

Patient Safety in the EU: 2014

What is the issue?

★ Types of adverse events

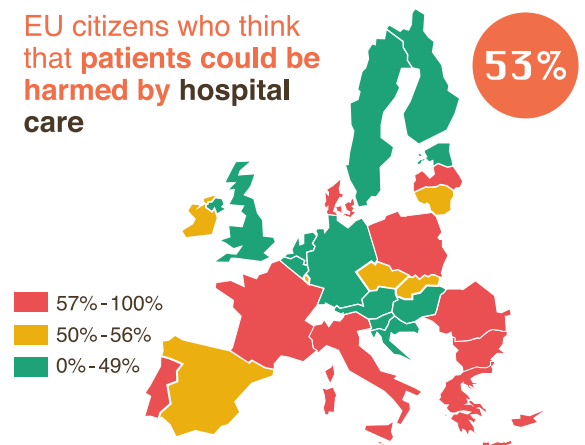
Healthcare-associated infections (HAI):

are directly responsible for **37000** deaths / year
 contribute to a further **110000** deaths / year
 cost hospitals over **€5.4 billion** / year

Medication-related errors	Surgical errors
Medical device failures	Errors in diagnosis
Failure to act on the results of tests	

★ Patients think they can be harmed

EU citizens who think that patients could be harmed by hospital care

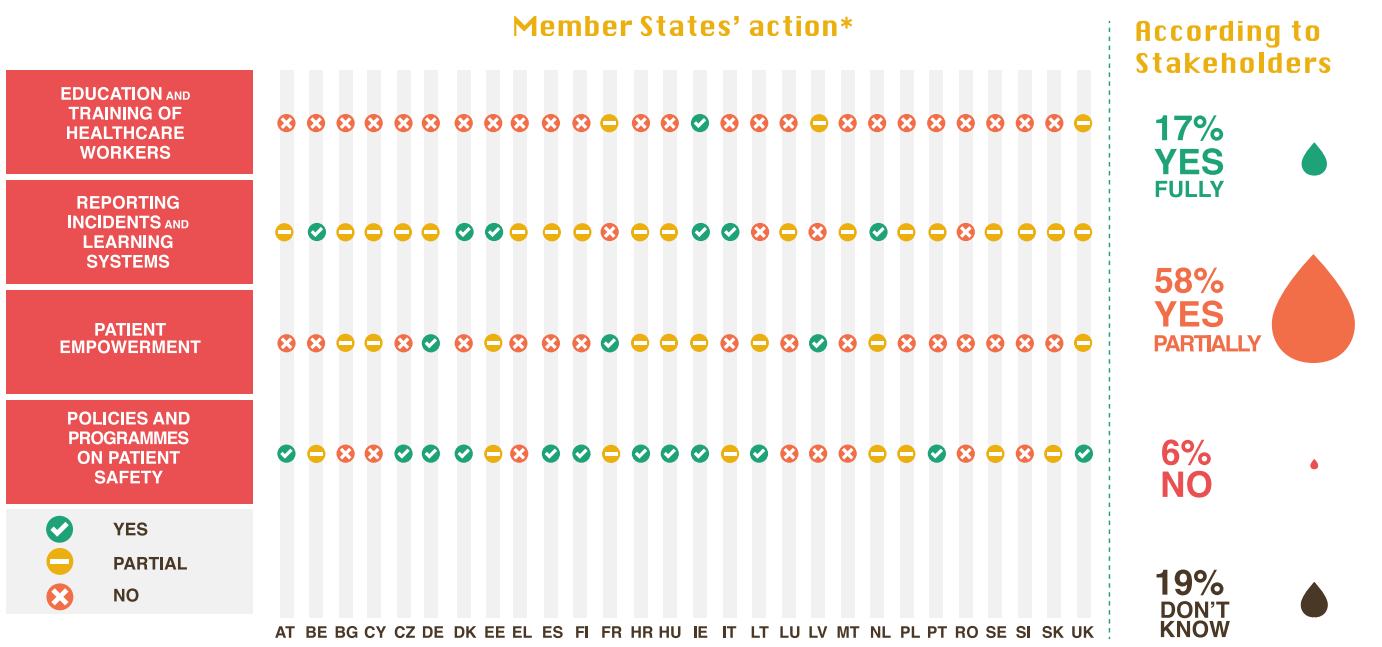


★ **91%** of STAKEHOLDERS think patient safety is an issue

What is the EU response?

★ 2009 EU Council Recommendation on patient safety

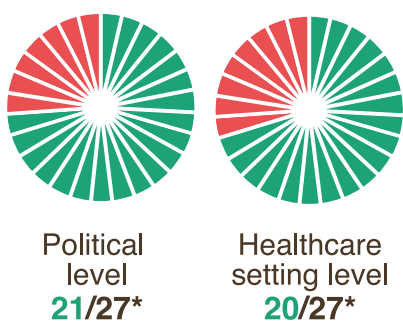
2014 state of implementation



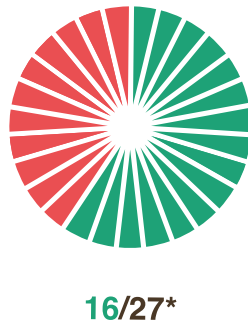
★ Impact of the Recommendation

According to Member States it has:

Increased awareness at

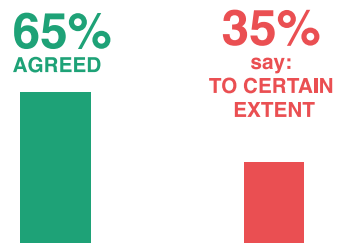


Triggered concrete action



According to Stakeholders it has

Improved patient safety



Areas to improve

Education and training of healthcare workers

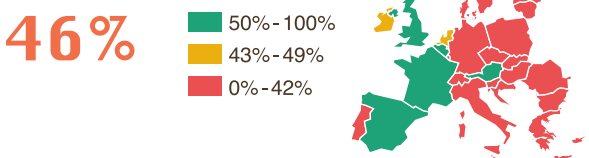
Reporting incidents and learning systems

Patients...**

...experiencing an adverse event...



...reporting it...



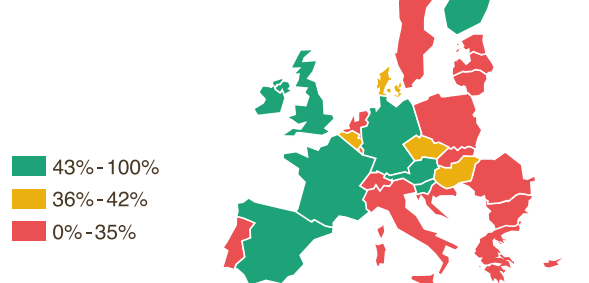
...to what result



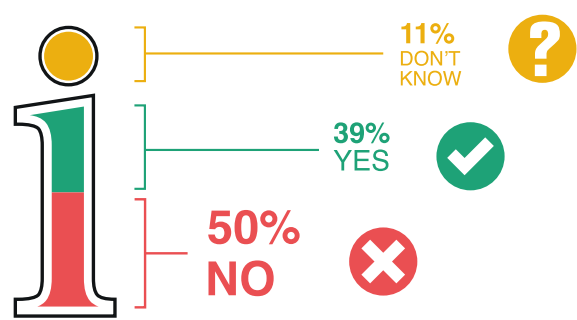
Patient empowerment

Patients...**

...receiving information on risks of HAI



EU average



* Assessment based on reporting by MS
 ** Source: Eurobarometer 80.2