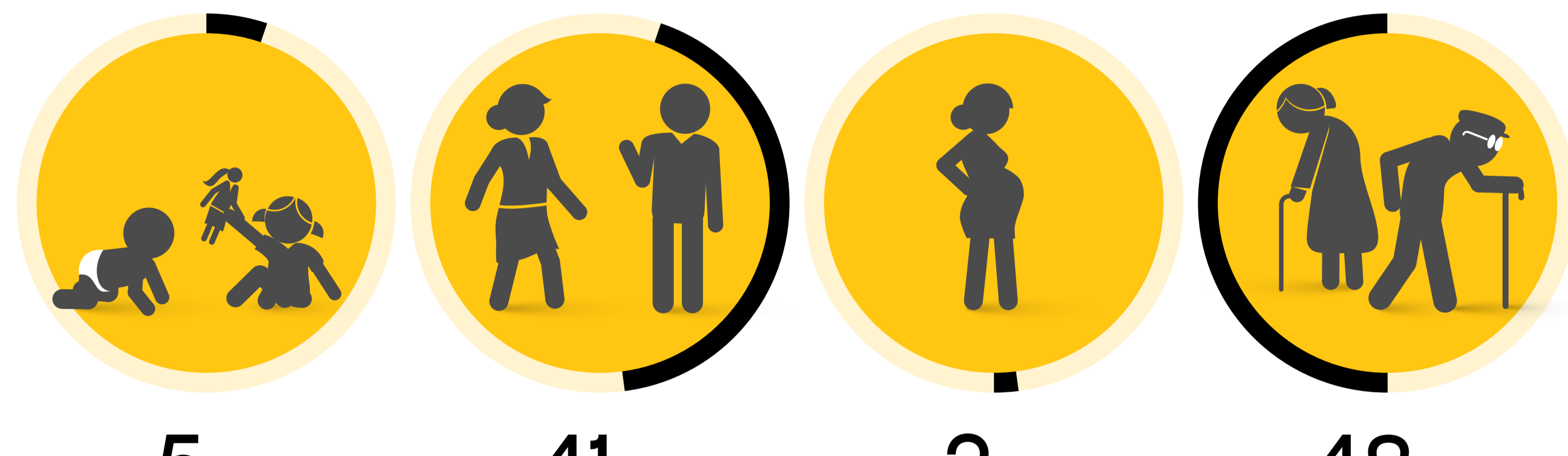




LIFECOURSE VACCINATION IN EUROPE

INFLUENZA PREVENTION

EUROPEAN POPULATION FOR WHOM FLU VACCINATION IS RECOMMENDED



5%
Children younger than 2 years

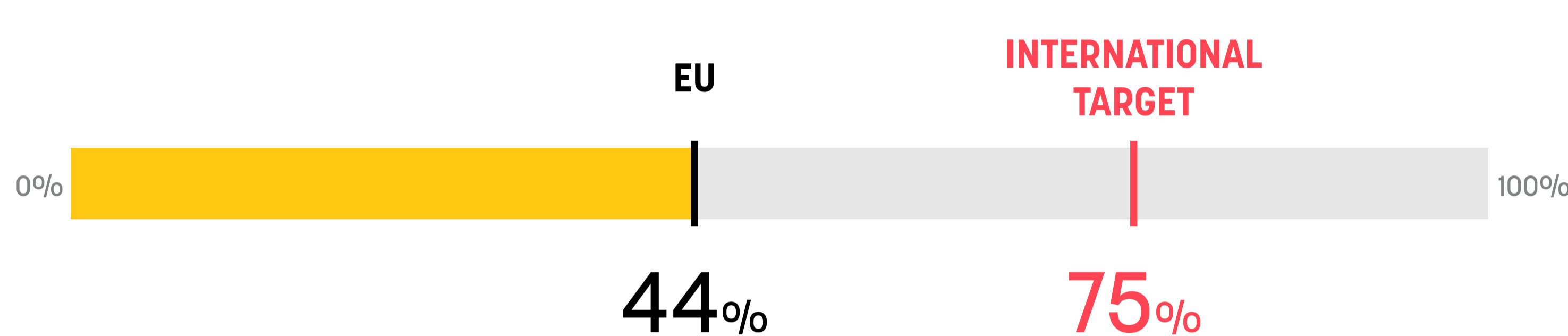
41%
Persons with underlying chronic health conditions, such as chronic heart, lung, kidney, liver, blood or metabolic diseases (e.g. diabetes), or weakened immune systems

