



INJURIES AND VIOLENCE IN THE WHO EUROPEAN REGION: A CALL FOR PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION



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The Sustainable Development Goals and Health 2020



Acting together

SDG target 3.2

End preventable deaths of children under 5 years

SDG target 3.5

Strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including harmful use of alcohol

SDG target 3.6

Halve global deaths from road traffic accidents

SDG target 5.2

Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls

SDG target 5.3

Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation

SDG target 16.1

Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere

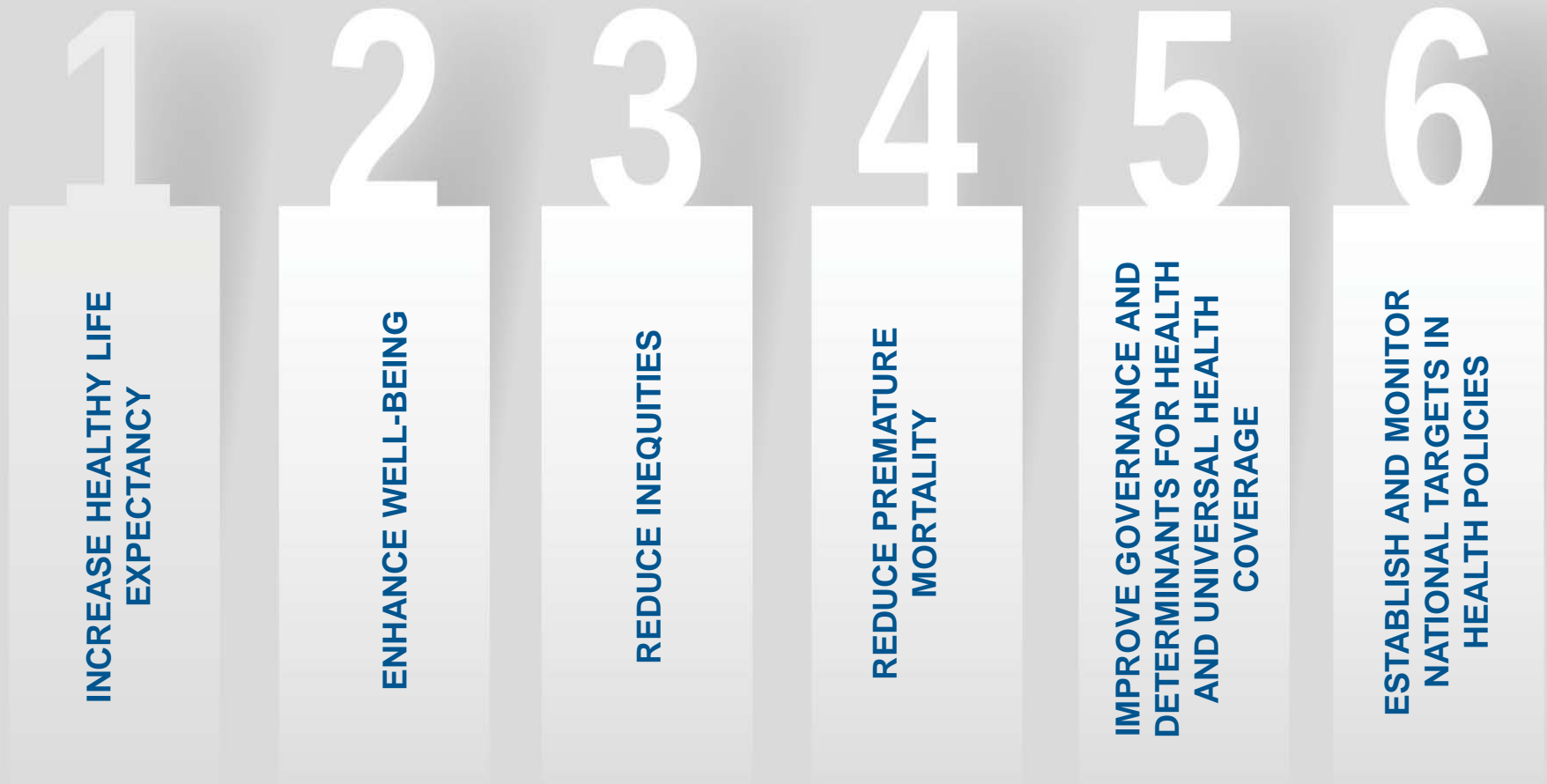
SDG target 16.2

End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children

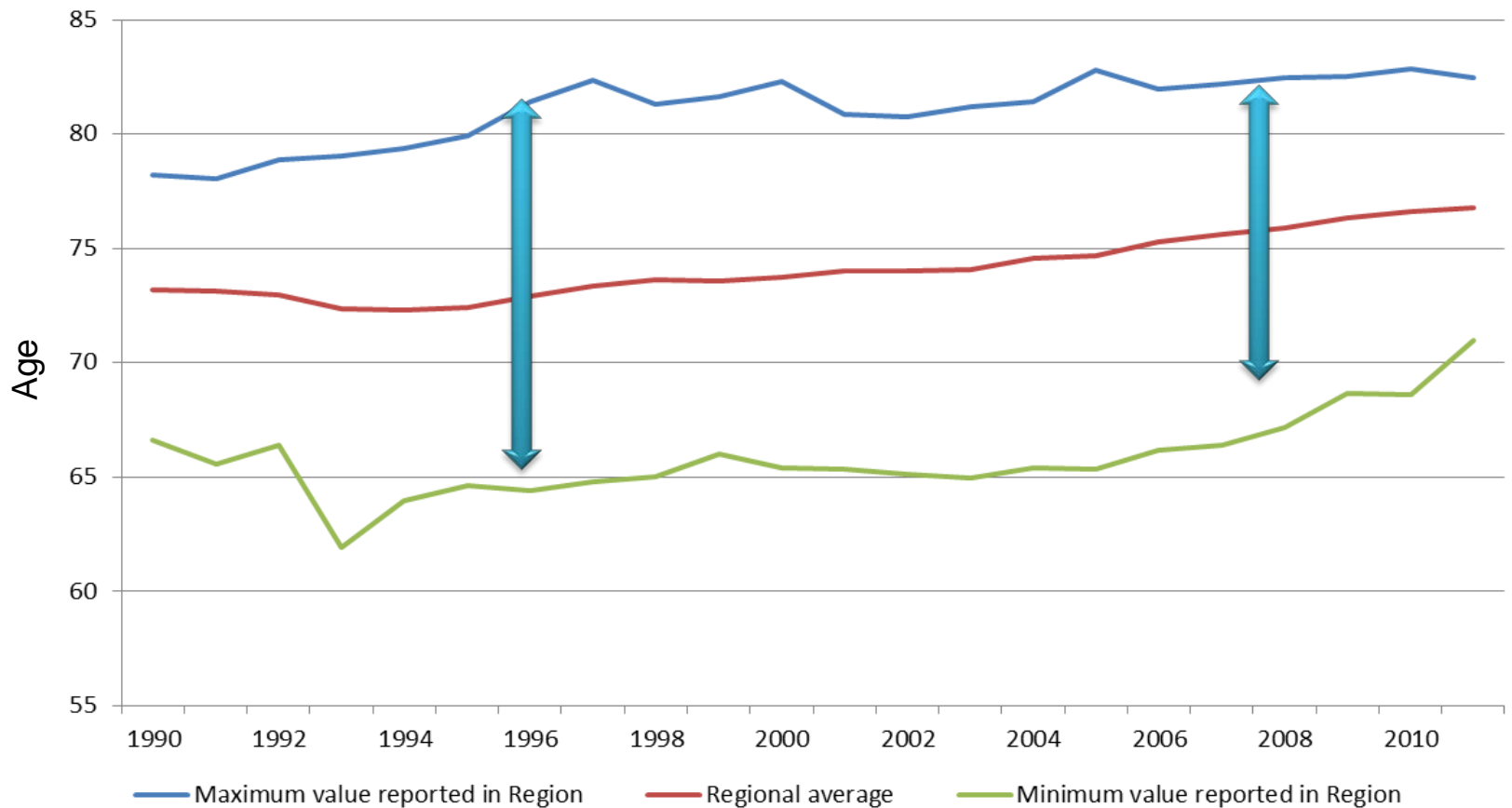
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with targets that address risk factors:
a sustainable injury and violence prevention agenda?



