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FIGHTING CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE
CALL FOR EU ACTION

WHAT IS CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)
is an umbrella name for conditions that affect the heart muscle or circulation (blood vessels). These include hypertension, stroke, heart failure, congenital cardiovascular disease, inherited heart conditions, and vascular dementia
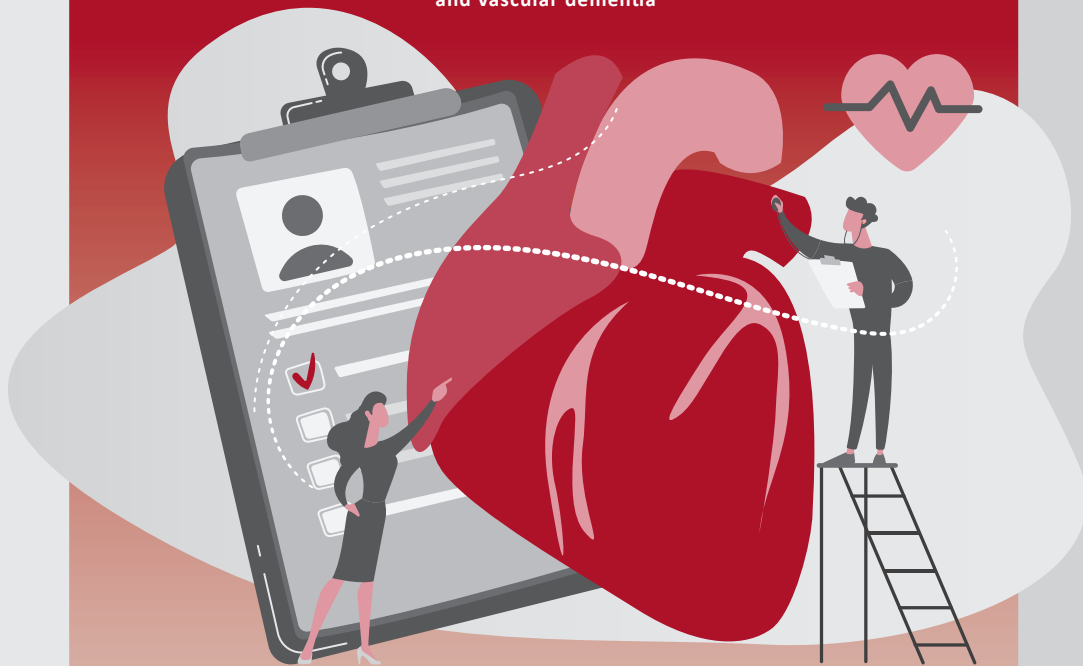
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ACTIONS FOR THE EU

Healthy lifestyles through ambitious EU policy and regulation to reduce critical risk factors (smoking, obesity, sedentary lifestyles, etc.)

Equality in heart health by reducing the huge disparities in Cardiovascular Disease mortality that exist between and within EU Member States

Advancing knowledge by increasing EU funding for Cardiovascular Disease research

Registries for continuous quality improvement, registry-based clinical trials and safety surveillance of new treatments

Transfer of knowledge and best practice among Member States in prevention, diagnosis and management of Cardiovascular Disease
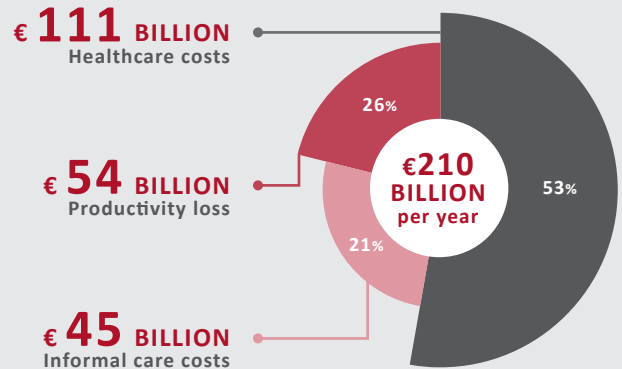
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THE BURDEN OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE (CVD) IN THE EU

IMPACT OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

LIVING WITH CVD (EU)

60 MILLION
Total of people living with Cardiovascular Disease today

13 MILLION
New cases of Cardiovascular Disease each year

COSTS OF CVD (EU)

€111 BILLION Healthcare costs

€54 BILLION Productivity loss

€45 BILLION Informal care costs
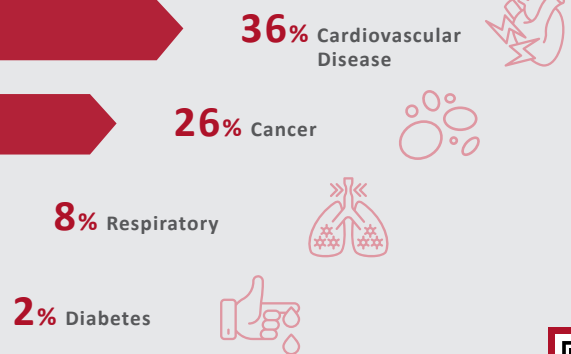
€210 BILLION per year

- 26%
- 21%
- 53%

DYING FROM CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE (EU)

1.8 MILLION
Cardiovascular Disease deaths per year

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5000
Cardiovascular Disease deaths per day

36% Cardiovascular Disease

26% Cancer

8% Respiratory

2% Diabetes

Cardiovascular Disease is the biggest killer in the EU and the world

< 65 YEAR OLDS
Premature death from Cardiovascular Disease

17%   24%
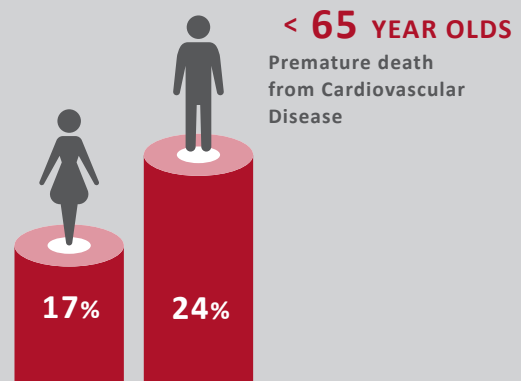
DISPARITIES IN MORTALITY (EU)

A woman in Lithuania is
13x
more likely to die from **heart disease** than a woman in France

A man in Bulgaria is
8x
more likely to die from **stroke** than a man in France

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