



# Rights of children in primary pediatric health care

Joint research project of ISSOP and ECPCP

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# Background

- Approx. 160,000 pediatricians are practising in Europe
- Primary pediatric health care varies among and within countries
- Several surveys have been carried out on the implementation of UNCRC in hospitals
- A national survey has been carried out among primary care pediatricians in Hungary
- This is an international survey on the knowledge and implementation of UNCRC in primary pediatric health care as a joint project with European Confederation of Primary Care Pediatricians (ECPCP), which currently represents organisations from 17 countries.

# Objectives

- To explore primary care pediatricians' competencies/skills on Child Rights
- To identify cultural, organizational and legal barriers
- To identify educational and training needs
- To contribute to the development of educational tools

# Methods – questionnaire survey

- ◆ Q1 survey among primary care pediatricians
- ◆ Q2 survey among the leaders of pediatric societies

# Q1: groups of questions

- ◆ circumstances of the respondent
- ◆ pediatricians and CRC
- ◆ implementation of CRC
- ◆ social problems/risk in families
- ◆ conflicts between the doctor and the family

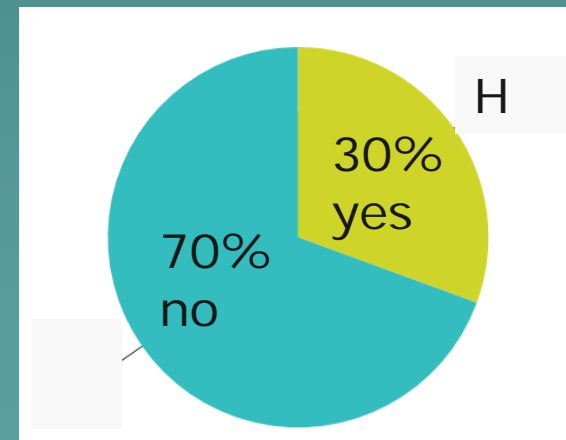
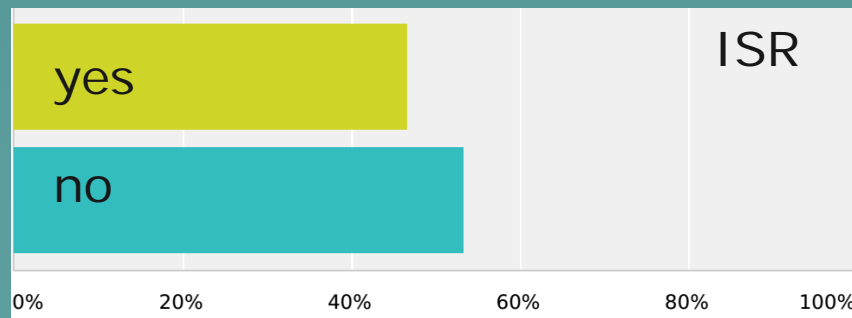
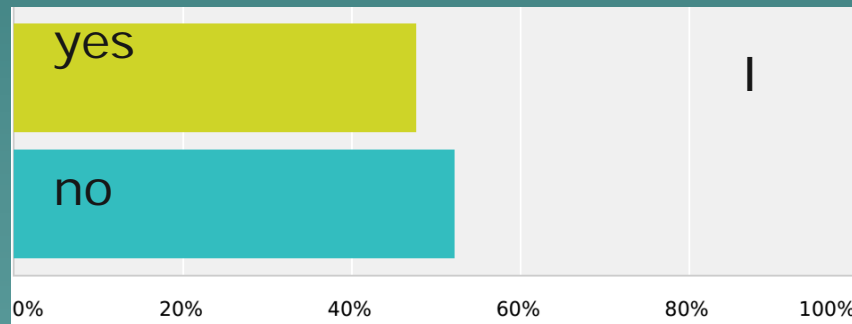
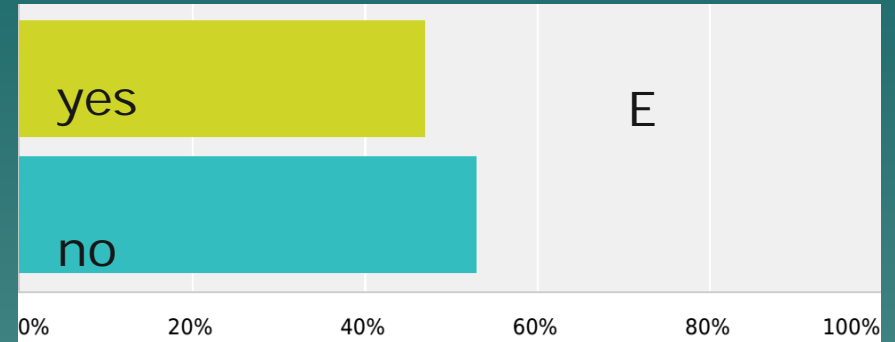
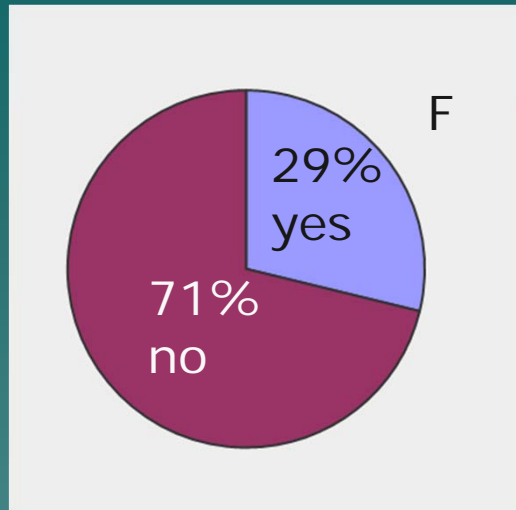
# Q1 survey - responses

