Bring mental health to the people

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- WHO role and responsibilities
- Mental Health Action Plan
 - Challenges
 - Actions



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WHO Regional Office for Europe





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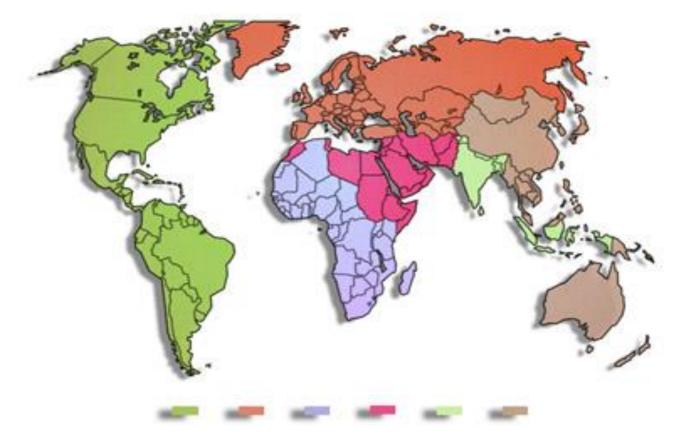
World Health Organization

- WHO was established in 1948 by 61 governments to promote health of all people
- WHO is a specialized agency of the United Nations (unlike UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEFetc.)
- Today there are 193 Member States



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WHO Regional Offices



Americas, Europe, Africa, Eastern Mediterranean, South East Asia, Western Pacific



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WHO mandate

- Give worldwide guidance in the field of health.
- Set global standards for health.
- Cooperate with governments in strengthening national health programmes.
- Develop and transfer appropriate health technology, information and standards.



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Health is more than physical

"Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."



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WHO Global and European Mental Health Action Plan 2013-2020

- WHO Global Mental Health Action
 Plan adopted at WHA in May 2013
- WHO European Mental Health Action Plan adopted at RC in September 2013





The European Mental Health Action Plan



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Neuro-psychiatric conditions Europe: Years lived with disability

1 st	Unipolar depressive disorders	13.7%
2 nd	Alcohol use disorders	6.2%
7 th	Alzheimer and other dementias	3.7%
11 th	Schizophrenia	2.3%
12th	Bipolar disorders	2.2%



The treatment gap in Western Europe

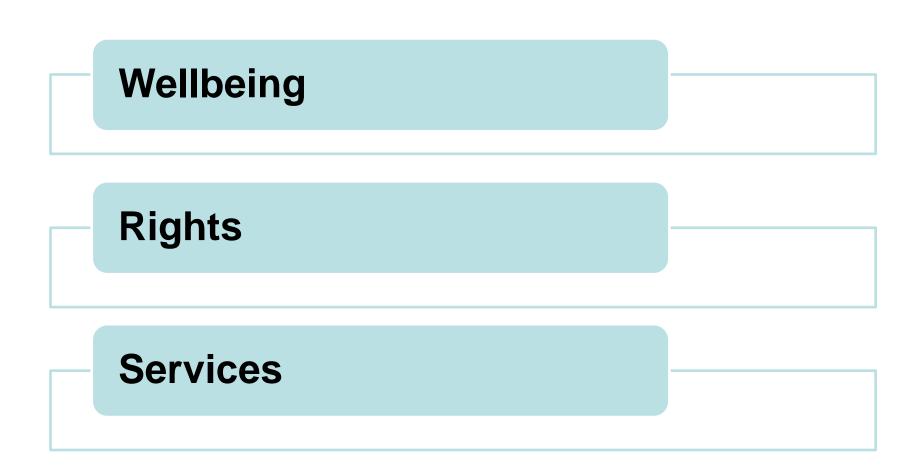
Major depression:	45.4%
Anxiety disorder:	62.3%
Alcohol dependence:	92.4%
Psychosis:	17.8%
Bipolar disorder:	39.9%



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Obj. 1 Everyone has an equal opportunity to realize mental wellbeing throughout their lifespan, particularly those who are most vulnerable



