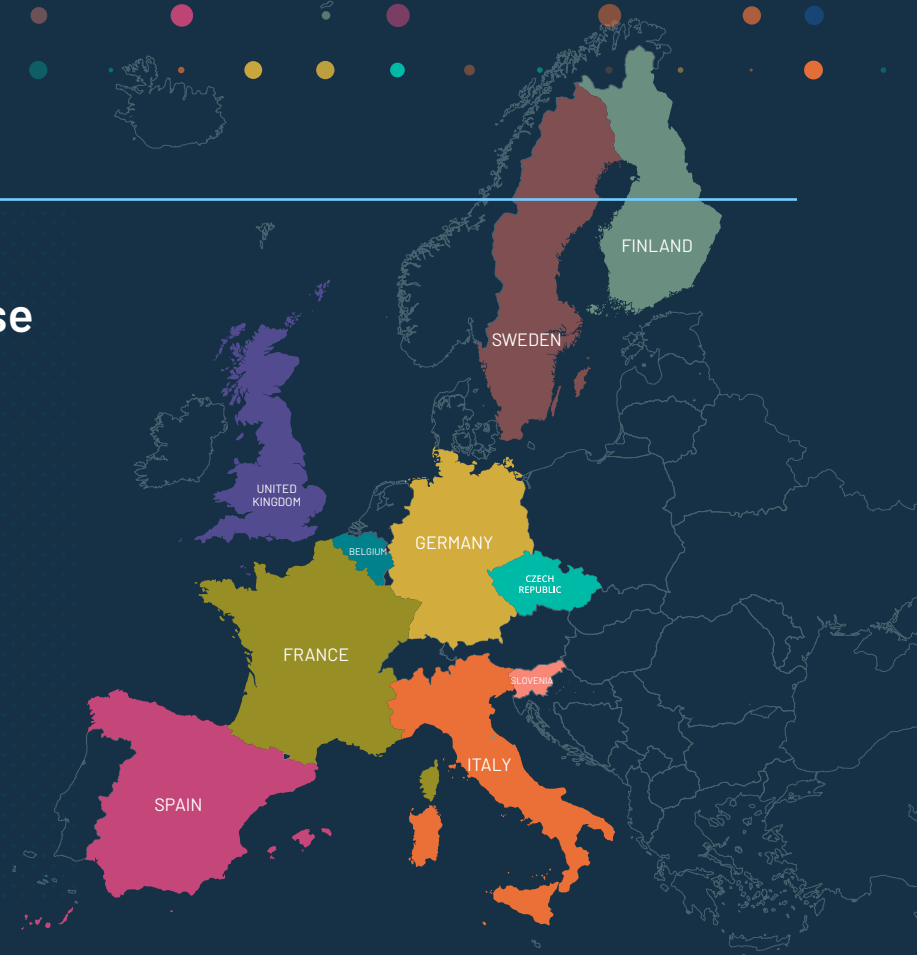
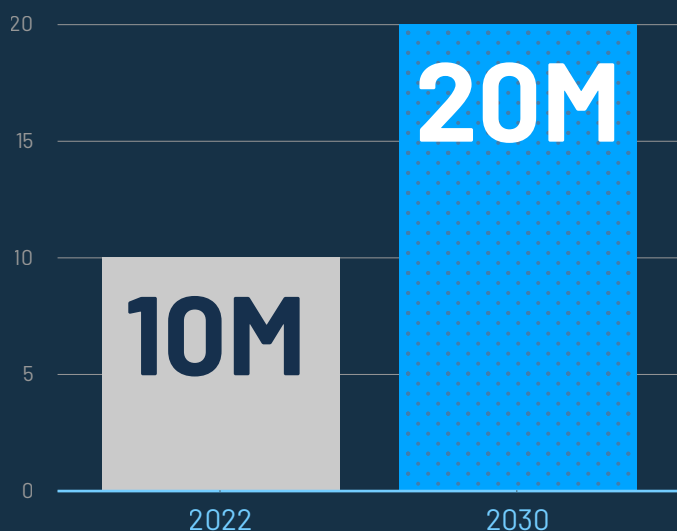


As Europe rapidly ages, the burden of Alzheimer's disease and the number of people impacted continues to rise.¹

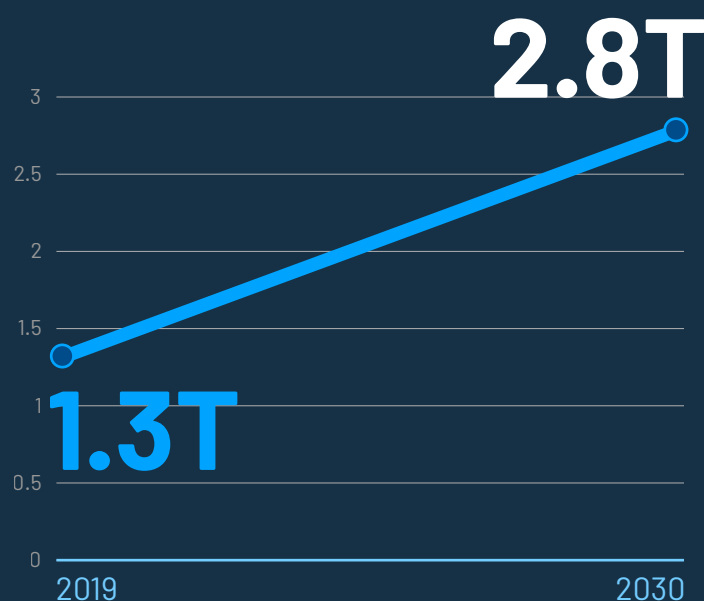


Alzheimer's disease and other dementias rates, related costs, and care needs are skyrocketing.²