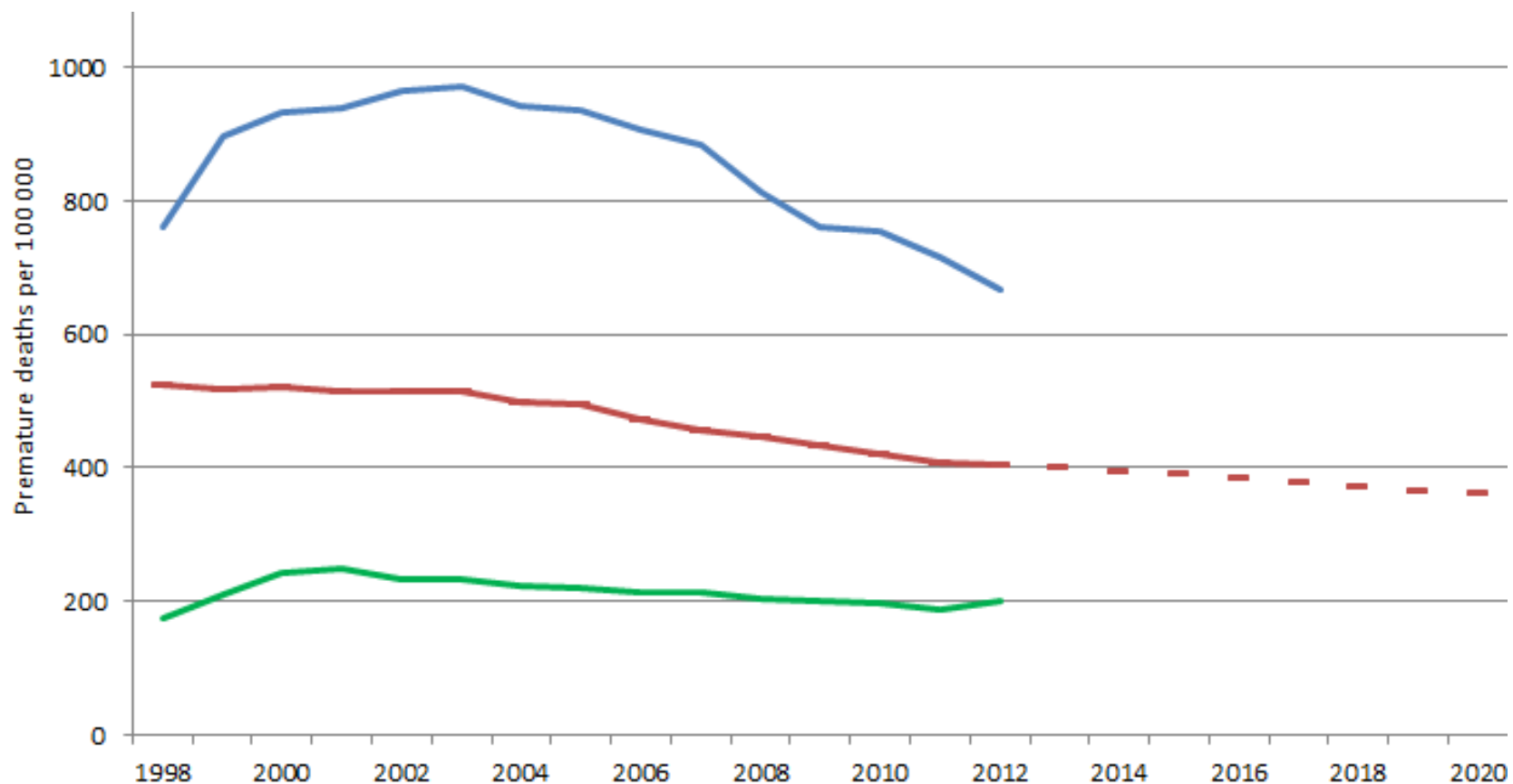
Health 2020: the right political choices for health



