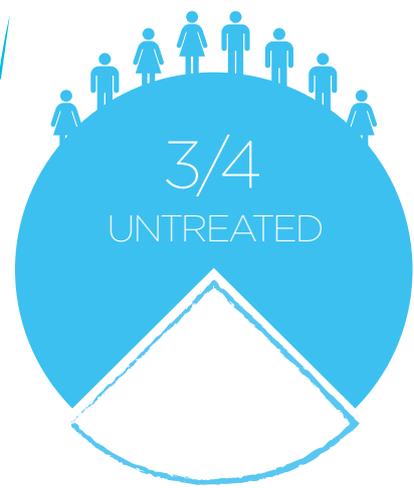


MENTAL HEALTH & INTEGRATION



In 2010 mental illness led to direct and indirect costs of €461bn in Europe that was roughly 3.4% of GDP, or similar to the GDP of Belgium.



3/4 of those with mental illness do not receive treatment



Introducing the Mental Health Integration Index

Measuring the degree of support within European governments for integrating people with mental illness into society, the EIU's Mental Health Integration Index compares levels of such support in 30 European countries—the EU28 plus Norway and Switzerland. The aim of this comparison is to contribute to the debate on integration by showing where the strengths and weaknesses lie in individual countries, and therefore where policy improvements may be needed.



Solutions are not lacking, but are not consistently implemented.

Europe has long faced a substantial burden from mental illness, but now the epidemiological data—incomplete as they are—make the issue impossible to ignore.

- #1** Obtain better data
- #2** Provide funding appropriate to the task
- #3** Finish the task of deinstitutionalisation
- #4** Focus on providing integrated, community-based services
- #5** Include integrated employment services in community-based care provision