2%
Pregnant women

48%
Adults aged 65 years and over

% represent total eligible population for vaccination (out of 180 million EU citizens)

INFLUENZA VACCINATION COVERAGE RATE IN ADULTS AGED OVER 65



In 2017, no country has reached this goal yet. **VCR is 44% on average in the 65+ population in the EU.**

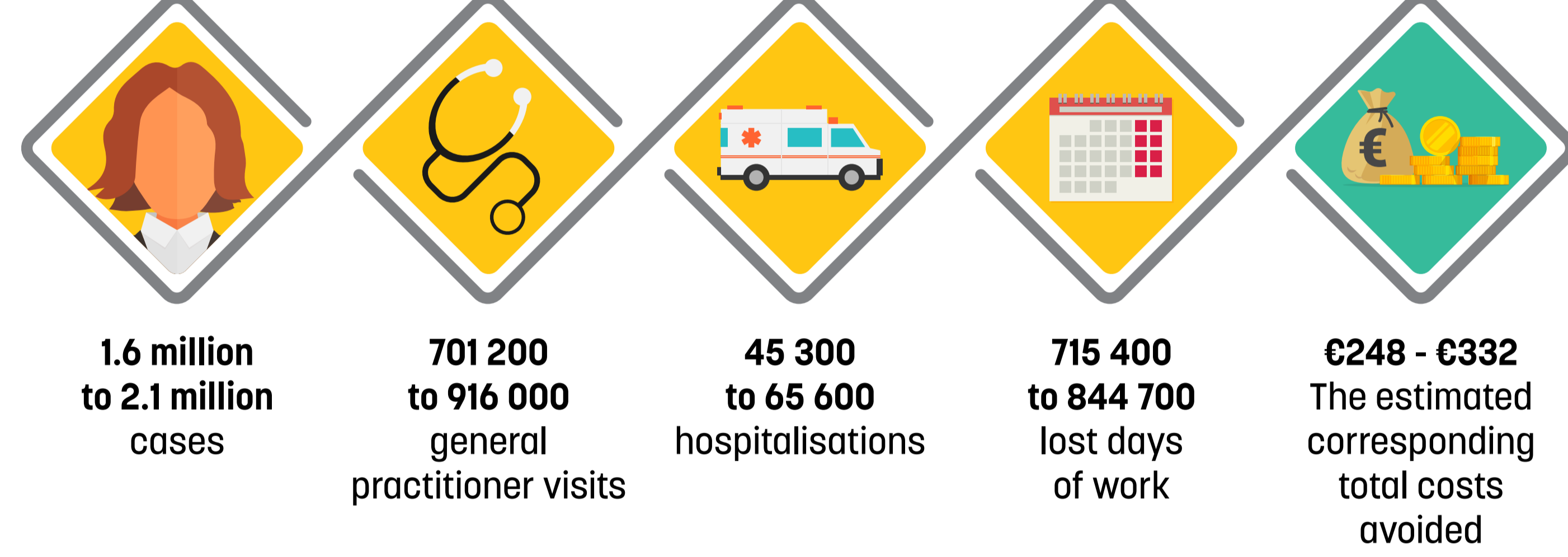
International & European recommendations (WHO/EU Council): target vaccination coverage rate (VCR) of 75% for the elderly should have been reached since 2014-15.

BENEFITS OF LIFELONG FLU VACCINATION



Potential to save up to **40,000** who prematurely die every year in EU due to causes associated with influenza.