Inequalities in life expectancy: declining, but gap persists

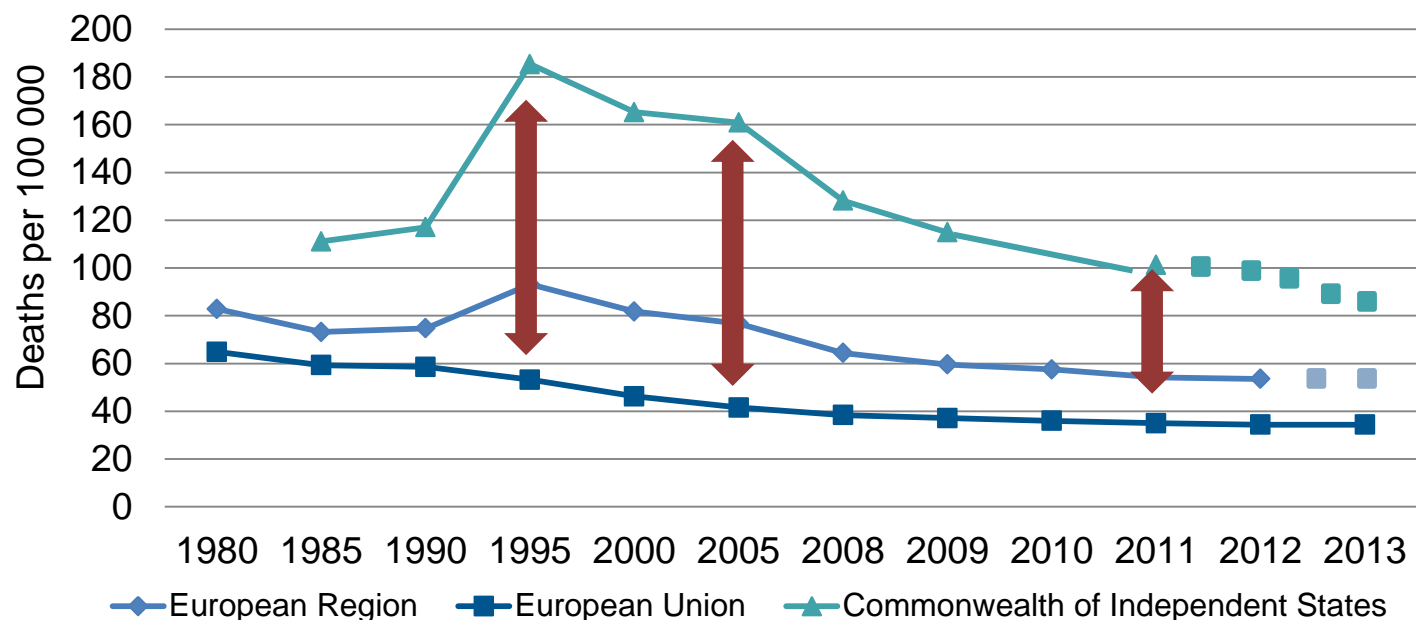


Region on track in reducing premature mortality



RC55/R9: Prevention of injuries in the WHO European Region

Deaths from injuries, all ages in the Region



Injury deaths:

755 000 in 2000

544 000 in 2012

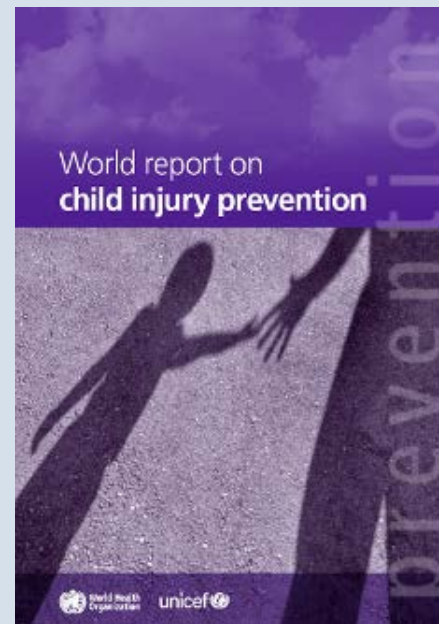
Injuries and violence occur throughout life but their effects may accumulate over a lifetime and affect other generations. The benefits of safe and nurturing environments are also passed on through generations.



ACTING EARLY

Acting early – child injuries

- Large differences exist between and within countries.
- Child injuries are a huge drain on health and societal resources.
- World Health Assembly resolution WHA64.27 on child injury prevention was passed in 2011.
- In spite of proposed prevention programmes, the divide in the Region has **increased**.



