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Latvia's Experience in Development and Implementation of National Policy for Elimination of Hepatitis

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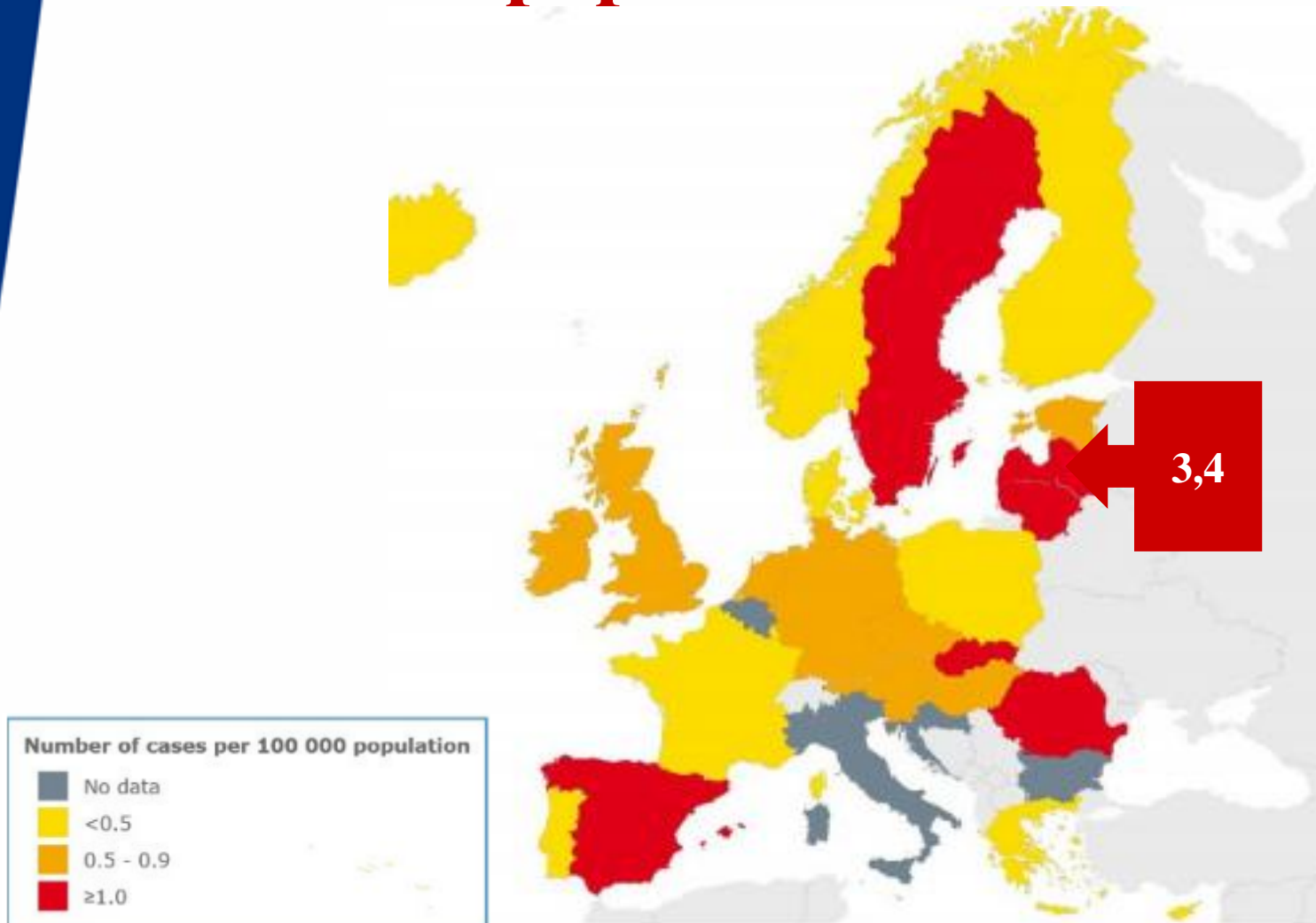


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Rate of Acute Hepatitis B cases per 100 000 population EU/EEA in 2015