Due to **44%** of the eligible European population being currently vaccinated, influenza vaccination prevents an annual average of:



1.6 million to 2.1 million cases

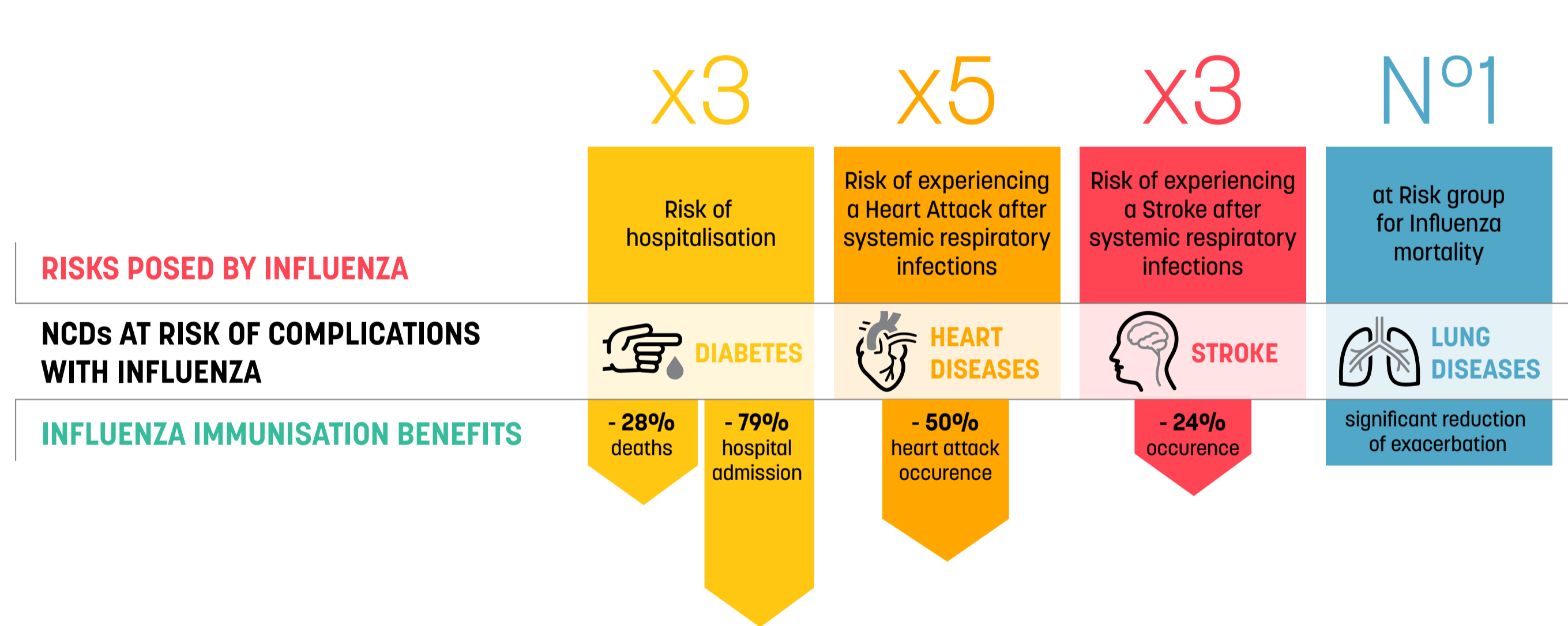
701 200 to 916 000 general practitioner visits

