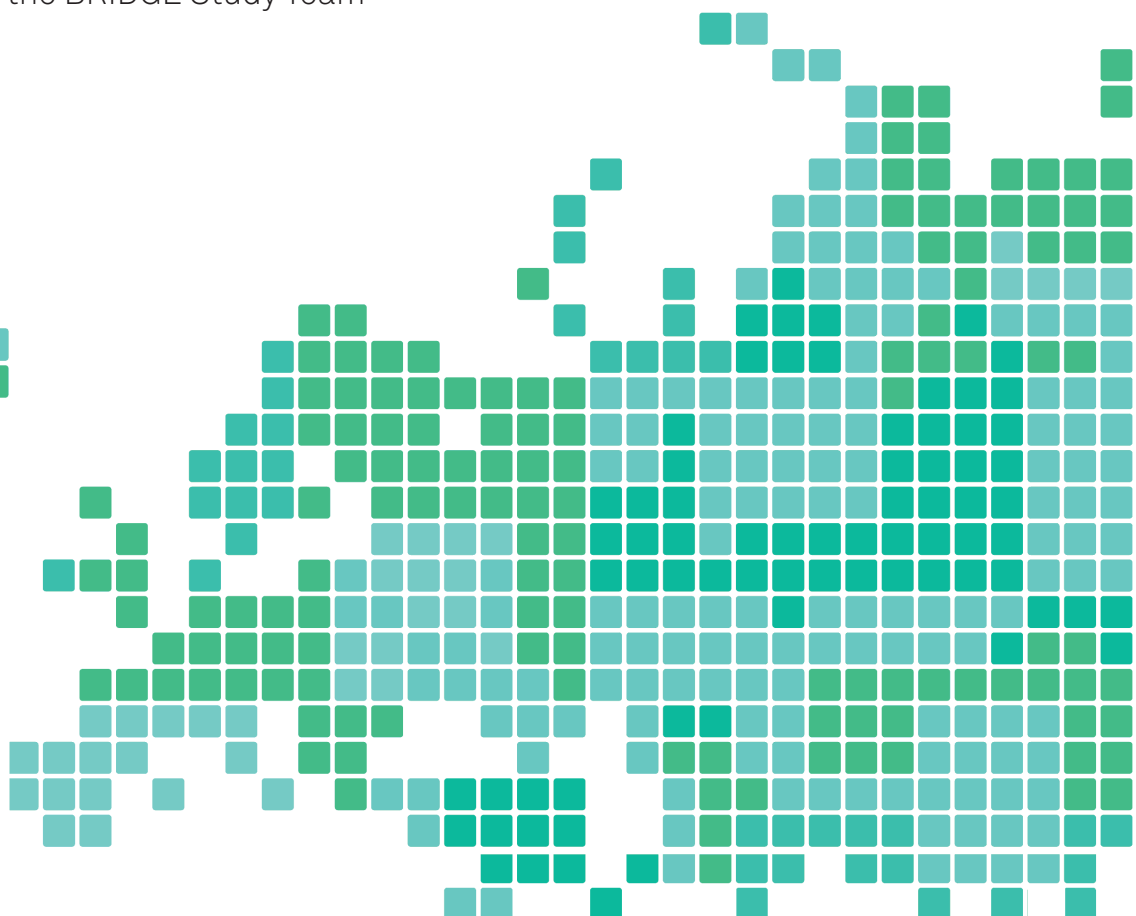


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CEMPH	Centre for the Economics of Mental and Physical Health (England)
CNPT	National Committee for the Prevention of Smoking (Spain)
CSR	comprehensive spending review (England)
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
FAD	Avedis Donabedian Foundation (Spain)
FPS	Federal Public Services for Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment (Belgium)
GDP	gross domestic product
GP	general practitioner
HELFO	Norwegian Health Economics Administration
Helse Nord RHF	Northern Norway Regional Health Authority
Helse Sør-Øst	South-Eastern Norway Regional Health Authority
HTA	health technology assessment
IPH	Federal Scientific Institute of Public Health (Belgium)
KCE	Belgian Health Care Knowledge Centre
MAB	maximum billing (Belgium)
NIHDI	National Institute of Health and Disability Insurance (Belgium)
NIHR	National Institute for Health Research (England)
NGO	nongovernmental organization
NHS	National Health Service (England)
NOKC	Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services
NSF	national service framework (England)
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OSE	Observatory of European Health (Spain)
PSSRU	Personal Social Services Research Unit (England)
SDO	Service Delivery and Organisation [Programme] (England)
SESPAS	Spanish Society of Public Health and Health Administration
SHC	Superior Health Council (Belgium)
SNS	Spanish national health system