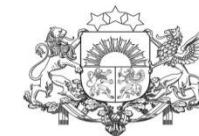


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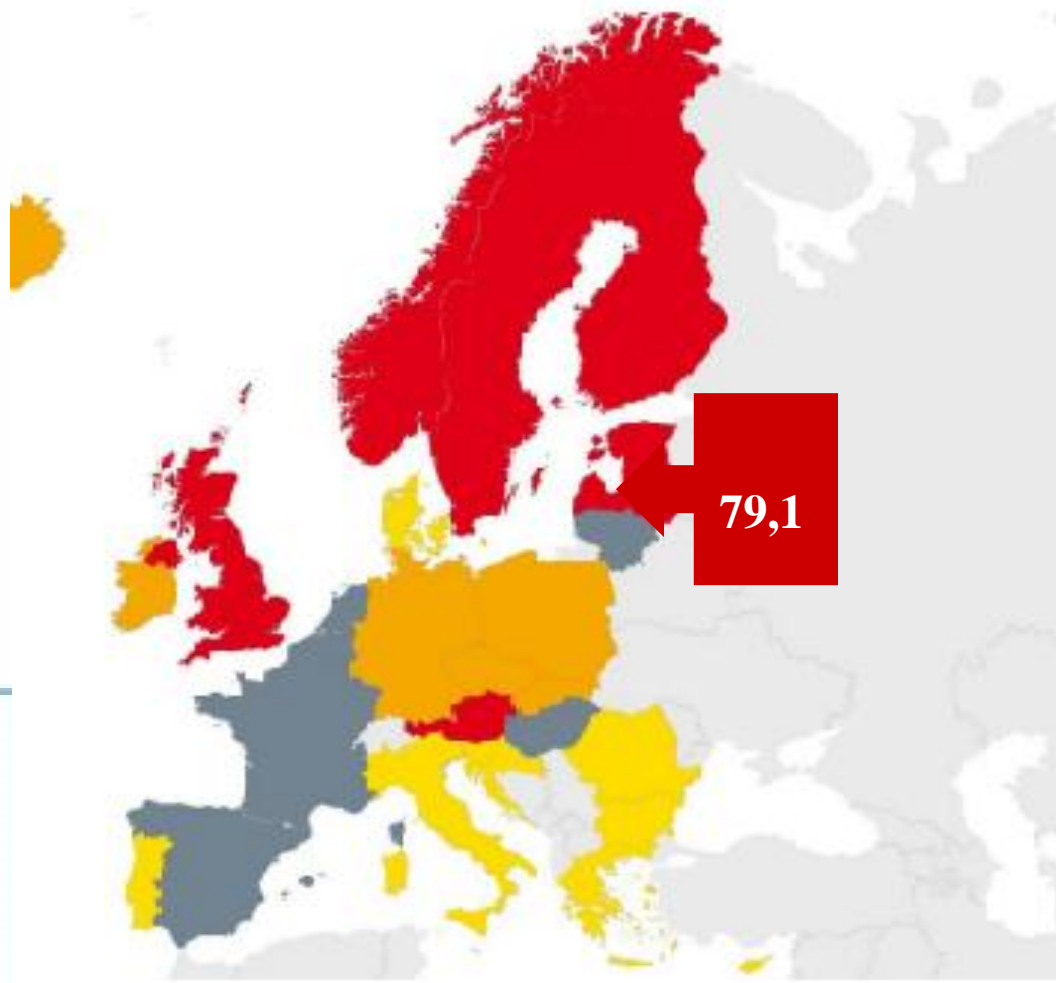
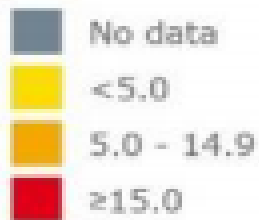


Rate of Hepatitis C cases per 100 000 population EU/EEA in 2015



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Number per 100 000 population