45 300 to 65 600 hospitalisations

715 400 to 844 700 lost days of work

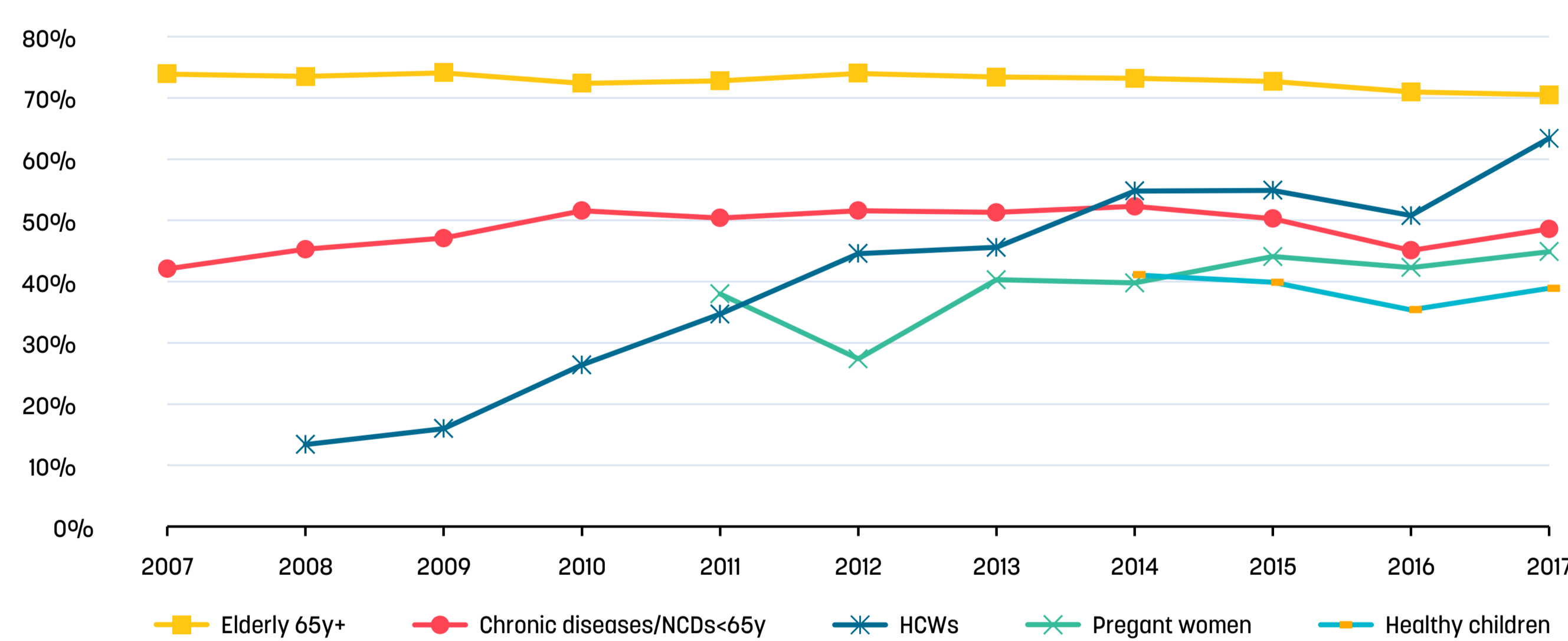
€248 - €332 The estimated corresponding total costs avoided (in millions)

INFLUENZA VACCINATION HELPS REDUCE COMPLICATIONS FROM CHRONIC DISEASES



UK ACTIONS TO BOOST FLU VACCINATION AND MANAGE WINTER PRESSURES

UK FLU VCR EVOLUTION PER RISK GROUPS



Free flu vaccines for hundreds of thousands of care home staff at a cost of up to £10m and increasing the number of jobs for young children in schools and vulnerable people.



Direct NHS trusts to ensure they make vaccines readily available to staff and record why those who choose to opt out of the programme do so.



Writing to doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers reminding them of their professional duty to protect patients by being vaccinated.



Electronic monitoring systems and population reminders.

CALL TO ACTION - EU MANIFESTO ON INFLUENZA VACCINATION

RECOGNITION, AWARENESS & PUBLIC TRUST, GOOD PRACTICES & ACCESS



Recognise importance of influenza burden & prevention in all recommended groups by **establishing vaccination coverage rate targets in national policies** in line with WHO and EU recommendations.



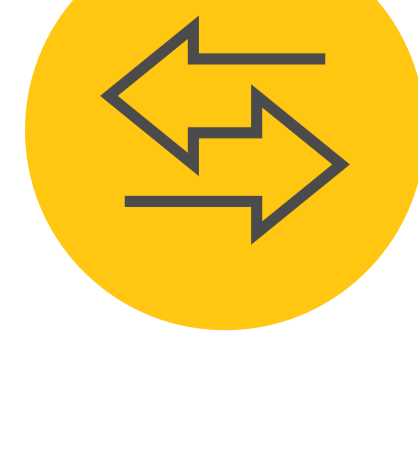
Implement **appropriate monitoring** of influenza epidemiology and vaccination rates for **effective and timely** vaccination programme management and communication.



Promote influenza **vaccination uptake among all healthcare professionals** to protect themselves and their patients.



Raise **Influenza Awareness and Public Trust** through effective communication and training.



Strengthen **exchange of good practices** at EU level and development of **Healthcare Professionals' collaboration**.