◆ Cyprus	22
◆ France	397
◆ Germany	62
◆ Hungary	122
◆ Israel	146
◆ Italy	170
◆ Luxembourg	4
◆ Spain AEPap	151
◆ Spain SEPEAP	188
◆ Slovakia	1
◆ Slovenia	79
➤ <b>Total.....</b>	<b>1342</b>

Do you feel that pediatricians  
have enough knowledge  
regarding children's rights?

- Yes
- No

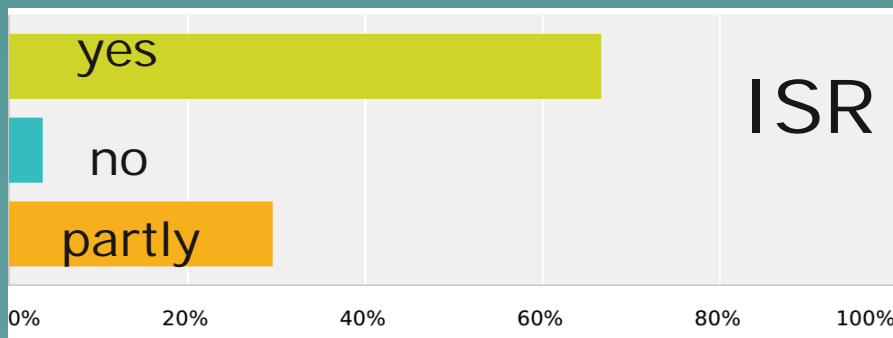
