

**Travel Medicine in Europe
The EuroTraveNet Inventory**

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The Challenge: European Expansion

Country	Population
Bulgaria	7.6 million
Cyprus	800,000
Czech Rep.	10.3 million
Estonia	1.4 million
Hungary	10.2 million
Latvia	2.4 million
Lithuania	3.5 million
Malta	400,000
Poland	38.6 million
Slovakia	5.4 million
Slovenia	2 million
Total	ca. 80 Mio

„We are united in our diversity...“

- EU since 1952 (6 core members),
- > 500 Mio Inhabitants
- Mediterranean Europe, Atlantic Europe, Northern Europe, Eastern Europe

Leaping the barriers - obstacles and challenges for travel medicine in Europe

- Europe is polyglot >65 different languages
- Practice of travel medicine varies
- Heterogenous practitioners in various countries
- Cultural differences in geographically close regions



Positive aspects of European diversity

- Well established historical institutions
- Individual approaches to medical problems
- Networking within Europe
- New European databases
- Huge pools of potential study participants

The practice of travel medicine in Europe

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- Europe is worldwide leader in outbound travel
circa 475 million Europeans travel annually


- Germany - most travel related spending 59 billion Euros (2006)
- Travel WITHIN Europe (402 m. yearly)
- Other: Americas 24., Asia 21., Africa 17.
- 462 million ARRIVALS in Europe- 53% leisure, 17% business and 30% VFR

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EuroTravNet Work package 2

- Inventory of travel medicine resources in Europe by country using the electronic questionnaire,






EuroTravNet

European Travel and Tropical Medicine Network
of the *International Society of Travel Medicine*

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
Collaborative Network for Travel and Tropical Medicine



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European Travel Medicine Inventory

1. Travel Medicine Resources in Europe - Include your clinic in this inventory

Dear Travel Health Provider,

We live in a mobile world and travel medicine is becoming an increasingly important field of expertise. In the EU member states and allied countries there has been remarkable growth in this area. The European landscape is rich in historical, tropical and travel medicine traditions and unique in terms of its heterogeneity and component national guidelines. We are indeed "united in diversity". Migration medicine is assuming a great significance with decolonisation and post-colonial population flows and demographic changes in Europe's refugee and asylum processes. To capture the status quo of European resources, EuroTravNet, a network of European travel and tropical health experts, has been asked to provide an inventory of travel medicine services in Europe. To this end, we would like to include concise data on your travel medicine practice in the EU listing. The short questionnaire, available in several European languages, can be completed in five minutes and the resulting inventory is the property of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and will not be distributed to other parties.

Thank you for your co-operation in mapping travel medicine in Europe.
On behalf of EuroTravNet and ECDC,


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Questionnaires by post to "Patricia Schlägenhauf, Frohburgstrasse 49, 8006 Zürich, Switzerland"

1. Where do you practice travel medicine? Choose one country from the list of EU, EFTA and EU candidate countries



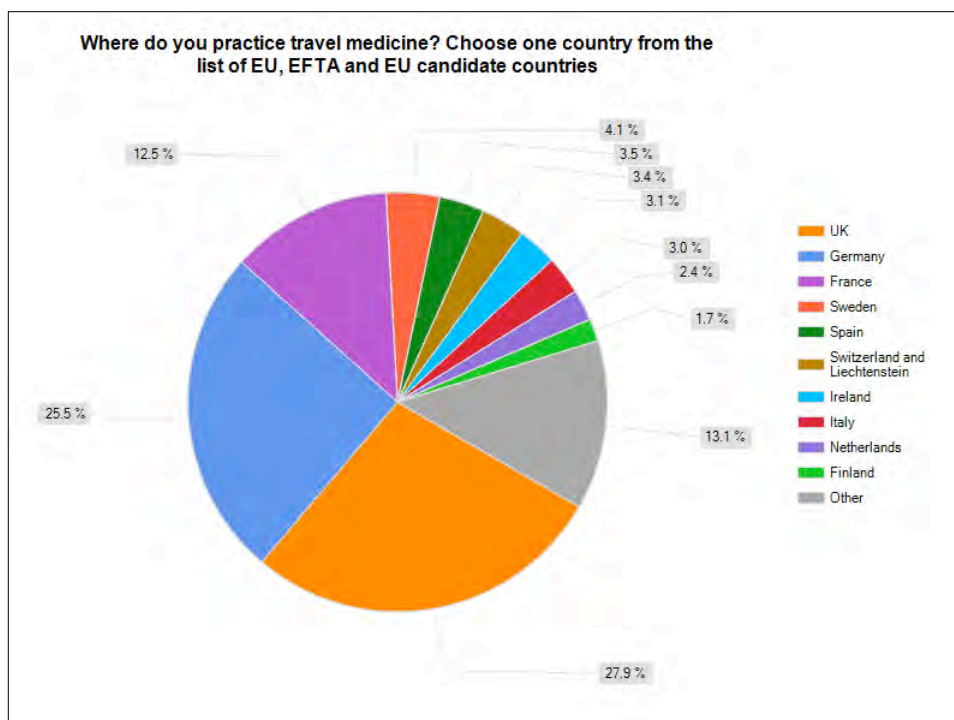
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- Inventory of travel medicine resources in Europe by country using the electronic questionnaire,
- structured interview
- web searching
- Review of pre-travel advice for specific topics
- Overview of travel medicine products in EU and allied lands