The number of people impacted by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias in the European Region is projected to nearly double from 10 million to 20 million by 2030.³



The WHO estimates global costs of dementia are set to reach \$2.8 trillion by 2030, a dramatic rise from \$1.3 trillion in 2019.⁴



Efforts to diagnose, treat, and care for those living with dementia remain largely underfunded and fall far short of the increasing need.⁵

Governments have not committed funding to deliver on their national action plans.⁶

Of the 10 European countries evaluated in this index, only the **UK** has fully funded their national action plan.⁷

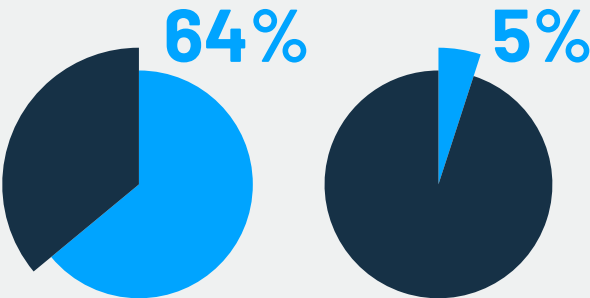


As a result, countries are **unable to implement integral programs** to enable early detection and diagnosis, expand access to care, improve awareness and monitoring, or elevate care standards.⁸

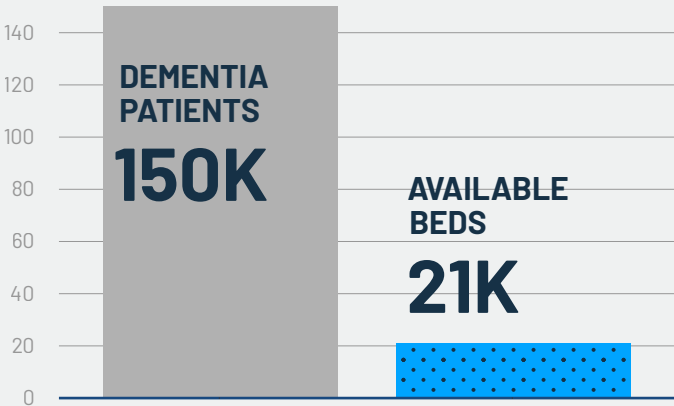


Many living⁹ with dementia are unable to access the interventions, treatments, or care they need.

In Spain, only 64% of people living with severe dementia have been diagnosed and only 5% of those with mild dementia have a diagnosis. Without a diagnosis, individuals cannot access treatment or care.¹⁰

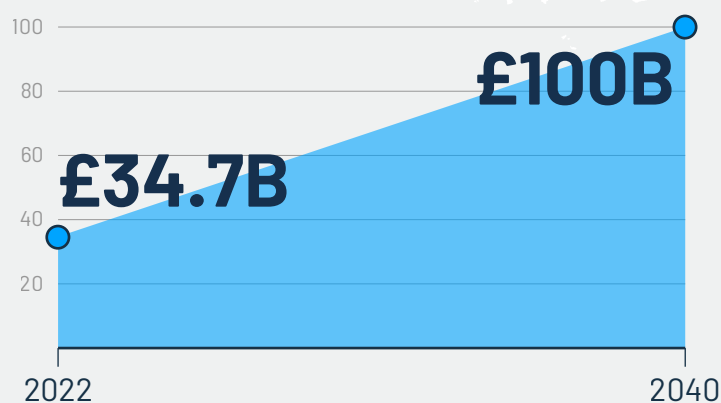


150,000 people are living with dementia in the **Czech Republic**, yet there are only 21,000 available beds in care homes.¹¹

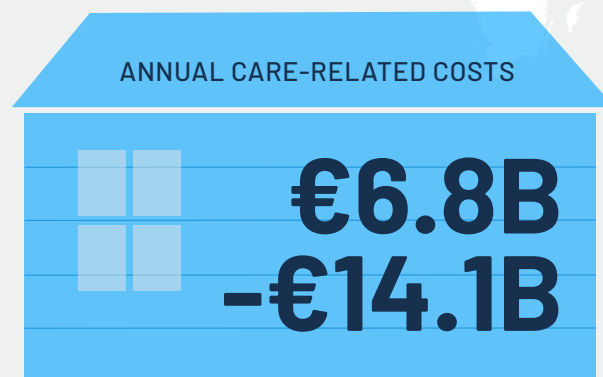


The rising cost of care for Alzheimer's disease and other dementias is straining both public and private budgets.¹²

In the **UK**, the total cost of care for those living with dementia is expected to reach almost £100 billion (€116 billion) by 2040, a sharp increase from the current cost of care £34.7 billion (€41.4 billion).¹³



Informal carers in **Sweden** pay between €6.8 and €14.1 billion annually for care-related costs.¹⁴



Informal caregivers shoulder a huge proportion of the care burden, accounting for about half of the global cost of dementia.¹⁵

Over 65 million people worldwide, including millions of Europeans, will be full-time informal carers for those living with dementia by 2030.¹⁶



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We must prioritize policy action to ensure that our newfound longevity is paired with healthy aging.¹⁷

Call to Action¹⁸

1.

Pass or renew national plans that set forth attainable measures to address the growing needs of people living with Alzheimer's disease and dementia and their caregivers.

2.

Secure the necessary funding to implement key initiatives in their national plans to meet these growing needs, such as improving research and data collection capabilities, increasing access to training and tools to improve detection and diagnosis rates, strengthening both formal and informal caregiving capabilities and supports, and creating federalized systems for managing and overseeing diagnosis, treatment, and care.

3.

Foster new advocacy driven by regional and national political champions committed to encouraging innovation and sustaining efforts to combat Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and the associated stigma.

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