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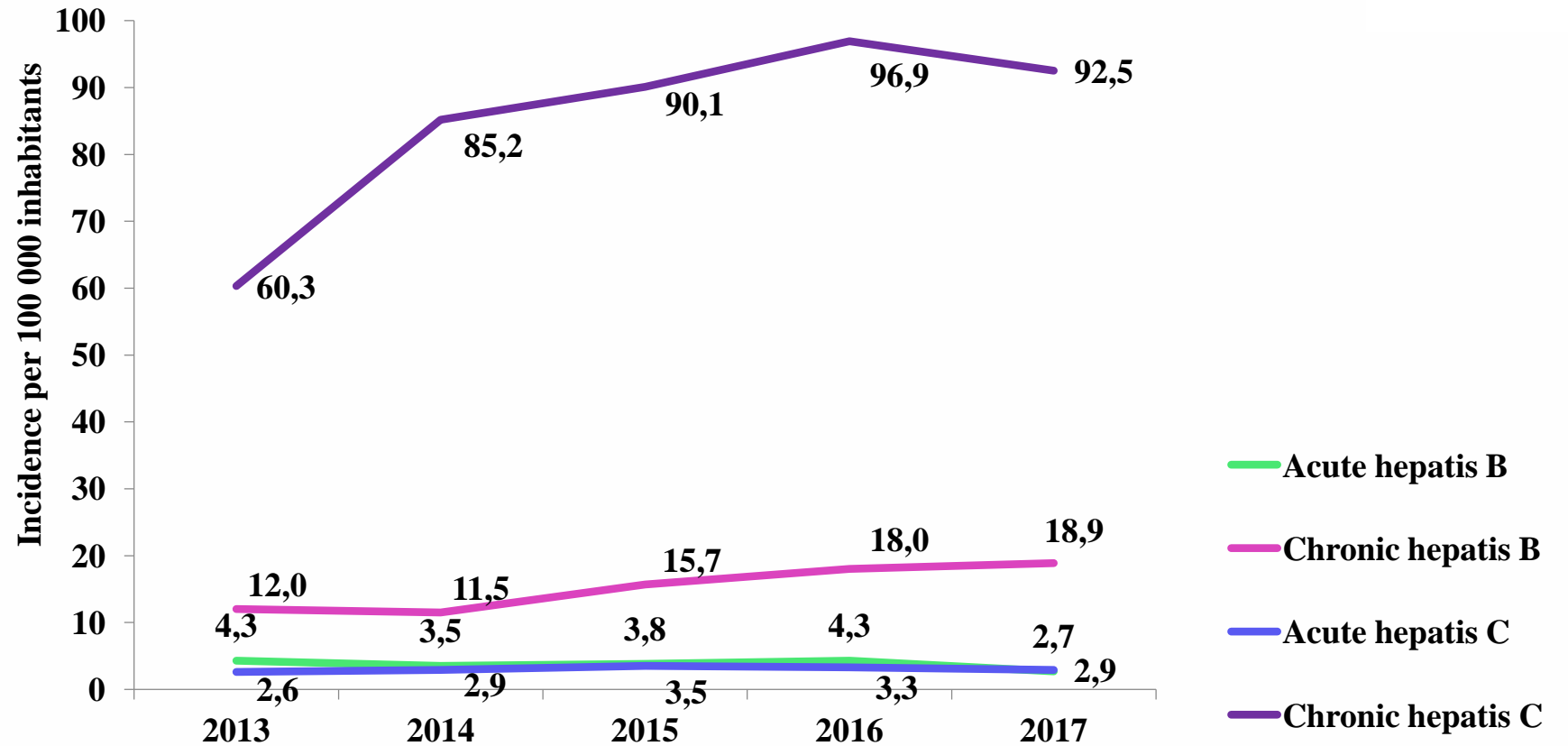
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Incidence of Hepatitis



