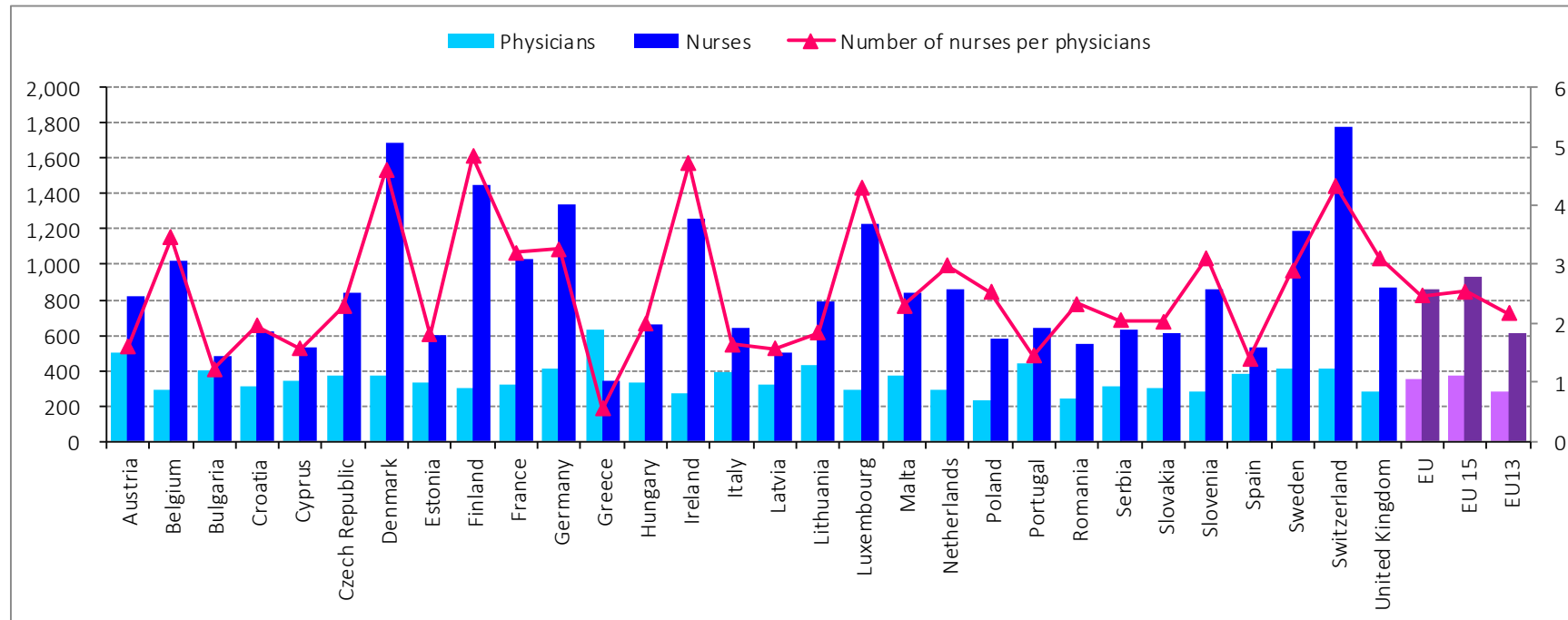


**HEALTH PROFESSIONALS' PROFILE**  
**PHYSICIANS AND NURSES PER 100.000 POPULATIONS**



NOTE. All data refer to year 2014.  
 Data for Netherlands refer to 2008.  
 Data for Belgium refer to 2010.  
 Data for Ireland refer to 2011.  
 Data for Finland refer to 2012.  
 Data for Czech Republic, Denmark, Sweden and Romania refer to 2013.  
 Main Sources of data: WHO/Europe, European HFA Database, July 2016

In 2014, the European Union had a total of 1,600,000 physicians and 3,850,000 nurses with a more or less stable rate of 2.5 **nurses per each physician**, as illustrated by the dotted line in the chart above.

In 2014, the **number of physicians per 100,000 inhabitants** in the European Union was on average 350, ranging between 231 in Poland and 625 in Greece.

The average number of **nurses per 100,000 inhabitants** was 864, encompassed between 344 in Greece and 1,781 in Switzerland.

In 2014, the **number of physicians per 100,000 inhabitants** in EU13 was 284 while in EU15 it was 367. The number of **nurses per 100,000 inhabitants** in EU13 was 615 while in EU15 it was 931.

Between 2000 and 2014, the **number of physicians per 100,000 inhabitants** in the **28 European Member States** increased on average by 19%. In EU15 it increased by 20%, in EU13 instead, by about 12% (it increased until 2003, then it started dropping off and since 2005 it increased again).

The number of **nurses per 100,000 inhabitants** increased on average by 11% in the **28 European Member States**. In EU15 it increased on average of 11% from 2000 to 2014, in EU13 by 6%.

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#### NUMBER OF PHYSICIANS PER 100,000 POPULATIONS IN THE DECADE 2000 – 2014

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##### Most relevant increases

- **Greece:** +45%,  
from 433 in 2000 to 625 in 2014
- **Portugal:** +44%,  
from 308 in 2000 to 443 in 2014
- **United Kingdom:** +43%,  
from 196 in 2000 to 281 in 2014
- **Netherlands:** +37%,  
from 244 in 2000 to 335 in 2014

##### Most relevant decreases

- **Slovakia:** -7%,  
from 323 in 2000 to 300 in 2014
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#### NUMBER OF NURSES PER 100,000 POPULATIONS IN THE DECADE 2000 – 2014

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##### Most relevant increases

- **Luxembourg:** +63%,  
from 756 in 2000 to 1.232 in 2014
- **Malta:** +53%,  
from 551 in 2000 to 843 in 2014
- **Portugal:** +46%,  
from 437 in 2000 to 638 in 2014
- **Spain:** +43%,  
from 373 in 2000 to 534 in 2014

##### Most relevant decreases

- **Slovakia:** -19%,  
from 748 in 2000 to 608 in 2014
  - **United Kingdom:** -8%,  
from 949 in 2000 to 873 in 2014
  - **Italy:** -5%,  
from 673 in 2000 to 637 in 2014
  - **Estonia:** -4%,  
from 620 in 2000 to 598 in 2014
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