **nurses per 100.000 population** increased on average by 8,4% in the **28 European Member States**.

NUMBER OF PHYSICIANS PER 100.000 POPULATIONS IN THE DECADE 2000 – 2011

Most relevant increases	Most relevant decreases
‣ **United Kingdom**: +42% from 196 in 2000 to 278 in 2011	
‣ **Greece**: +41%, from 433 in 2000 to 612 in 2011	‣ **Slovakia**: -7%, from 323 in 2000 to 300 in 2011
‣ **Luxembourg**: +29%, from 214 in 2000 to 276 in 2011	‣ **Poland**: -2%, from 222 in 2000 to 219 in 2011
‣ **Portugal** +29%, from 310 in 2000 to 398 in 2011	
‣ **Austria**: +26%, from 381 in 2000 to 478 in 2011	

NUMBER OF NURSES PER 100.000 POPULATIONS IN THE DECADE 2000 – 2011

Most relevant increases	Most relevant decreases
‣ **Luxembourg**: +54% from 756 in 2000 to 1.163 in 2011	
‣ **Spain**: +47%, from 373 in 2000 to 548 in 2011	‣ **Slovakia**: -12%, from 748 in 2000 to 661 in 2011
‣ **Denmark**: +25%, from 1.261 in 2000 to 1.573 in 2011	‣ **Lithuania**: -8%, from 802 in 2000 to 736 in 2011
‣ **Greece**: +21%, from 293 in 2000 to 354 in 2011	
‣ **Germany**: +18%, from 978 in 2000 to 1.154 in 2011	