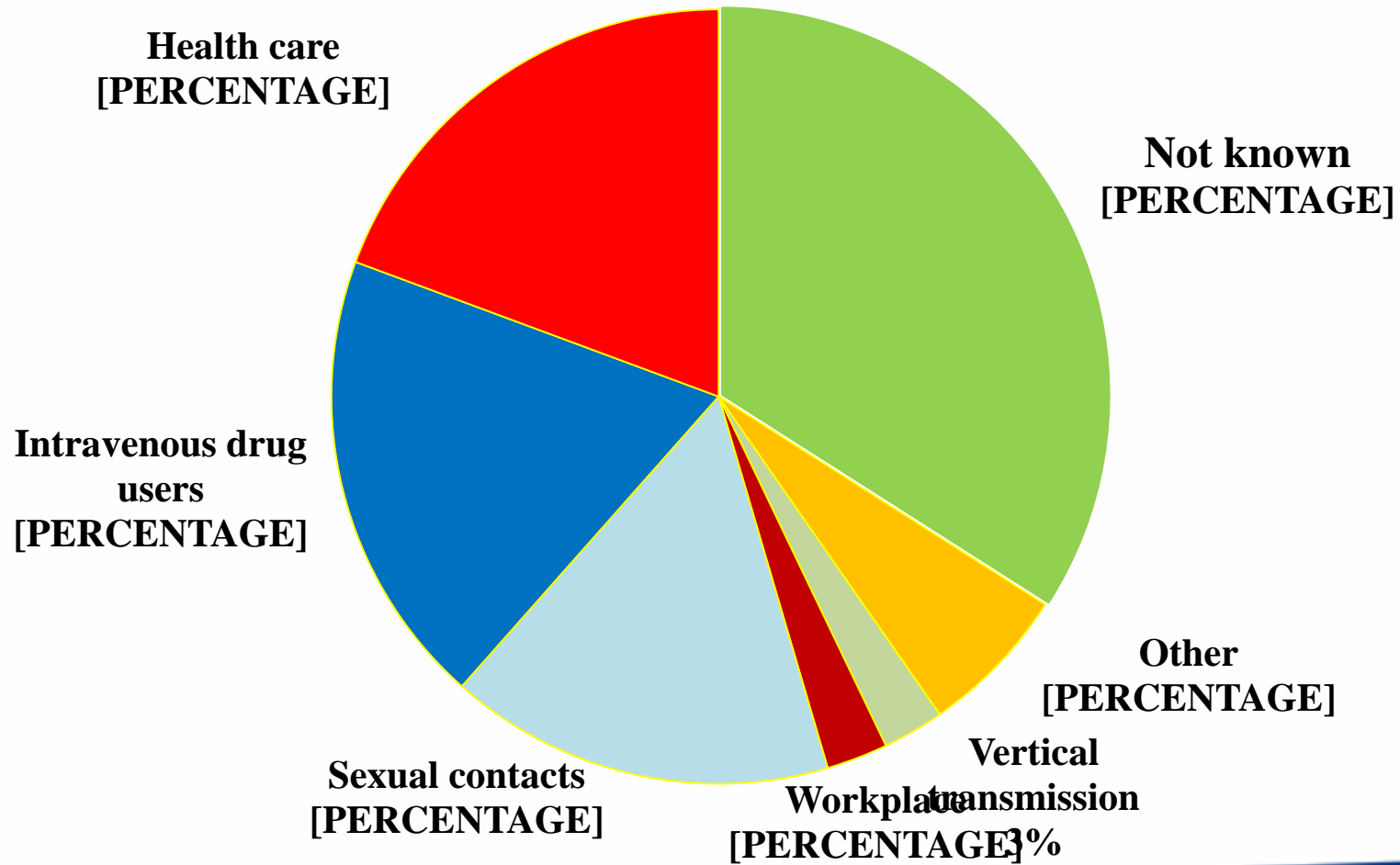
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Transmission of Hepatitis C



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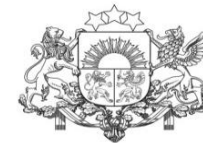
Facts about Hepatitis C in Latvia



! **Approximately 40 000 of inhabitants (1.7%)
are infected with hepatitis C**

! **More than 1 500 new cases of hepatitis C are
registered each year**

Main Achievements since 2016



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Medicinal products for treatment of hepatitis C are reimbursed from the State budget

Direct-acting antivirals for treatment of hepatitis C are used since 2016

Hepatitis C register has been created in 2016

Number of treated patients has been increasing rapidly

Criteria for prioritization of patients receiving treatment are determined according to recommendations made by an expert group