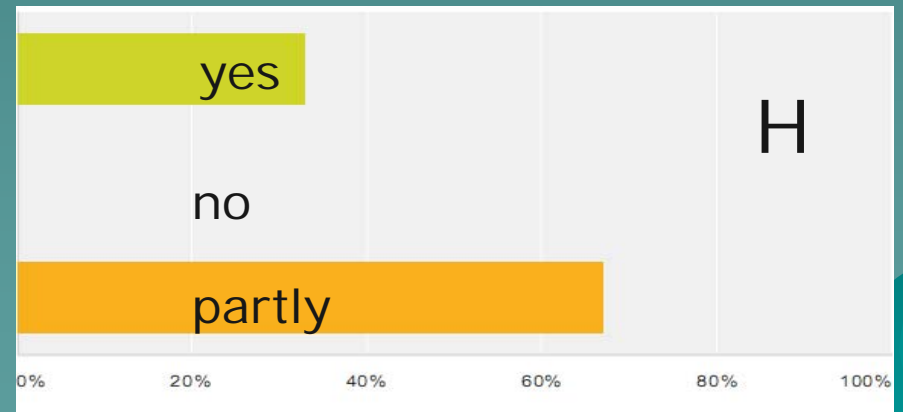
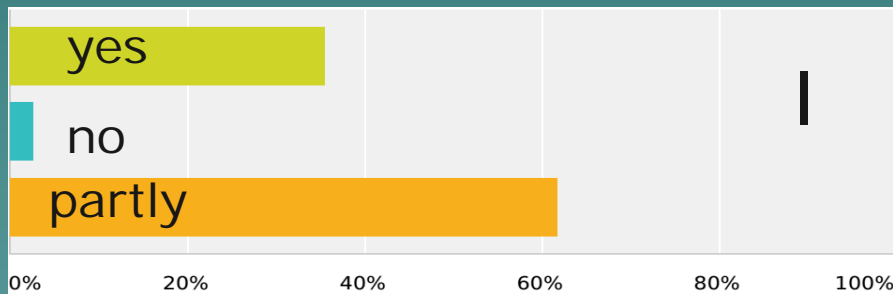
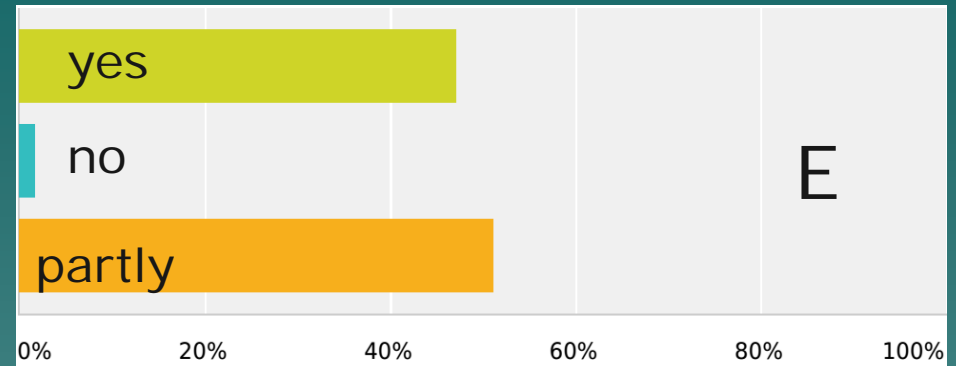
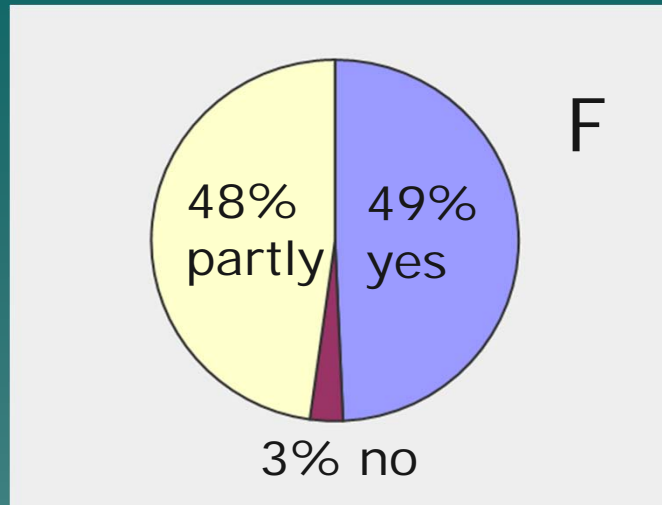
# Knowledge on CRC



Your country has ratified the UNCRC; Do you think that Rights of the Child have been applied in primary pediatric care?