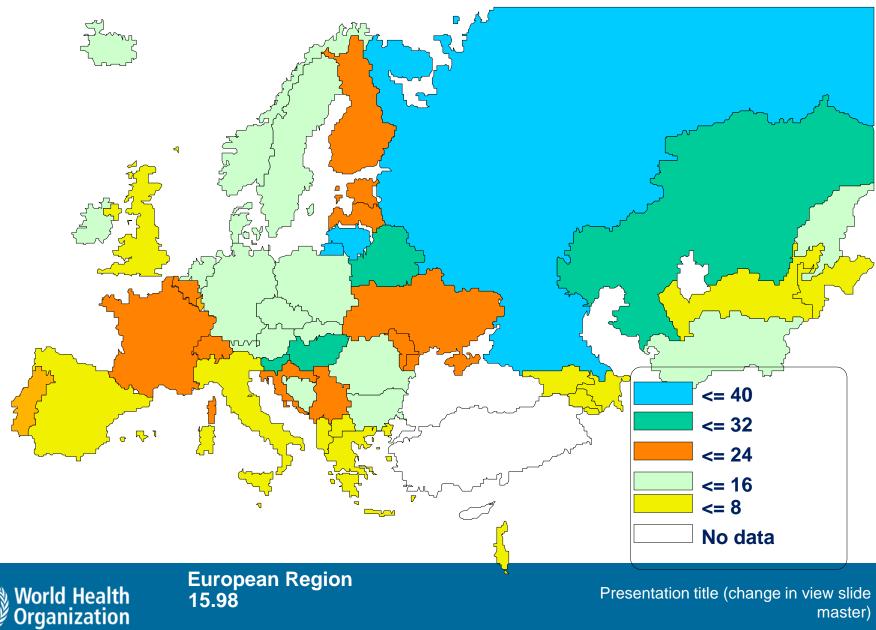


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Suicide and intentional self-harm

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Health Determinants

Social gradient:

- Smoking
- Alcohol
- Diet
- Obesity
- Exercise

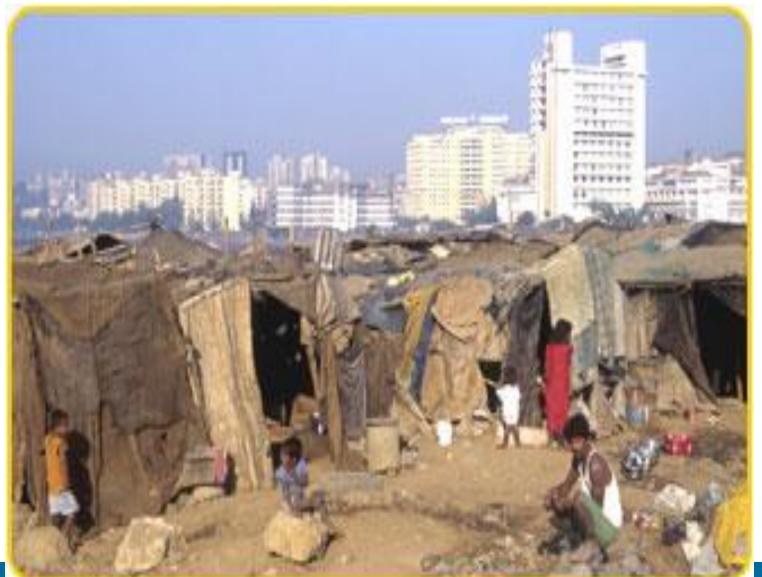


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Determinants of wellbeing

- Early years
- School
- Employment
- Social status
- Income
- Relationships
- Environment
- Minority







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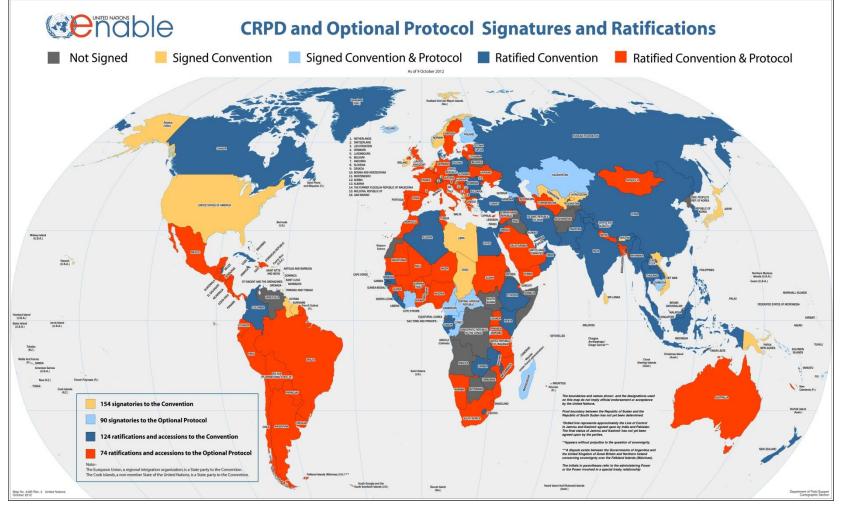
Obj. 2 People with mental health problems are citizens whose human rights are fully valued, protected and promoted





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CRPD signatories





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Obj. 3 Mental health services are accessible, competent, affordable and available in the community according to need