Acting early – child maltreatment

Child maltreatment in the Region: a hidden form of violence

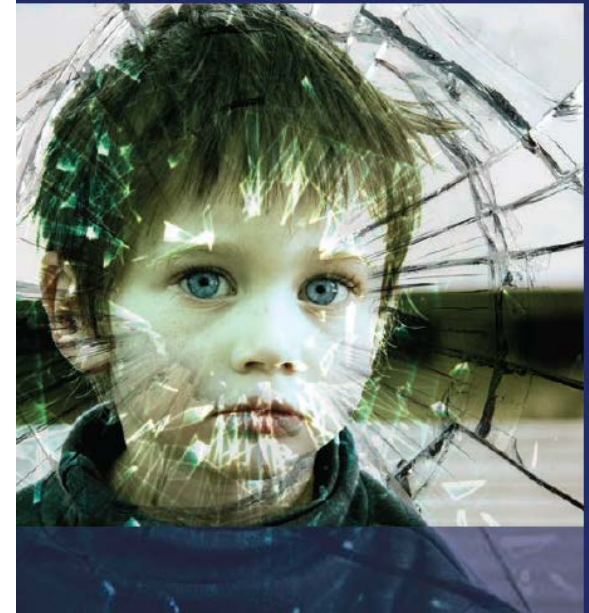
Type	Prevalence	Children maltreated
Sexual abuse	9.6%*	18 million
Physical abuse	22.9%	44 million
Emotional abuse	29.1%	55 million
Physical neglect	16.3%	31 million
Emotional neglect	18.4%	35 million

*5.7% of boys and 13.4% of girls

Only 10% of child maltreatment comes to the attention of authorities.



European report
on preventing
child maltreatment



Investing in children: the European child maltreatment prevention action plan – handbooks for its 3 objectives

1. Strengthen data collection

Measuring and monitoring national prevalence of child maltreatment: a practical handbook

2. Develop comprehensive national action plans

Handbook for developing national action plans to prevent child maltreatment

3. Strengthen health systems capacity to implement evidence-informed programmes

Implementing child maltreatment prevention programmes: what the experts say

ACTING IN TIME

Acting in time – road traffic accidents

Road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death in young people aged 5–29 years.

85 000

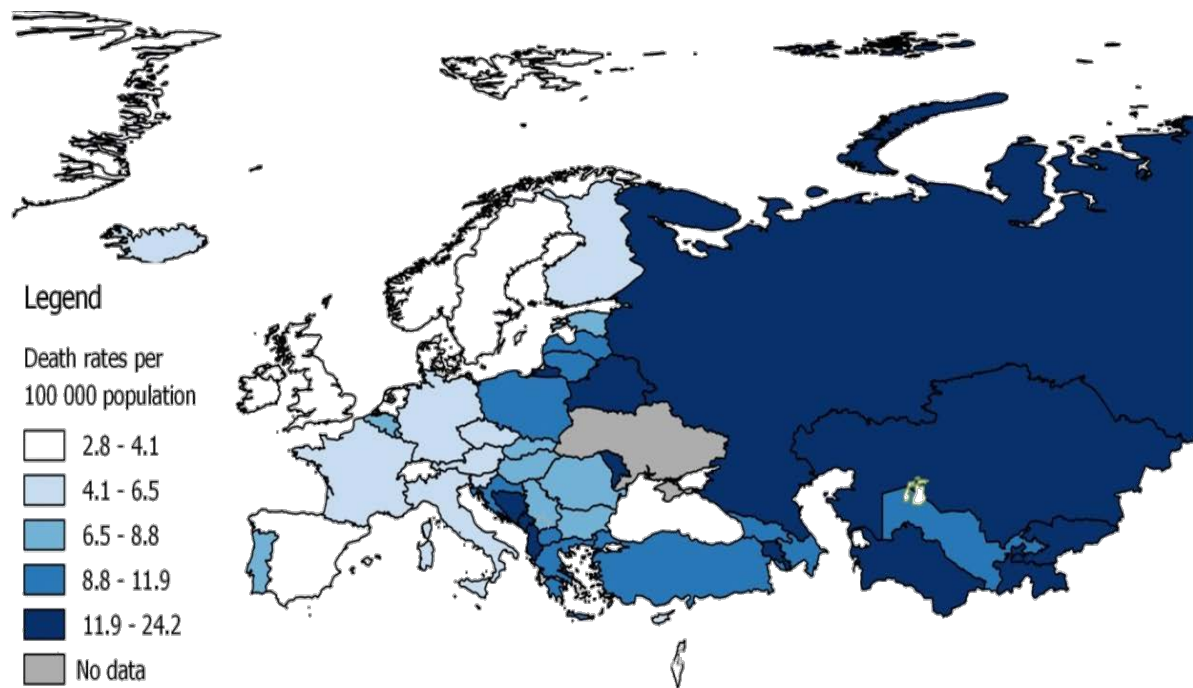


8.1%

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Efforts must increase to reach the target of a 50% reduction by 2020.