- Yes
- No
- Partially

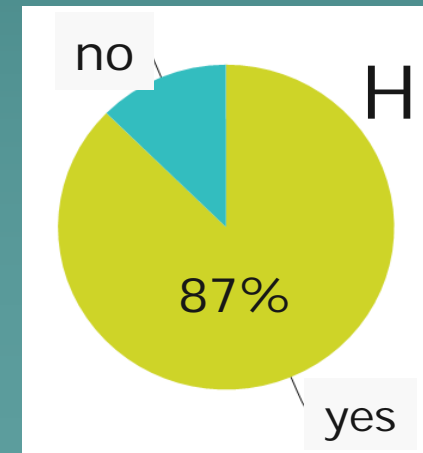
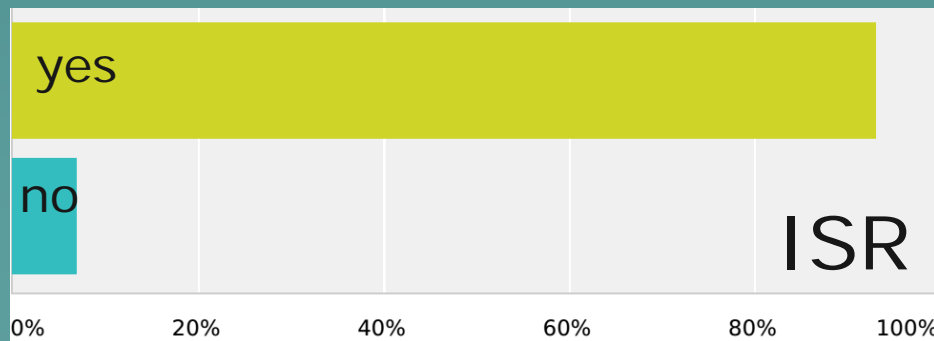
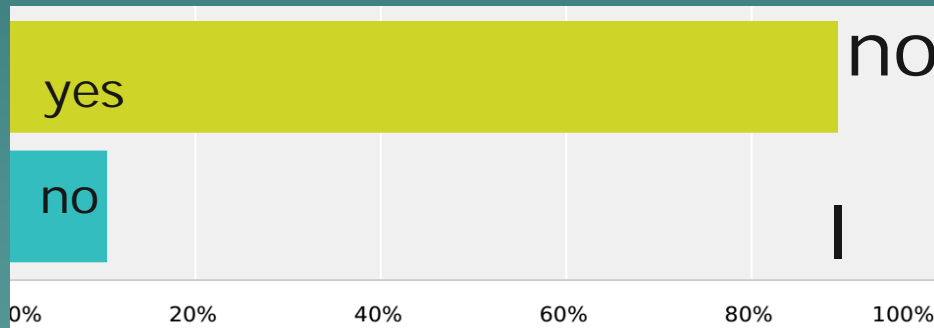
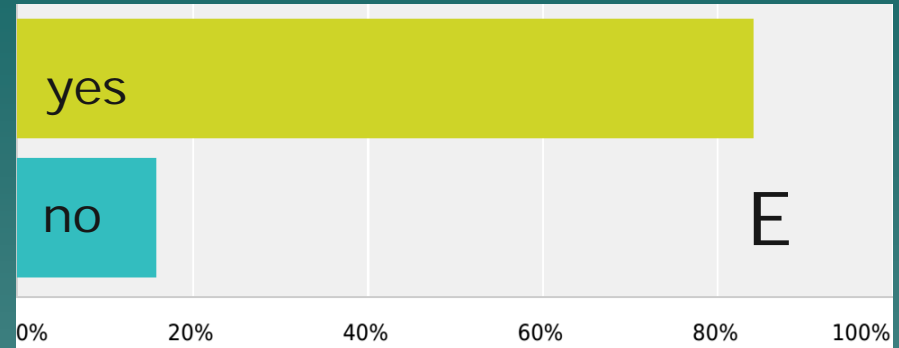
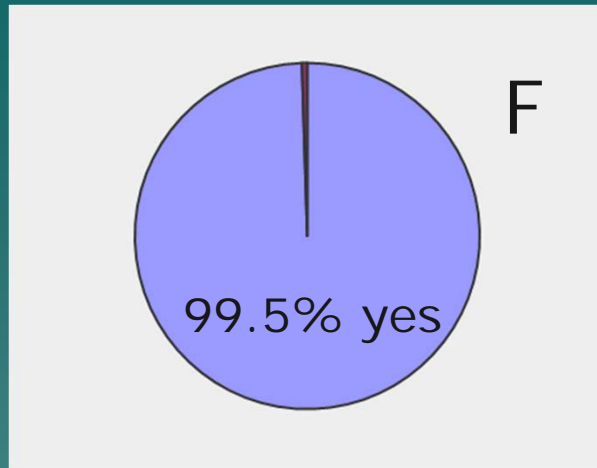
# Implementation of CRC



Do you feel that "equal access to health care" is implemented in your practice?

