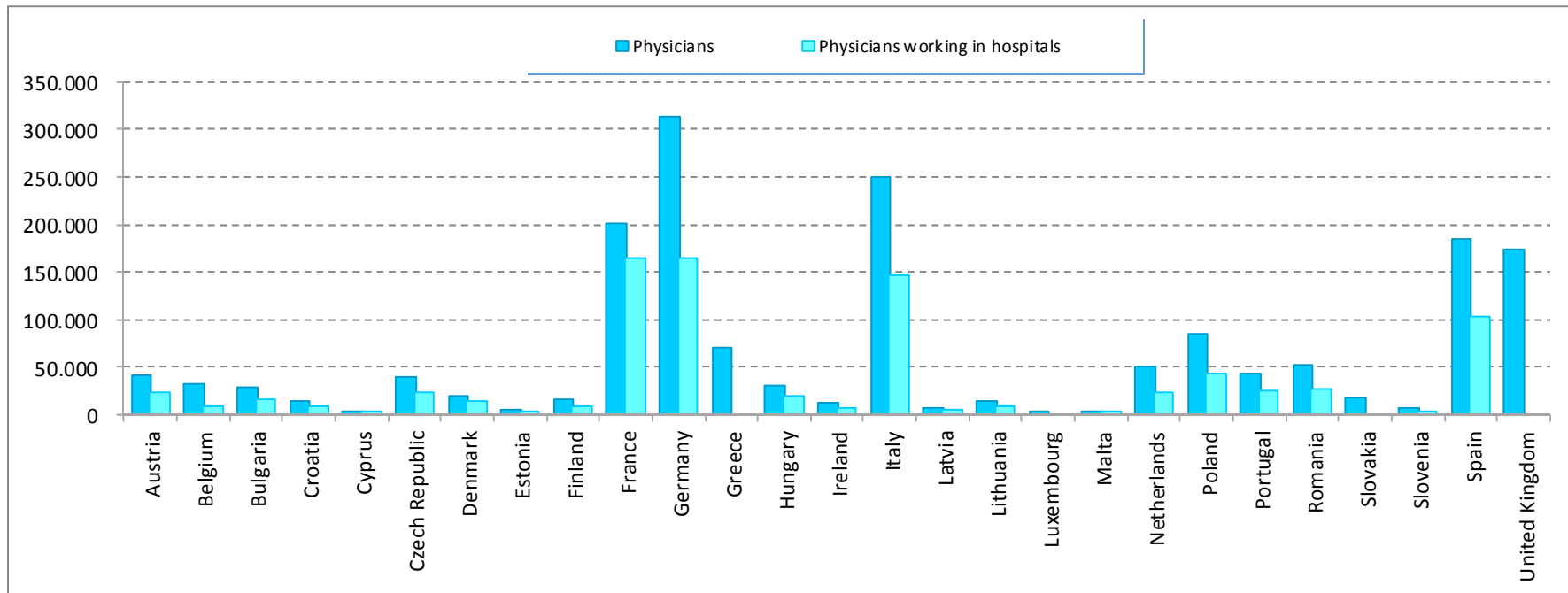


HEALTH PROFESSIONALS' PROFILE
NUMBER OF PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIANS WORKING IN HOSPITALS



NOTE. All data refer to year 2011.

Data for Finland refer to 2008. Data for Denmark, Italy and Netherlands refer to 2009. Data for Portugal refer to 2010.

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

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 2010, the **rate of nurses working in hospital** ranged between 39,7% of Ireland and 77,2% of Malta. In 2011 the **rate of physicians working in hospitals** ranged between 25,8% of Belgium and 81,8% of France. The highest number of nurses working in hospitals was in Austria (100%).

Between 2000 and 2011 relevant decreases in the percentage of physicians working in a hospital happened in Latvia (-6,7%) and Poland (-0,5%), relevant increases in Cyprus (+48,9%), Spain (+43,0%), Denmark and Austria (+31,3).