

# Vaccination in Europe

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# Germany – pilot project on flu vaccination

- March 2020: “Measles Law” provides for mandatory measles vaccination for all those who are cared for in community facilities. **The law included an amendment about a pilot model for flu vaccinations in pharmacies.** The implementation hasn’t properly started because of the Covid-19 crisis.
- This model stipulates that health insurance funds need to work with individual pharmacists, groups of pharmacists or their regional associations to develop flu vaccination in pharmacies. The conditions are:
  - the pharmacists must first receive medical training
  - Limited to a maximum of five years
  - Monitoring and scientific evaluation
- ABDA – the pilot has launched its first model project in North Rhine-Westphalia and Saxe. With c. 1000 pharmacies and 4 million inhabitants, this region can provide a good benchmark.
- Other regions are in negotiations with health insurance companies to also conclude contracts for model projects.
- The pilot doesn’t require a GP prescription. Patient’s health insurance will issue vouchers.

# France

- Following a successful trial in four regions in 2018, pharmacies across France are able to give vaccinations to anyone in the groups for which treatment is recommended without a GP prescription.
- Vaccines are recommended for:
  - People aged 65 and over;
  - Adults over 18 years of age with chronic diseases (cardiovascular, respiratory, neurological, renal, hepatic, diabetes 1 and 2), immuno-compromised or sickle cell disease;
  - Obese people;
  - Pregnant women 18 years of age or older and the family and friends of some infants under 6 months of age with risk factors.
- These targeted groups receive a voucher that they can take directly to the pharmacy to request the vaccine
- Only specially trained pharmacists are allowed to give vaccines.
- C19 vaccination - French committee of scientists has published some details of the strategy they believe should be adopted once a C-19 vaccine is available. It says that healthcare professionals in the community such as pharmacists, GPs and nurses should be able to vaccinate.

# Norway

- May 2020 - pharmacies to be permitted to dispense influenza vaccinations to patients without prescription as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- They previously needed a prescription to dispense the vaccine. This is likely to be a permanent change rather than applying only for the duration of the Covid-19 emergency.
- This aims to reduce pressures on hospitals and GPs. During the 2019/2020 flu season, a reported 37,000 individuals received influenza vaccinations through 600 pharmacies in Norway.
- This figure is projected to rise sharply during the next flu season, driven by a reinforced public health campaign to encourage people to have the influenza vaccine and by eliminating the requirement to have a prescription.
- **C19 vaccination** – the main health professional’s newspaper [reported](#) that the political party FRP (liberal, right) wants to let pharmacists prescribe corona vaccines when such vaccines are available. The argumentation is that this is a more efficient way to reach the general public quickly and that pharmacists are highly educated health professionals with the ability to do this work. Member of parliament from Høyre (right, and currently in government and the party of PM Erna Solberg) and pharmacist, Sveinung Steinsland, have endorsed the proposal.

# Services delivered in Romania through our Alphega pharmacies

# Services available\* in pharmacy around Europe

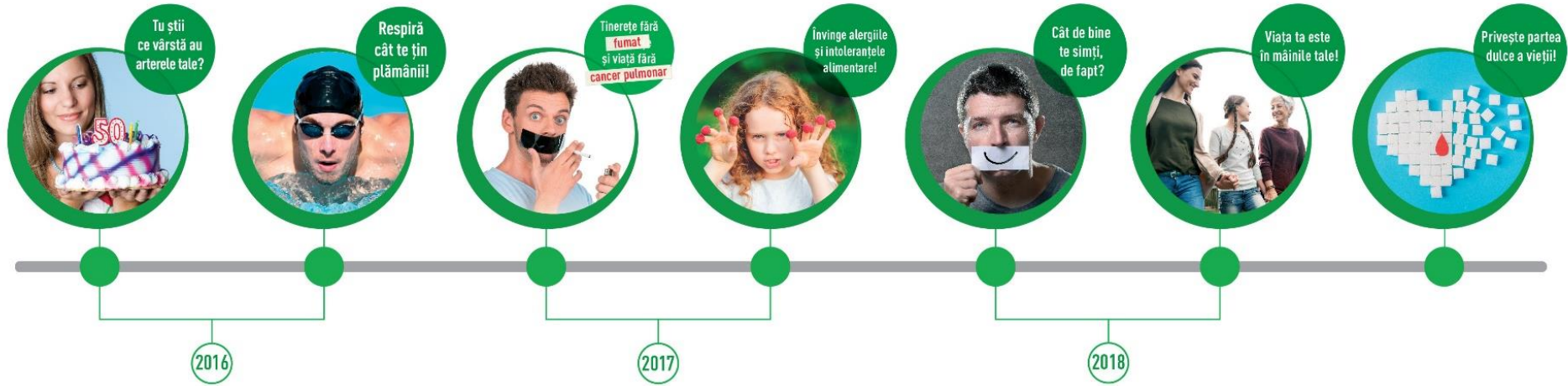
	Professional Service name	Countries							
		UK	IT	FR	ES	DE	CZ	RO	NL
1	Venous insufficiency screening								
2	24 blood pressure monitoring/ remote analysis-telemedicine								
3	24 ECG monitoring/ remote analysis-telemedicine								
4	Healthy heart service (BP+Cholesterol)								
5	ECG / Atrial fibrillation check/ remote analysis-telemedicine								
6	Vascular age service								
7	Mole scanning service								
8	Skin-analysis service								
9	Diabetes risk awareness/Diabetes Management Service Hba1C								
10	Stop smoking								
11	Vitamin D testing								
12	Women's Health								
13	Wellness health Check- CV pharmacy	TBC		TBC					
14	Depression								
15	Allergy screening (intolerances) service								
16	Blood testing service								
17	Meningitis B Vaccination Service								
18	Medicine use review								
19	New medicine service								
20	Discharge medicine review service								
21	Monitored dosage systems								
22	Osteoporosis check service								
23	Asthma check								
24	Asthma inhaler technique service AIM								
25	Lung Age								
26	Sore throat detection								
27	Pharmacogenomics								
28	Dry mouth service								
29	Atrial fibrillation adherence								
30	Travel clinic								
31	Insuline glargine optimisation								
32	Body check (nutritionist)								
33	Eye check-telemedicine								
34	Pneumonia vaccination service								

We managed to introduce in Romania 7 services available in pharmacy, in 4 years.

All services introduced in our pharmacies are free of charge

\* Data available until January 2020

In Romania we delivered 7 prevention and education campaigns with over **4.276.900** people reached.



We plan to extend and launch 3 more services until 2021

# What we succeeded through our services?

- We managed to inform, test and advise almost one third of the population
- We delivered prevention campaigns in the most remote areas of Romania
- **We acted responsibly and advised our customers who first address the pharmacist not the general practitioner (GP)**
- We linked efficiently GP's – patient associations – pharmacists
- 21% of customers who addressed the smoke cessation campaign quit smoking
- **We saved 66 lives through our women cancer prevention campaign.**