Ongoing Inventory - results May 2010

- over 1200 Europeans have accessed the survey
- 40.1% full completion rate



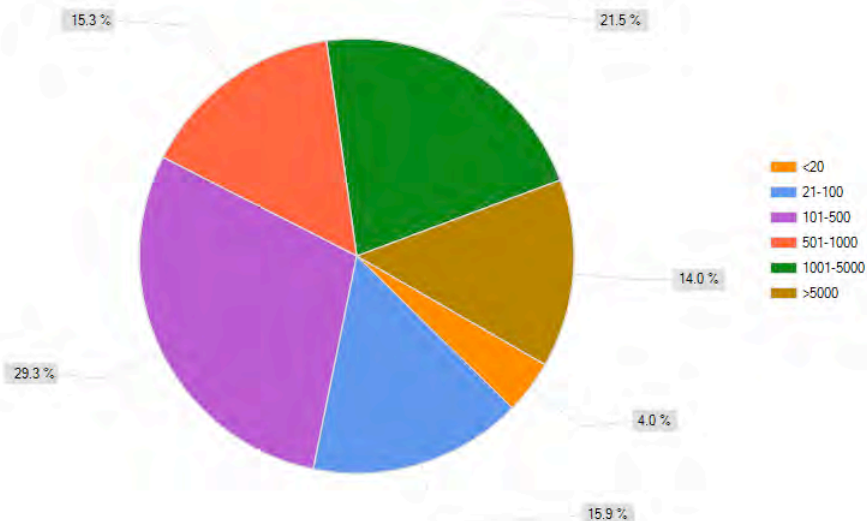
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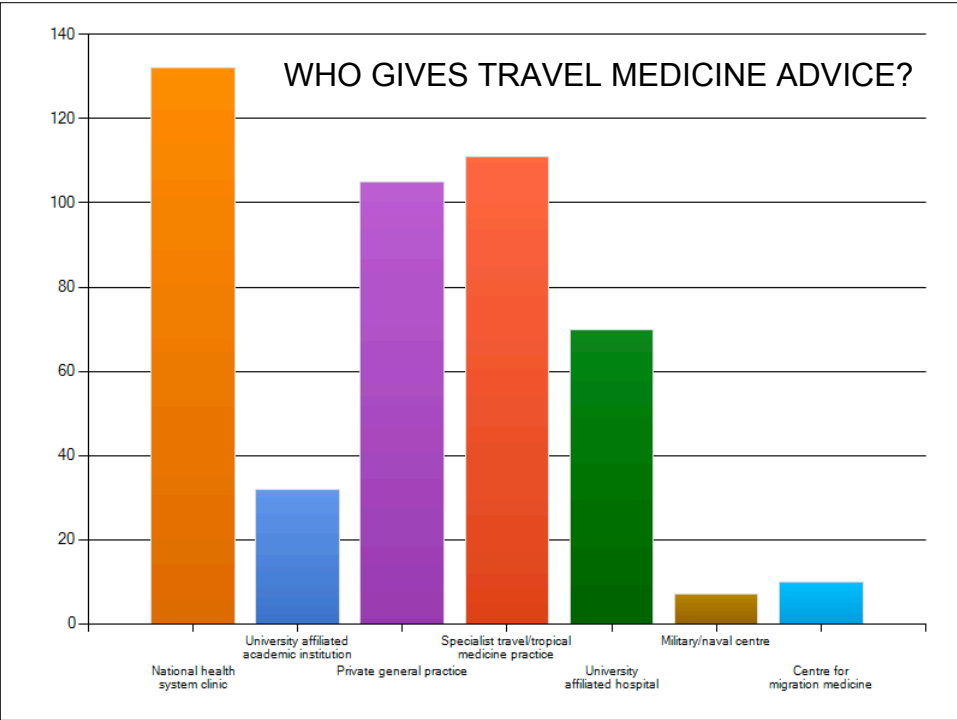
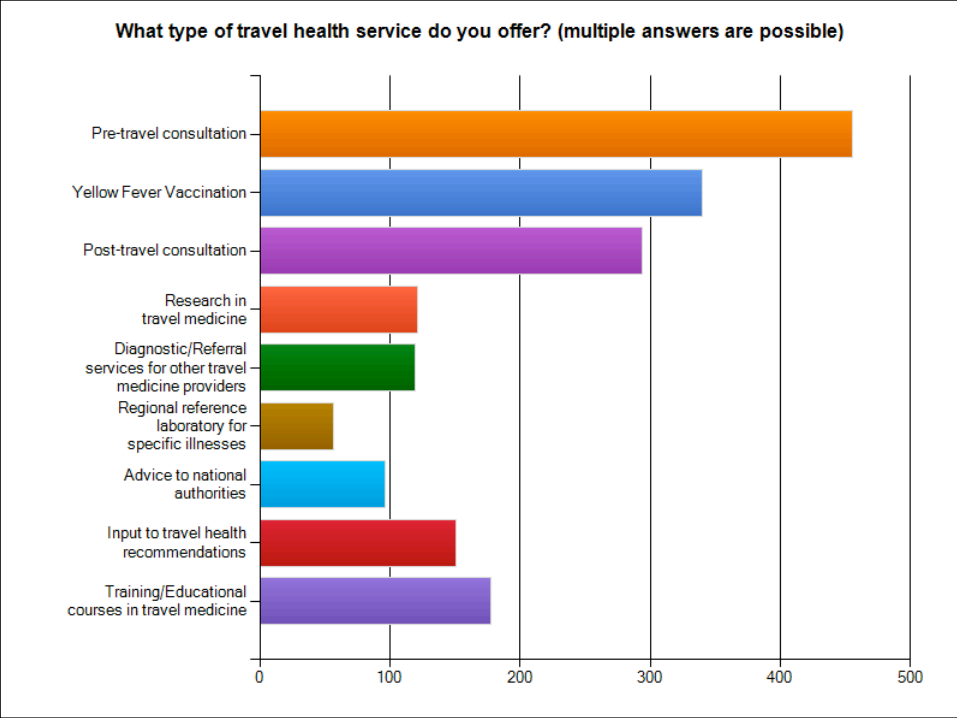
- Identification of major centres in travel medicine, pre- post- both
- Identification of yellow fever vaccination centres
- Migration medicine focused centres
- Centres of expertise



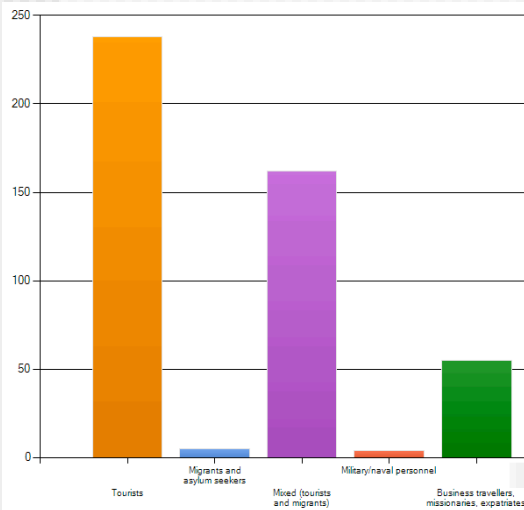
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How many pre-travel consultations are done each year at your clinic?