- Yes
- No

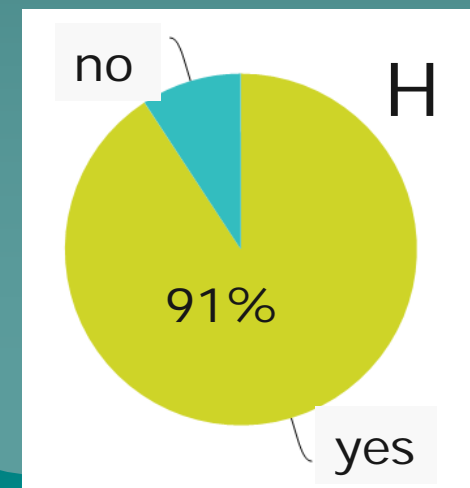
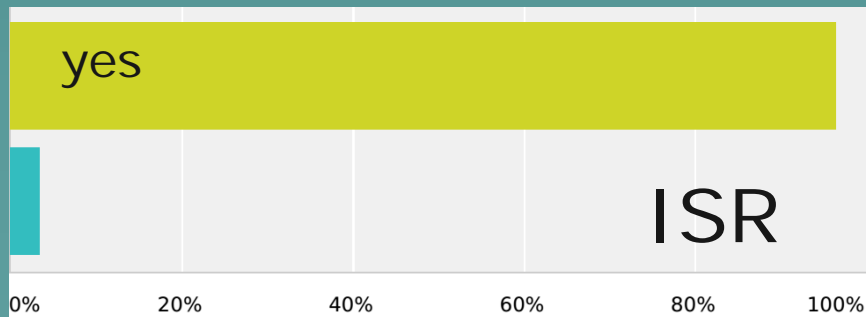
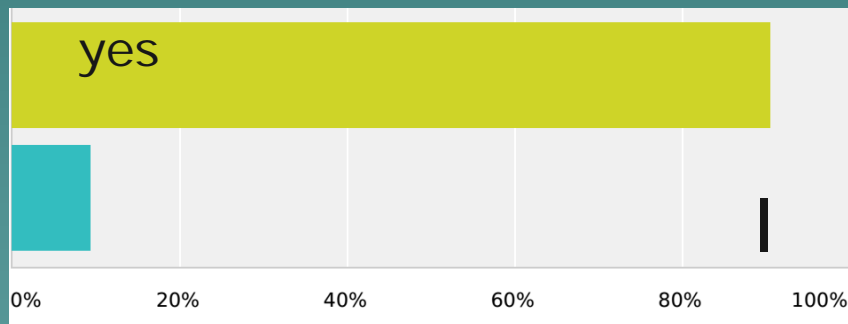
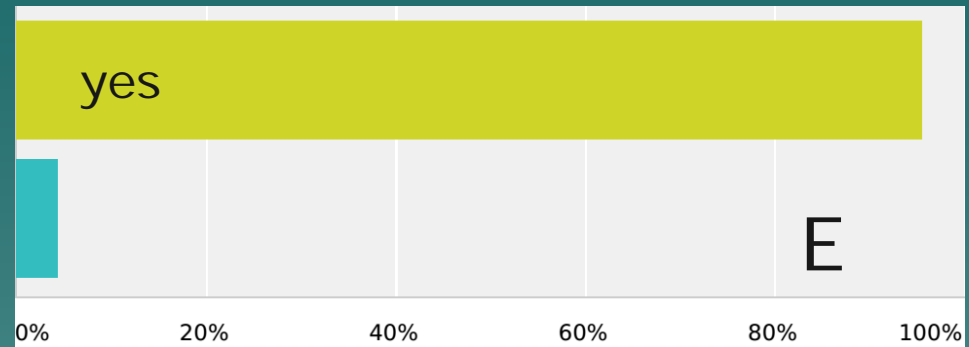
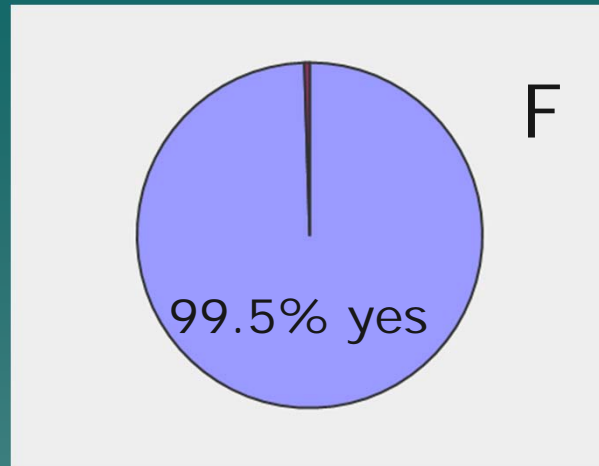
# Equal access to health care



Is the right of being informed  
(on examination/ diagnosis/  
treatment)  
implemented in your practice?

- Yes
- No

# Rights for information



# What is next?

- ◆ Presentation at EAP meeting
- ◆ Statistical analysis
- ◆ Publication
- ◆ Survey in European/GP model countries

# Conclusions

- ◆ UNCRC general approach, provision, participation varies among and within countries and individual pediatricians.
- ◆ Further studies are needed at national and international level to emphasise the importance of children's rights in primary pediatric health care.



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