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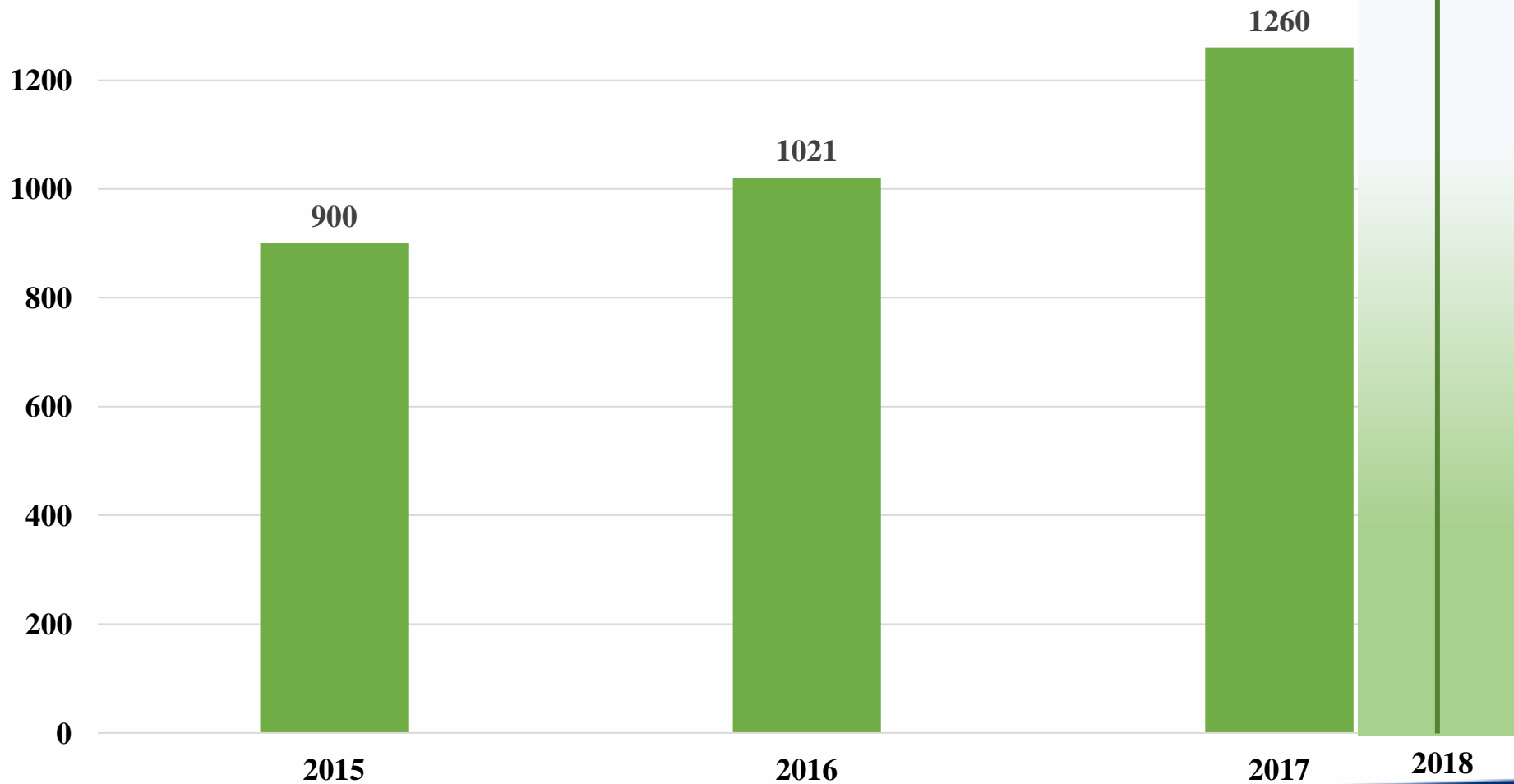


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Number of Patients who Received Treatment for Hepatitis C



