



iPAAC
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FOR ACTION AGAINST CANCER



EUROPEAN ROADMAPS

Access to Innovative therapies in cancer
Focus on immunotherapies



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DETAILS OF THE SURVEY



Objective :

- Highlight restrictions of reimbursement of innovative immunotherapies compared with their European marketing authorization and to understand the main factors leading to these restrictions;
- Identify existing early access programs for unapproved indications in Europe.

= Focus on check-point inhibitors and CAR-T cells

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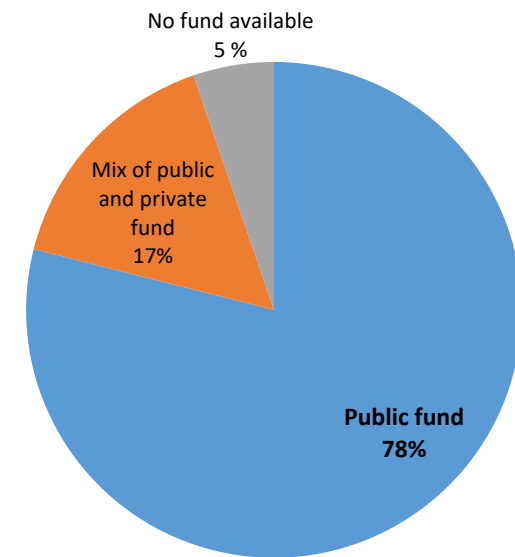


Methodology :

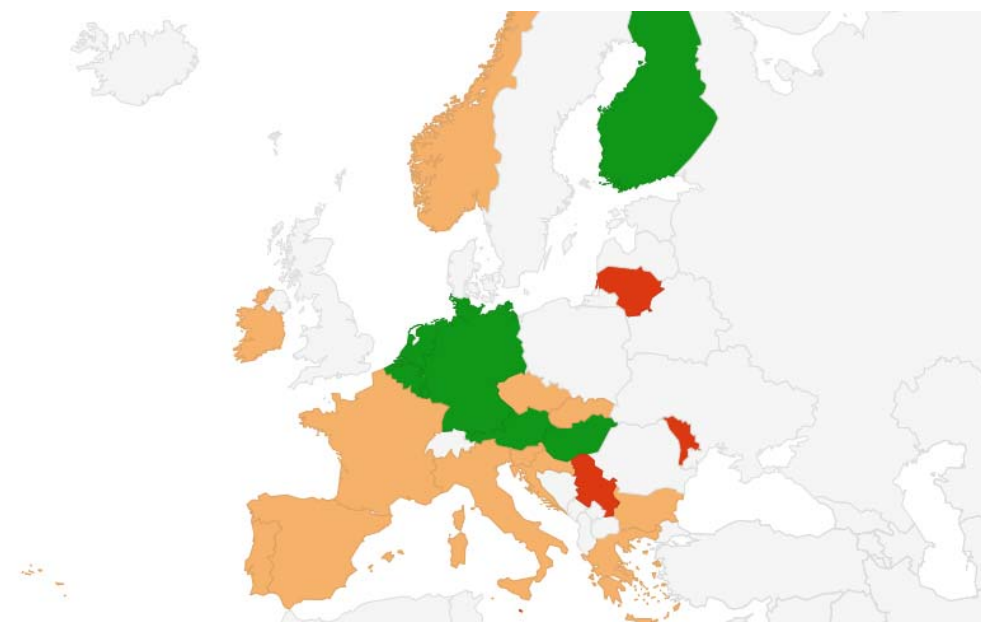
- First questionnaire to iPAAC partners (12.2018) : questions regarding conditions of reimbursements and possible early access in their countries = replies from 23 partners;
- Second questionnaire to healthcare professionals, cancer institutes, medicines and HTA agencies, patients to get their opinion regarding the access to innovative immunotherapies = replies from 54 stakeholders.