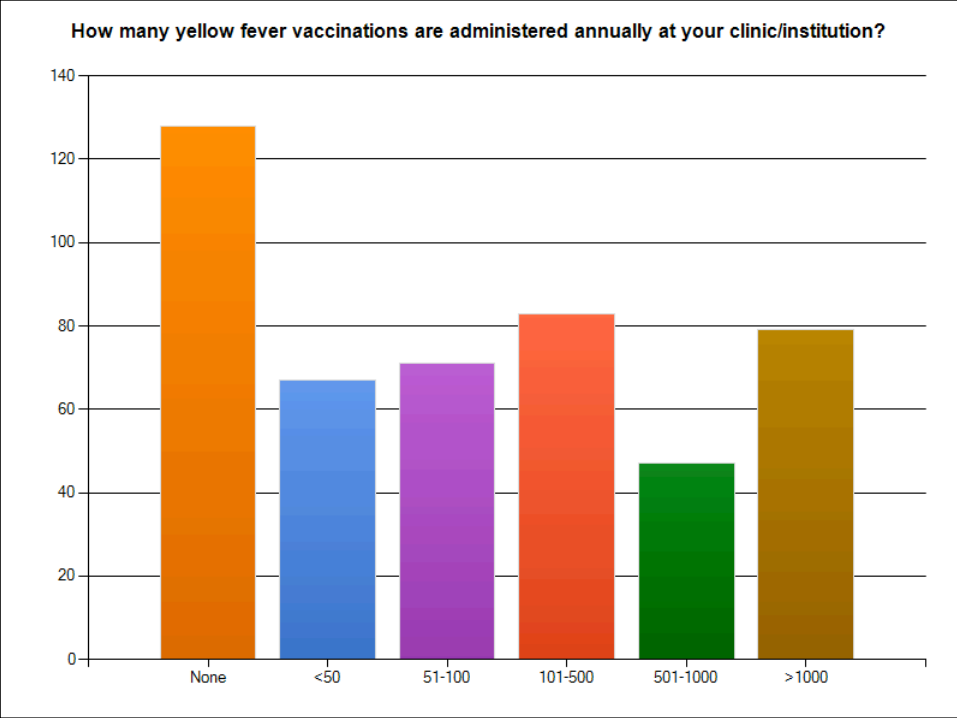


Profile of travellers seen at European Centres

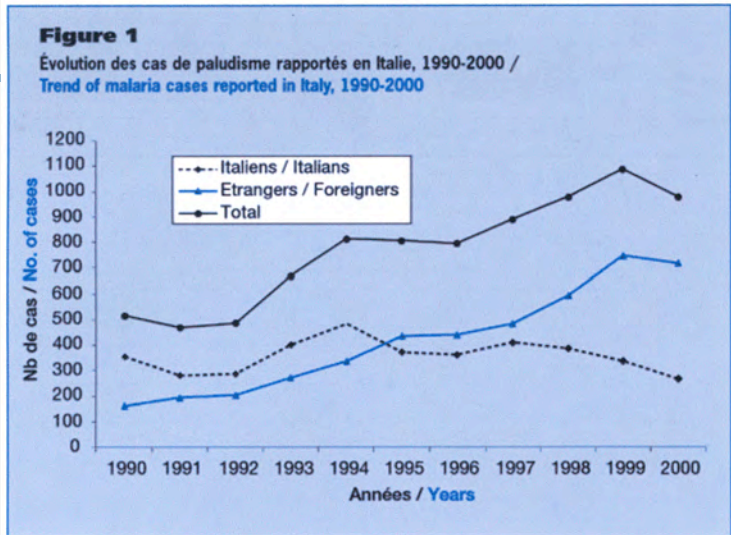


Identification of centres providing obligatory travel vaccinations such as yellow fever and meningococcal meningitis

