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Table 1: Country responses: National public vaccination plans

Country	Topic: National public vaccination plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have a publicly funded plan with recommended vaccinations (for everyone or only for kids)? If yes, please provide the link if it is published. • In the light of Chickenpox and Diphtheria, are there any plans to update publicly funded vaccination plan? For which disease(s) and for which age-cohort? • If not, when did the last update take place in regard to which disease or booster jab?
Albania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the link below you can find the National Vaccination program in Albania. https://www.ishp.gov.al/departamenti-i-kontrollit-te-semundjeve-infektive/programi-kombetar-i-vaksinimit/ • For the moment there are no plans
Austria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Austria has a vaccination strategy that includes information on vaccines that are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommended and publicly funded - Recommended but not publicly funded - Recommended and publicly subsidised for children and adults. For more information, see the following links (in German): https://www.sozialministerium.at/Themen/Gesundheit/Impfen/Impfplan-%C3%96sterreich.html https://www.sozialministerium.at/Themen/Gesundheit/Impfen/Kostenfreies-Kinderimpfprogramm.html https://impfservice.wien/corona/#faq • Chickenpox/varicella vaccination is recommended but not publicly funded. Diphtheria is recommended and publicly funded for children; booster shots for adults who have received full vaccination when they were children are recommended (every 10 years and every 5 years after the age of 60) but not publicly funded. • The current national vaccination plan is from January 2022, including updates for COVID-19 vaccines. At the moment no updates are planned, but the national vaccination committee meets regularly to evaluate their recommendations.
Belgium	<p>Guide to vaccination in Belgium</p> <p>Only one vaccination is legally required in Belgium: polio. The polio vaccine has been required for all residents in Belgium since 1967. There are slight variations between the vaccination plans of the French Community and the Flemish Community. The Superior Health Council of the Federal Public Service Public Health is responsible for coordinating vaccination in the French and Flemish Communities.</p> <p>Vaccination of children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For French speakers: If your child goes to crèche or any other care provision centre approved by the 'ONE' (Office de la Naissance et de l'Enfance) (FR), you will be asked to have it vaccinated against the following diseases: polio, diphtheria, whooping cough, type b Haemophilus influenzae, measles, rubella (German measles) and mumps. <p>Vaccinations for children aged up to 6 years old are organised through the 'ONE' consultations (FR). Various vaccines for children aged between 2 months and 16 years are available free of charge in the vaccinations organised by the French Community. Vaccination against hepatitis B became free for children aged up to 12 years old at the end of 1999.</p>

	<p>- For Dutch speakers: 'Kind & Gezin', the Flemish childhood and family organisation, recommends the following vaccinations: polio, diphtheria, whooping cough, type b Haemophilus influenzae, hepatitis B, measles, rubella (German measles) and mumps. For more information on vaccinations, visit the Kind & Gezin website (NL).</p> <p>Based on the advice of the Superior Health Council (CSS), the Wallonia-Brussels Federation has drawn up a vaccination calendar listing the compulsory and recommended vaccinations, as well as the ages at which they must be carried out.</p> <p>https://www.vaccination-info.be/contre-quelles-maladies-et-quand-se-faire-vacciner/ https://www.health.belgium.be/fr/avis-8807-vaccination-contre-la-diptherie-le-tetanos-et-la-coqueluche-enfants-fiche https://www.health.belgium.be/sites/default/files/uploads/fields/fpshealth_theme_file/css_avis_9212_varicelle_veerle_a5.pdf (2017)</p>
Bulgaria	<p>https://www.mh.government.bg/bg/informaciya-za-grazhdani/imunizacii/ Bulgaria has also a specific vaccination plan for COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.mh.government.bg/bg/novini/aktualno/nacionalen-plan-za-vaksinirane-sreshu-covid-19-v-r/
Croatia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Croatia has a national programme on mandatory and recommended vaccination with yearly revisions https://www.hzjz.hr/sluzba-epidemiologija-zarazne-bolesti/provedbeni-program-cijepljenja-za-2022-godinu/ • Diphtheria is part of our national compulsory vaccination program, but the chickenpox vaccine is only included in the optional program.
Estonia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://ta.vaktsineeri.ee/en/vaccinating-children/schedule Influenza is free of charge for 65+ (not in the schedule at moment) For COVID-19 is own Schedule, changes are made on ongoing basis according to epidemiological situation and development of vaccines. • Diphtheria is in the schedule (3 months; 4,5 months; 6 months; 1,5-2years; 6-7 years; 15-17 years; adults every 10 years). Chickenpox is not in schedule. • New vaccination plan has been under discussion. HPV (2018) Influenza for 65+ (since 2021, 2022-2023 is plan add 60+), is plan to integrate to schedule.
Finland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finland has a national vaccination programme (https://thl.fi/en/web/infectious-diseases-and-vaccinations/information-about-vaccinations/finnish-national-vaccination-programme) • Both chickenpox (varicella) and diphtheria are part of our national vaccination programme. Please, see details of ages covered at https://thl.fi/en/web/infectious-diseases-and-vaccinations/information-about-vaccinations/vaccination-programme-for-children-and-adults
Germany	<p>In Germany, vaccinations that are publicly recommended by the STIKO are usually included in the vaccination guidelines of the Joint Federal Grant. There, the assumption of costs by the statutory health insurers is regulated. This applies to vaccinations in childhood as well as in adulthood.</p> <p>The current recommendations of the STIKO (including varicella and diphtheria) can be found here: https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/Kommissionen/STIKO/Empfehlungen/Impfempfehlungen_node.html</p>
Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, Ireland has a publicly funded vaccination plan in Ireland. This is based on the advice of the National Immunisation Advisory Committee. The committee's recommendations are based on the prevalence of the relevant disease in Ireland and international best practice in relation to immunisation. It makes recommendations on vaccination policy to the Department of Health. The NIAC continues to revise recommendations to allow for the introduction of new vaccines in Ireland and to keep abreast of changes in the patterns of disease. Therefore, the immunisation schedule will continue to be amended over time. In Ireland, all vaccines administered through the National Immunisation programme are provided free of charge. The Primary Childhood Immunisation Schedule can be viewed here: https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/pubinfo/pcischedule/immschedule/ The School based Immunisation Programme is available to view here: https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/pubinfo/schoolprog/ Further details relating to Ireland's National Immunisation Programmes are available to view via the HSE's website through the following link: https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/ • Diphtheria Vaccine: In Ireland, three doses of a vaccine containing diphtheria toxoid (contained in the '6 in 1' vaccine) are given during the first year of life (primary immunization), a booster is given at 4-5 years of age and another booster at 11-14 years of age. All vaccines now used in Ireland to boost protection against tetanus also contain a booster vaccine for diphtheria.



