

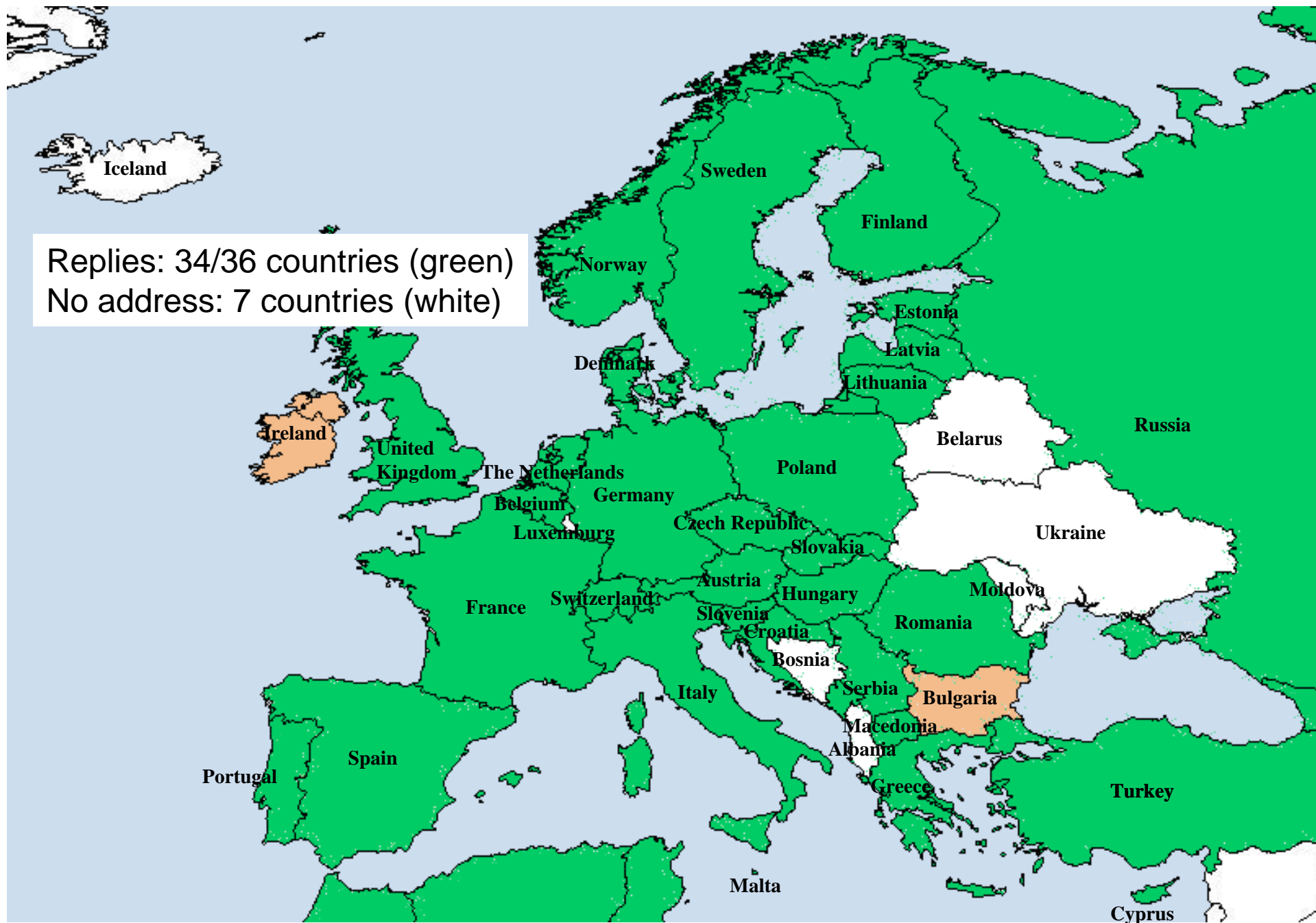
# Report on the questionnaires received by the National Human Genetics Societies (NHGSs) in Europe, and how to increase collaboration with the ESHG

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# Societies and countries

- Data were compiled from questionnaires received from 36 societies (sent to 38 societies: no reply from Bulgaria & Ireland)
- No address for Albania, Belarus, Bosnia, Iceland, Israel, Luxemburg, Moldova, Ukraine
- Data include 32 countries, as 2 countries indicated 2 societies each (Croatia and Slovenia: Human and Clinical genetics societies), and 1 country 3 societies (The Netherlands: Human, “and two daughters”, Clinical, and Laboratory, in a federation)

# Societies name

- 18 Human genetics (the French society is part of a 9 societies federation of associations of human and medical genetics)
- 13 Medical genetics
- 2 Clinical genetics
- 1 Laboratory (Clin Genet Lab Diagnostic)
- Plus 1 group of Human genetics in Malta college of pathologists, and 1 section of Medical genetics in Serbia medical society

# Societies members and meeting attendance

- Members of the societies vary from 25 (Latvia) to 1750 (UK), and total 10,761
- Annual membership fees of the societies vary from 3 € (Russia) to 450 € (The Netherlands, Clinical)
- The number of attendees at the last meeting vary from 14 (Norway) to 1,000 (France and UK), and total 7,990
- The frequency of the meetings varies from 0.5 to 9/year

# Specialty in EU countries: number and denomination

- Specialty is present in 24/32 countries. In 9 countries it's called Medical genetics, 5 Clinical genetics, 3 Genetics, 2 Clinical or Hospital genetics, and in 1 respectively: Clinical or Laboratory, Medical or Laboratory, Human for MDs or for BsCs, Clinical or Human, Genetics or Biology
- Specialty is absent in 8/32 countries, but in 3/8 countries it is a medical subspecialty

# Specialty in EU countries: training period and access

- The training period varies from 2 (Slovakia) to 6 years (Austria, Slovenia, or 10 in Armenia, to be checked). In 2/3 subspecialties (1 n/a), it's 4+1 or + 2 years
- Enrolment is: in 13 countries for MDs only, 4 MDs or BScs in different specialties, 2 MDs and BScs in the same specialty, 2 BScs only, 2 MDs or MDs and BScs, 1 MDs or Pharm Ds

# A disclaimer and a request

- Data was compiled from questionnaires received, no data verification was done
- Please correct and update in the master copy available at the meeting (and by E-mail or on the ESHG web-site). Please indicate data if possible for missing societies (Bulgaria, Ireland, others...)

Data will be put in the ESHG web-site: your authorization is hereby acknowledged.

You'll be responsible for updating

# NHGSs / ESHG collaboration for:

- Quality assurance in genetic testing (ED)
- Genetics as a EU specialty (UK)
- Training for genetic counselling (HK)
- Core genetics education (DC)
- Exchange of specialty candidates (AS)
- Genetic research
- Other issues: public and professional policy, patenting and licensing, EJHG, courses, website and newsletter,...