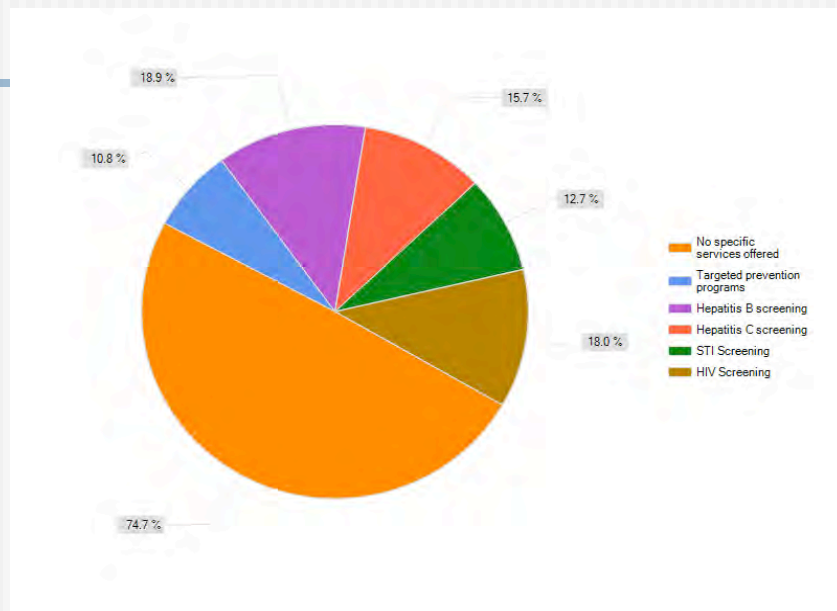
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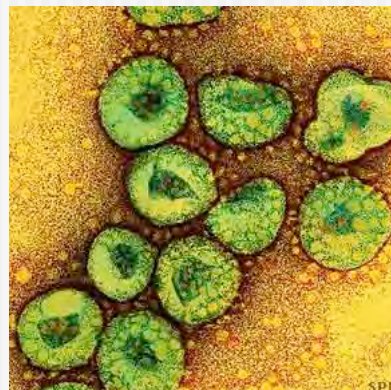
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Imported Disease - old and new challenges for Europe

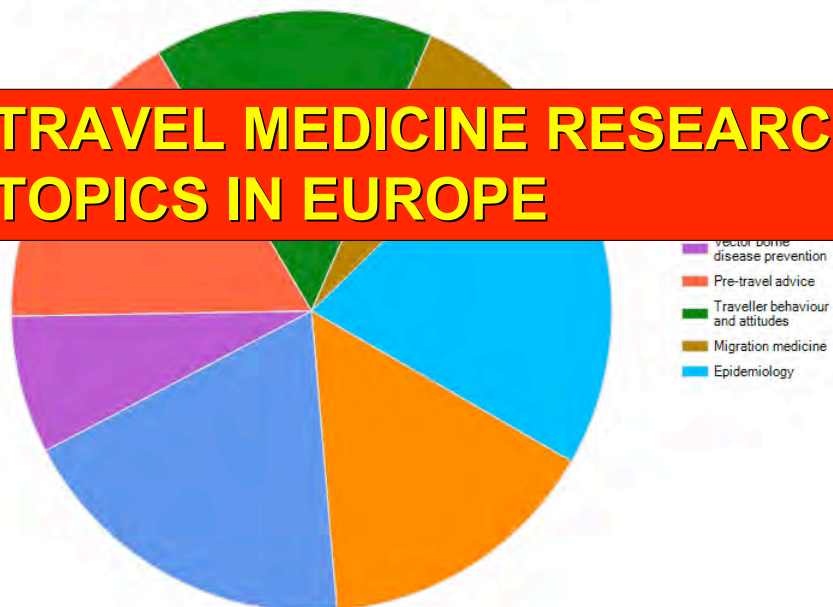
- Dengue
- Chikungunya
- influenza
- Rabies
- TBE

European travel medicine research centres needed!



Have you published research in the field of travel medicine? If yes, please indicate one or more categories.

TRAVEL MEDICINE RESEARCH TOPICS IN EUROPE



Navigating travel medicine in Europe

- ECDC
- EuroTravNet
- ISTM
- WHO



Conclusions - WP2

- Dynamic Inventory of travel medicine resources in Europe
- simple data collection vehicle
- Successful - >1200 respondents
- Under representation in new areas
- ECDC access
- Cave : „*information Paradox*”