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Sunbed regulation and Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

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Europe's Beating Cancer Plan: A new EU approach to prevention, treatment and care

The Commission will also explore **measures on exposure to ultraviolet radiation**, including **from sunbeds**, which increases the risk of **melanoma**, the most serious form of skin cancer



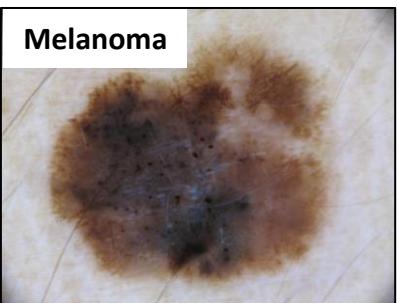
INCREASED RISK (average)



EVER SUNBED USE

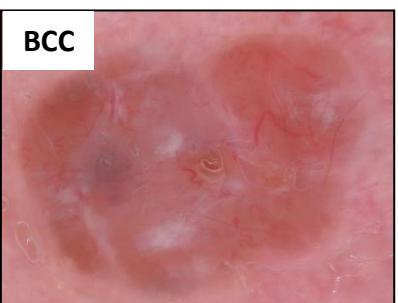


FIRST USE IN YOUTH (<25-35 years)



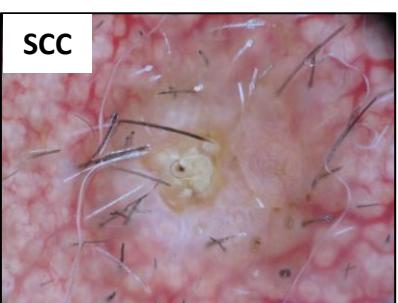
20%

70%



30%

40%



70%

100%

Sunbed regulation in Europe

harmonized European standard
EN 60335-2-27:2013



restrictions for minors
and fair-skinned individuals



for a subset of countries

→ Low compliance with legislation

- malfunctioning/obsolete sunbeds
- no warning signs
- inappropriate use by customers

→ There is **no safe limit** for exposure to UV radiation by sunbeds!

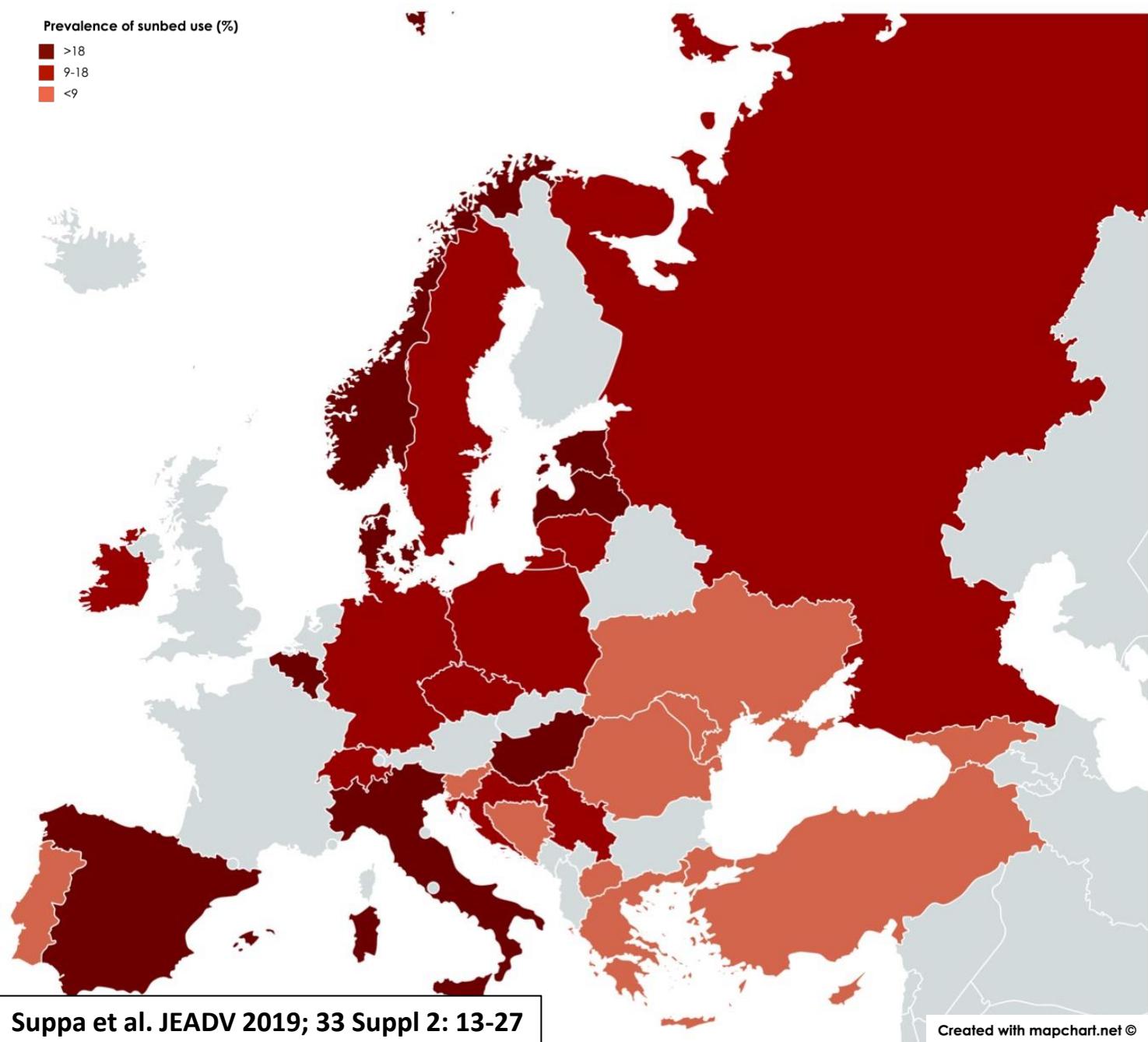
Legislative measures taken in Europe are **insufficient!**