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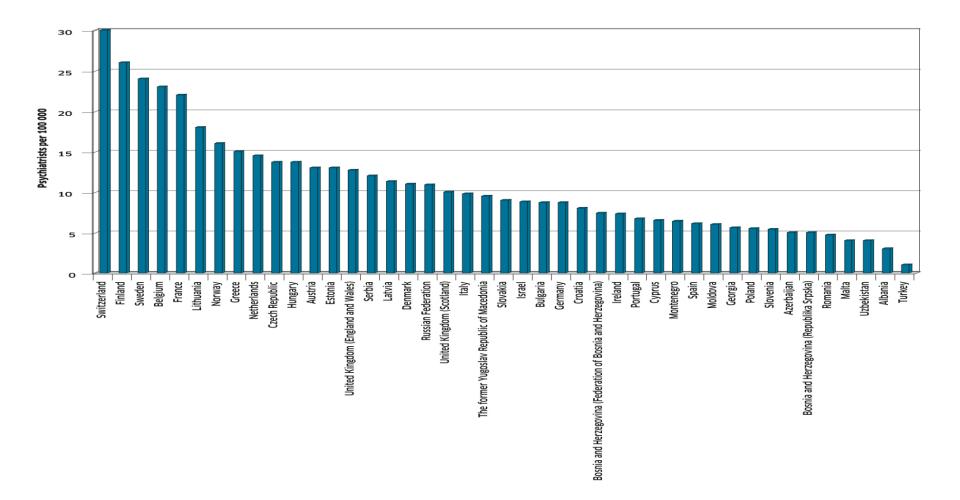
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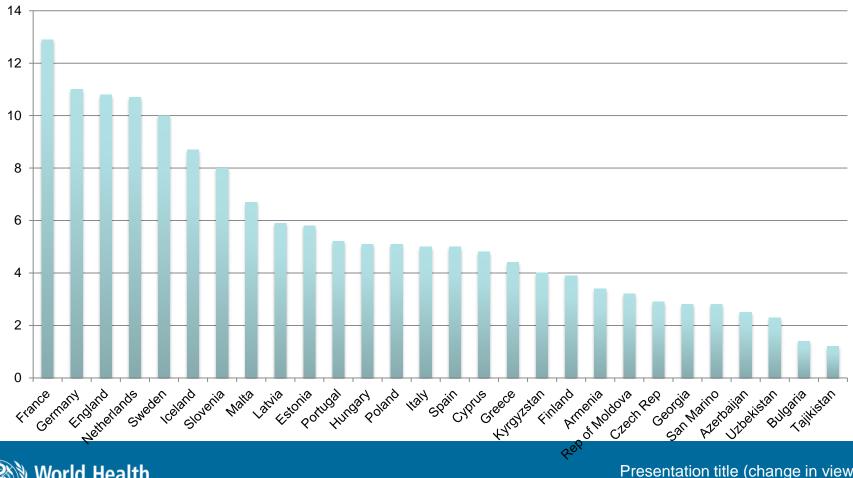
Number of psychiatrists per 100.000 pop.



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Percentage of annual health expenditure allocated to mental health, 2011





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Obj. 4 People are entitled to respectful, safe and effective treatment





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Prescribing Antidepressants (DDD per 1000)

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- Iceland 101
- Denmark 84
- Portugal 79

- Italy 40
- Slovak 29
- Hungary 26
- Estonia

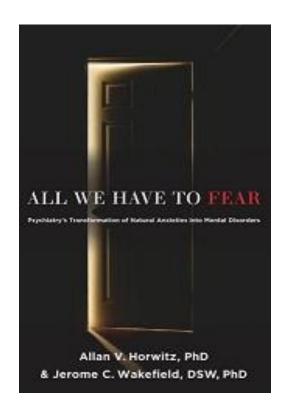




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Treatment disengagement

- 25% not turning up
- 25% disengaging
 - Most after 1st or 2nd visit





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Challenges and Next Steps



Policy challenges for change

- 1. Promote and prevent
- 2. Develop service capacity



- 3. Increase acceptability mental health system
- 4. Offer better treatment
- 5. Choose priorities equitably



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Some priorities

- Protect groups at risk.
- Strengthen role primary care.
- Establish acceptable community services, close large institutions.
- Assure competency and morale of staff.
- Involve users and families in quality improvement.



How will we proceed

- Working with MOHs in 25 countries
- Partnerships with other agencies



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Good and trusted mental health care

Responsive to needs

- Number and type of mental health problems
- Socio-economic challenges

Accessible and Affordable

- local
- Low threshold

Acceptable

- Safe
- Respectful
- Effective



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