REIMBURSEMENT AND ACCESS TO INNOVATIVE IMMUNOTHERAPIES IN EUROPE

- Most of the countries who participated to the questionnaire have a public fund available to finance these innovative immunotherapies
 - No fund available : Moldova
 - Mix of public and private: Lithuania, Norway, Ireland
- In countries where there is a public fund available, there are no out-of-pocket costs for patients



COMPARISON BETWEEN COUNTRIES REGARDING THE ACCESS TO INNOVATIVE IMMUNOTHERAPIES (12,2018)



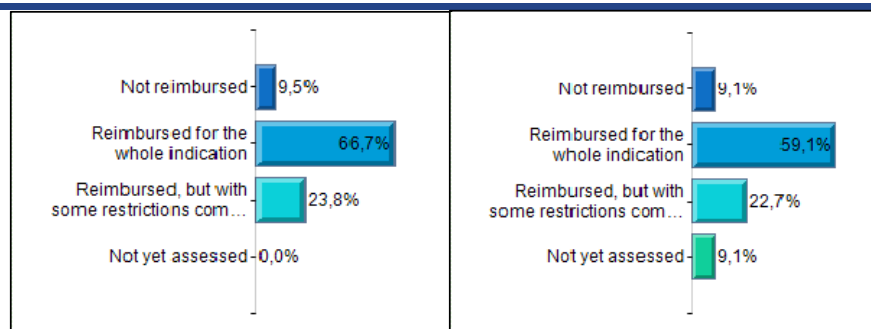
-  High access (≥ 15 indications/22 reimbursed with no restrictions compared to EU MA)
-  Moderate access
-  No access or very limited

- 4 countries had no or very limited access:
 - 2 countries did not have access to any innovative immunotherapies in terms of reimbursement for all types of cancer: Malta and Moldova.
 - For Lithuania, only the indications for lung cancer were assessed, but none of them were reimbursed;
 - In Serbia, only one immunotherapy was reimbursed: pembrolizumab for its indication in melanoma.
- 7 countries with high access
 - Germany: hospitals can order innovative therapies as soon as the MA is obtained
 - CAR-T cells: only Luxembourg & Germany had reimbursement in place without restrictions compared to EU MA 3 months post CHMP approval
- 12 countries with moderate access
 - For France: Assessment of reimbursement availability was performed based on the inscription on the list of sus (did not include other mode of financing (ex: ATU/post ATU)
 - Norway: Preapproved application to Norwegian Health Economics Administration (HELFO)
 - Many restrictions compared to EU MA for Slovakia, Croatia, Czech republic (but no details provided)

IMMUNOTHERAPIES AND INDICATIONS WITH BEST ACCESS IN EUROPE

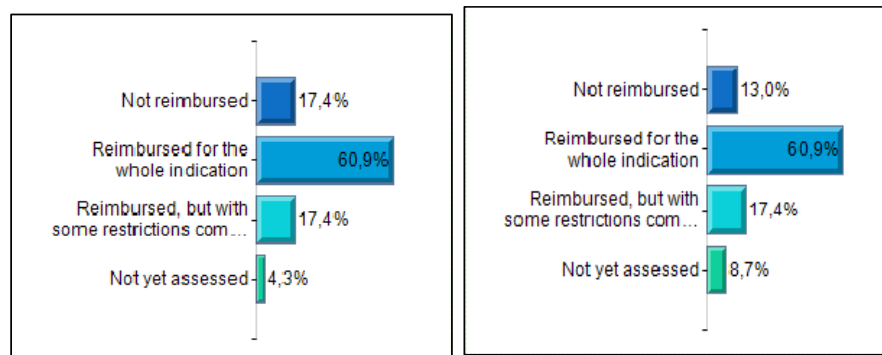


1) **Pembrolizumab** as monotherapy for the treatment of **advanced melanoma**: reimbursed in **90,5%** of countries
Only indication which was assessed in all countries/regions.



2) **Nivolumab** as **second-line** monotherapy for the treatment of advanced **renal cell carcinoma**: reimbursed in **82%** of countries

3) **Nivolumab** as monotherapy for the treatment of **NSCLC** as **second line** (after chemotherapy): reimbursed in **78,3%** of countries



4) **Pembrolizumab** as monotherapy for the **first-line** treatment of metastatic **NSCLC** in adults whose tumours express PD-L1 with a TPS \geq 50%: reimbursed in **78,3%** of countries