	<p>Chickenpox Vaccine: Varicella vaccination is not currently included as part of the routine childhood immunisation schedule. The Varicella Zoster Vaccine was proposed for a Health Technology Assessment (HTA) by the Department of Health in December 2019. HIQA's HTA prioritisation process, due to be completed in Q1 2020, was paused as the HTA team was diverted to provide evidence synthesis to support the Covid-19 vaccination programme. This topic was subsequently considered by HIQA during the 2021 prioritisation process and was prioritised for inclusion in the HIQA HTA work programme for 2021/2022. This HTA is currently underway and is expected to be completed in 2022. On completion, the outcome of the HTA will form the basis of decision making in relation to the inclusion or otherwise of the varicella vaccine in the National Immunisation programme.</p>
Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Italy has a 'National vaccination prevention plan' for every one (in Italian language): https://www.trovanorme.salute.gov.it/norme/dettaglioAtto?id=58185 Related to COVID-19 pandemic, Italy has elaborated also a specific 'Covid-19 vaccine plan': (https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioContenutiNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=italiano&id=5452&area=nuovoCoronavirus&menu=vuoto) Both chickenpox (varicella) and diphtheria are part of the Italian 'National vaccination prevention plan'; you can find details for doses and ages at the following link (in Italian language): https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/vaccinazioni/dettaglioContenutiVaccinazioni.jsp?id=4829&area=vaccinazioni&menu=vuoto.
Latvia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Latvia has a national programme on mandatory and recommended vaccination: https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/11215-vaccination-regulations Diphtheria is part of our national vaccination program (combined vaccine against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) as varicella (Vaccination against varicella for children at the age of 15 months shall be commenced from 2 January 2008. Vaccination against varicella for 7-year-old children (second dose) shall be commenced from 1 January 2019.) according to the Vaccination Regulations (https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/11215-vaccination-regulations)
Norway	All information about the programme is here: https://www.fhi.no/en/id/vaccines/childhood-immunisation-programme/
Poland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poland has got a national vaccination programme. Here is the link to the programme for 2022 https://www.gov.pl/web/gis/program-szczepien-ochronnych-na-rok-2022 and the infographic (in Polish) of the vaccination calendar https://szczepienia.pzh.gov.pl/kalendarz-szczepien-2022-2/ Both chickenpox and diphtheria are part of our national vaccination programme. Chickenpox is a recommended vaccination, whereas diphtheria is a mandatory vaccination. Both are publicly funded.
Portugal	Vaccination Programme (in Portuguese): https://www.sns24.gov.pt/tema/vacinas/programa-nacional-de-vacinacao/
Romania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a national programme on mandatory and recommended vaccination: https://insp.gov.ro/centrul-national-de-supraveghere-si-control-al-bolilor-transmisibile-cnscbt/calendarul-national-de-vaccinare/ Diphtheria is part of our national compulsory vaccination program, but the chickenpox vaccine is only included in the optional program
Slovakia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our vaccination plan is mandatory and reimbursed. Displayed on PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY page: https://www.uvzsr.sk/docs/info/ockovanie/Ockovaci_kalendar_pre_pravidelne_povinne_ockovanie_deti_a_dospelych_na_rok_2022.pdf We stopped vaccination against chickenpox 40 years ago. Those 40+ are protected. 40- are not. We dont have the vaccine. Vaccination calendar is updated annually. The vaccination scheduler is here: https://vaccine-schedule.ecdc.europa.eu/
Spain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, there is a national vaccination plan for everyone, kids and adults https://www.sanidad.gob.es/profesionales/saludPublica/prevPromocion/vacunaciones/calendario-y-coberturas/docs/CalendarioVacunacion_Todalavida.pdf (only Spanish version) Further information in: https://www.sanidad.gob.es/profesionales/saludPublica/prevPromocion/vacunaciones/calendario-y-coberturas/home.htm No Chickenpox vaccine for children (2 doses) was introduced in national vaccination schedule in 2016



United Kingdom	All informations on UK vaccination schedules can be found at: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/ Recommendations on the schedule and vaccination come from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) - https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/joint-committee-on-vaccination-and-immunisation Their recommendations can be found on the website further down. . The Government generally accepts and implements the recommendations. Varicella vaccine is not routinely used in the UK.
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