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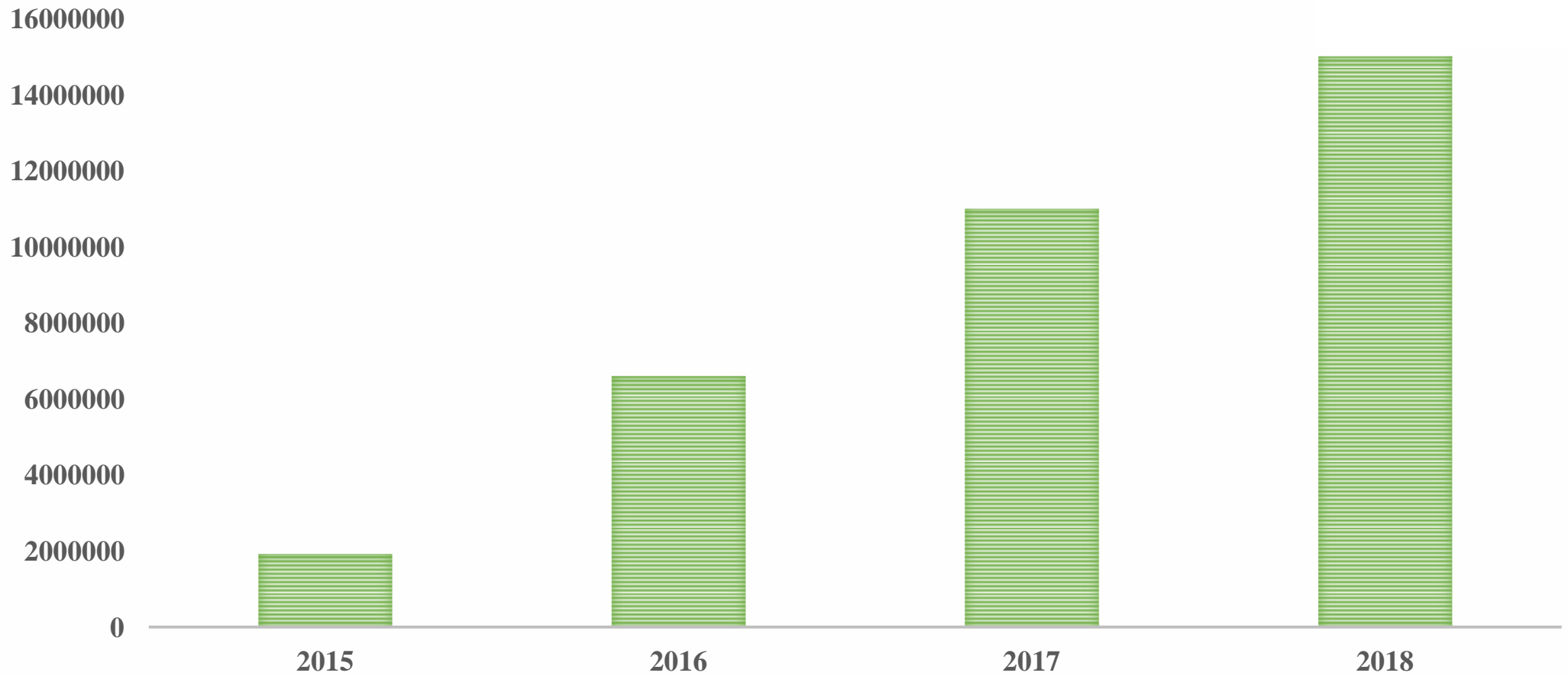
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Funds Allocated for Treatment of Hepatitis C