VARIABILITY OF SUNBED USE PREVALENCE ACROSS COUNTRIES

	%	Latitude
Belgium	26,5	50.85
Latvia	25,2	57.00
Denmark	24,2	55.72
Norway	22,2	61.00
Italy	20,5	41.90
Hungary	20,4	47.43
Spain	19,3	40.43
Estonia	18,1	59.00
Sweden	16,9	59.35
Poland	15,3	52.22
Lithuania	14,7	55.00
Ireland	13,1	53.34
Croatia	12,5	45.80
Czech Rep.	10,5	49.75
Germany	10,5	52.52
Serbia	10,1	44.80
Russia	10,0	60.00
Switzerland	9,1	46.83
Romania	6,0	44.41
Slovenia	6,0	46.05
Cyprus	5,7	35.00
Bosnia Herz.	5,1	44.00
Macedonia	4,6	41.60
Moldavia	3,6	47.00
Greece	3,0	39.00
Ukraine	2,5	49.00
Portugal	2,0	38.70
Georgia	1,4	42.00
Turkey	1,0	39.92
Malta	0,5	35.88

Prevalence of sunbed use (%)

- >18
- 9-18
- <9



Particularities of sunbed use in Europe

- Iberian particularity
- Balkan particularity
- Baltic particularity
- Scandinavian particularity

Scandinavian particularity

highest prevalence
among adolescents

Baltic particularity

highest prevalence
among young adults

Iberian
particularity
Spain 20%
Portugal 2%

Balkan
particularity
highest gender
disproportions
(females)

lowest gender disproportions



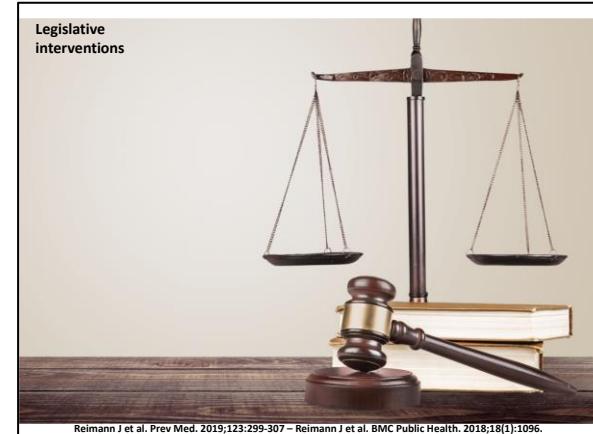
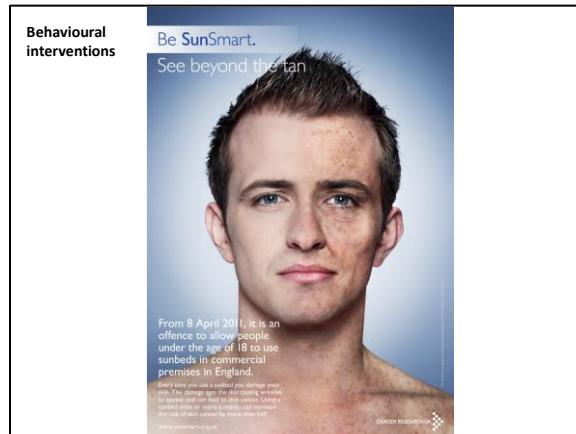
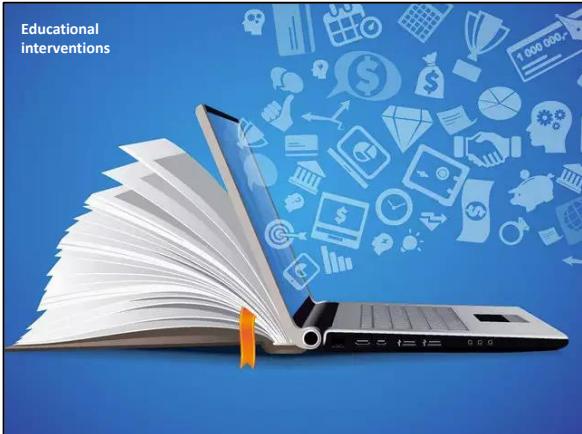
Wealth particularity

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Sunbeds in Europe: what to do?

MULTICOMPONENT INTERVENTIONS: TAILORED TO SPECIFIC POPULATIONS





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