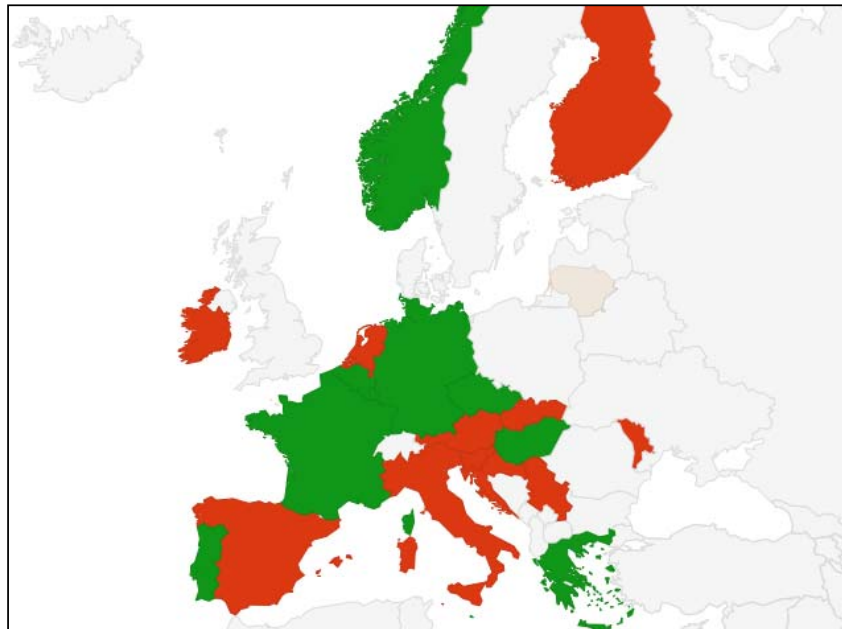
REIMBURSEMENT OF INNOVATIVE IMMUNOTHERAPIES : CONCLUSIONS



- Inequities were identified across countries and across indications.
- Three main factors leading to restrictions of reimbursement and thus limiting the access to innovative therapies were identified:
 - Low level of scientific and medical evidence supporting marketing authorization;
 - Missing direct comparison data with alternative therapies;
 - High costs.

EARLY ACCESS PROGRAMS (I)

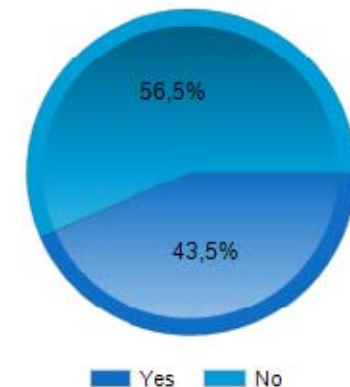
- About half of the countries (10/22, 45%) mentioned that they have an existing program enabling early access to innovation therapies against cancer (before marketing authorization or before extension of indication)



Note: N = 22 countries
(no reply received from Lithuania on this topic)

59. Is there an existing program in your country which enables early access to innovation therapies against cancer (before marketing authorization or before extension of indication)?

Response rate: 95.3%



EARLY ACCESS PROGRAMS



- 80% of the stakeholders consulted who had such a system in place in their country were satisfied with their implemented system.
- Two main aspects stood out for an efficient implementation of early access programs:
 - Clear defined pathways and legal frameworks,
 - Strong discussion and collaborations among the different stakeholders.

EXAMPLES OF EARLY ACCESS PROGRAMS



- Portugal: “programa de acesso precoce” since June 2015: during the economic evaluation, drugs considered essentials are allowed to be used on a specific program without cost to patients, for an anticipated number of patients (managed by INFARMED, public funding)
- France: ATU, AcSé, RTU
- Germany: Several programs in place under the umbrella of the Federal ministry of education and research, federal countries and the German cancer research center. Financed by the German government.
 - German Consortium for Translational Cancer Research (DKTK), aim is to develop, to test and to apply innovative strategies in personalized oncology and also has a project focusing on cancer immunotherapy
- Compassionate use programs
 - Financing by the industry

FRENCH NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE HORIZON SCANNING



- Objectives :
 - identify cancer drugs (and their associated biomarker) with high added value 12 to 18 months before their marketing authorization ;
 - every year select 8 to 10 cancer drugs among high scoring drugs to organize their access (regulatory, financial and organizational aspects).
- Methodology:
 - annual process based on a scoring system (25 criterias in 6 families)
 - scoring done by the institute and also the clinicians :
 - information and shared decision to selected the developpements with all the publics actors.