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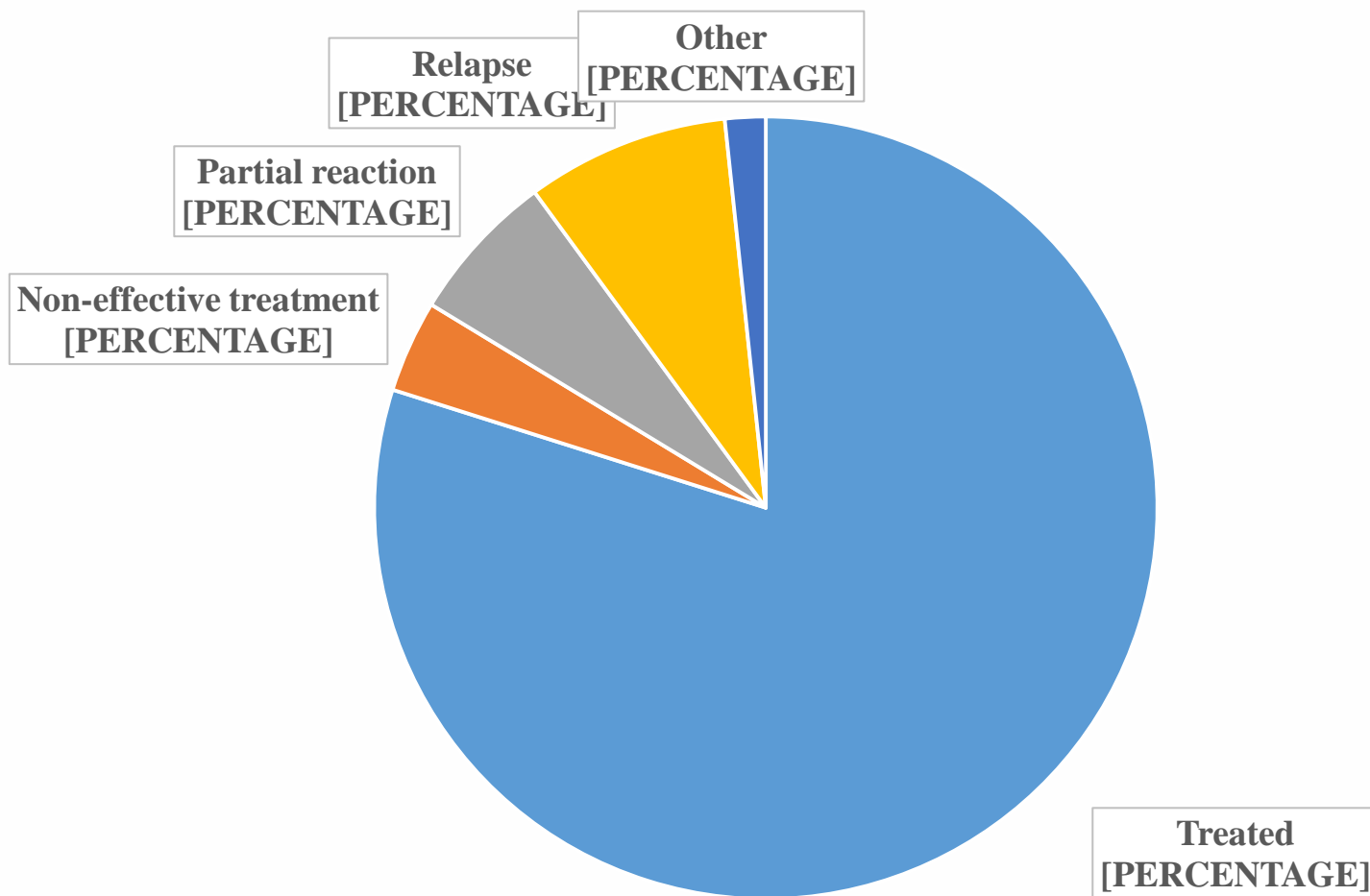
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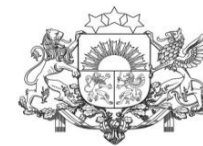
Results of Treatment of Hepatitis C



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Policy Documents



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Public Health Strategy for 2014-2020

Target – to reduce incidence of communicable diseases



Action Plan for the Elimination of HIV Infection, Sexually Transmitted Infections and Hepatitis B and C for 2018-2020

Target – to limit the prevalence of HIV/AIDS, hepatitis B and C and STI,
preventing the risks of infections in community and promoting the timely
diagnosis and treatment

Action Plan for the Elimination of HIV Infection, STI and Hepatitis B and C for 2018-2020 – strategic actions



- 🔴 Raising public awareness about infectious diseases and how to prevent them (invasive beauty services – manicure, pedicure, tattoo);
- 🔴 Work with identified risk groups (harm reduction services for IDU);
- 🔴 Improve hepatitis control measures in prison settings (improving diagnostic availability);
- 🔴 Ensure the availability of treatment for hepatitis B and C;
- 🔴 Improvement of epidemiological surveillance (further development of hepatitis C register);
- 🔴 Capacity building of health care professionals, laboratory diagnostics;
- 🔴 Promotion of safe services:
 - implementation of new hygiene and anti-epidemic measures in health care institutions;
 - adoption of new hygiene requirements for beauty services.



Hepatitis C Register

Online data entry

Data are updated (after each change in diagnosis, treatment etc.)

Covers data about risk factors of C hepatitis infection, transmission, diagnostic methods of hepatitis C, treatment schemes and treatment results

Linked with other registers (population register, death register, register of epidemiological surveillance)



Main Challenges



- To improve measures for reduction of hepatitis C and B at prison settings;
- To ensure sustainable financial resources for treatment of hepatitis C;
- To achieve the lower costs of medicinal products for the treatment of hepatitis C;
- To achieve more effective prevention of hepatitis C and B;
- To implement effective measures to prevent hepatitis C among risk groups;
- To ensure effective work of the hepatitis C register.

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