Age-standardized road traffic injury mortality rates in the Region by quintiles, 2013



Acting in time – for adolescents and youth

EUROPEAN REPORT ON
**PREVENTING
VIOLENCE AND
KNIFE CRIME**
AMONG **YOUNG PEOPLE**



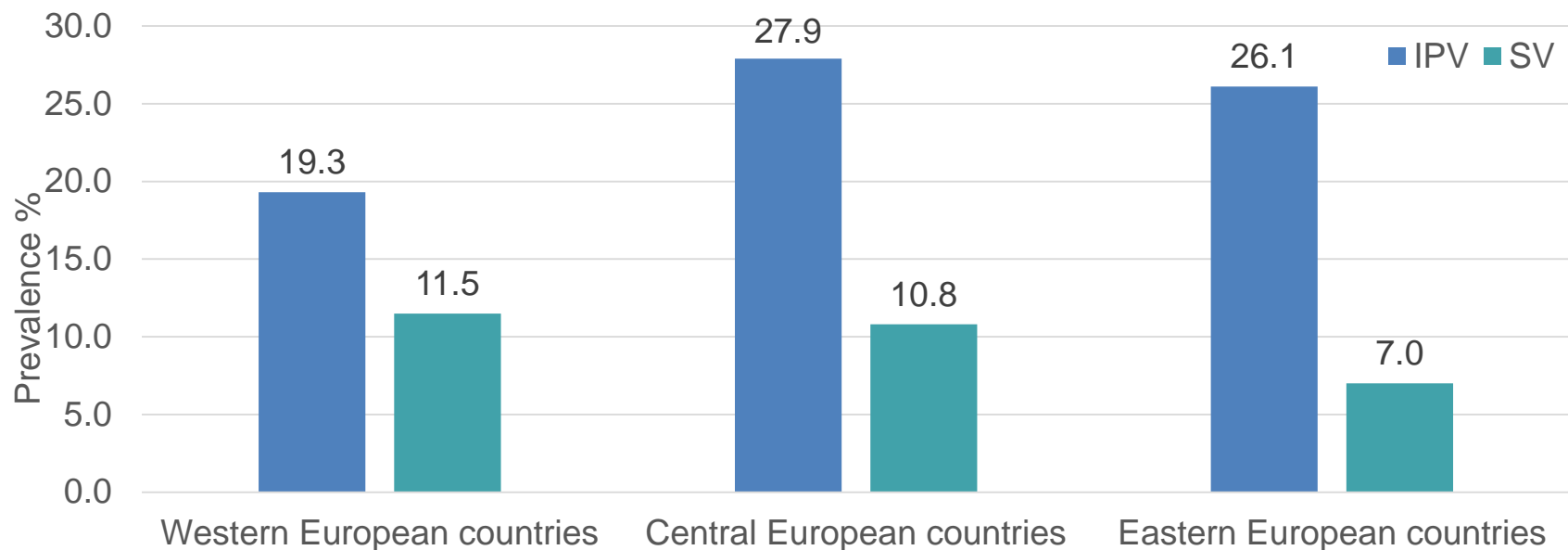
Interpersonal violence is the third leading cause of death in young people aged 10–29 years in the Region.

- Interpersonal violence accounts for **15 000** homicides yearly.
- For every young person who dies, **20** more are admitted to hospital.
- **9 out of 10** homicide deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries.



Acting in time – for women and families

Violence committed against women by intimate partners (IPV) and non-partner sexual violence (SV) in the Region



40% of children who live in households with IPV experience child maltreatment.

ACTING TOGETHER

SDGs show how to achieve safe and equitable communities

Work together across sectors

Invest early to ensure physically safe and nurturing social environments

Invest in key stages of the life-course

Reduce risk behaviours and improve environments

Provide sustainable health and social benefits



Thank you

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/disease-prevention/violence-and-injuries>

