

Optimal use of systemic therapy in the palliative setting

Community Oncology Special Session

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The ESMO CO WG represents oncologists

- mainly working outside of academic cancer institutions or Comprehensive Cancer Centers
- typically treating patients with a wide range of tumors

Principal Mission

- best standard of care for all cancer patients in Europe, inside and outside dedicated cancer centers
- implementation of practice-oriented educational activities and easily accessible tools and products



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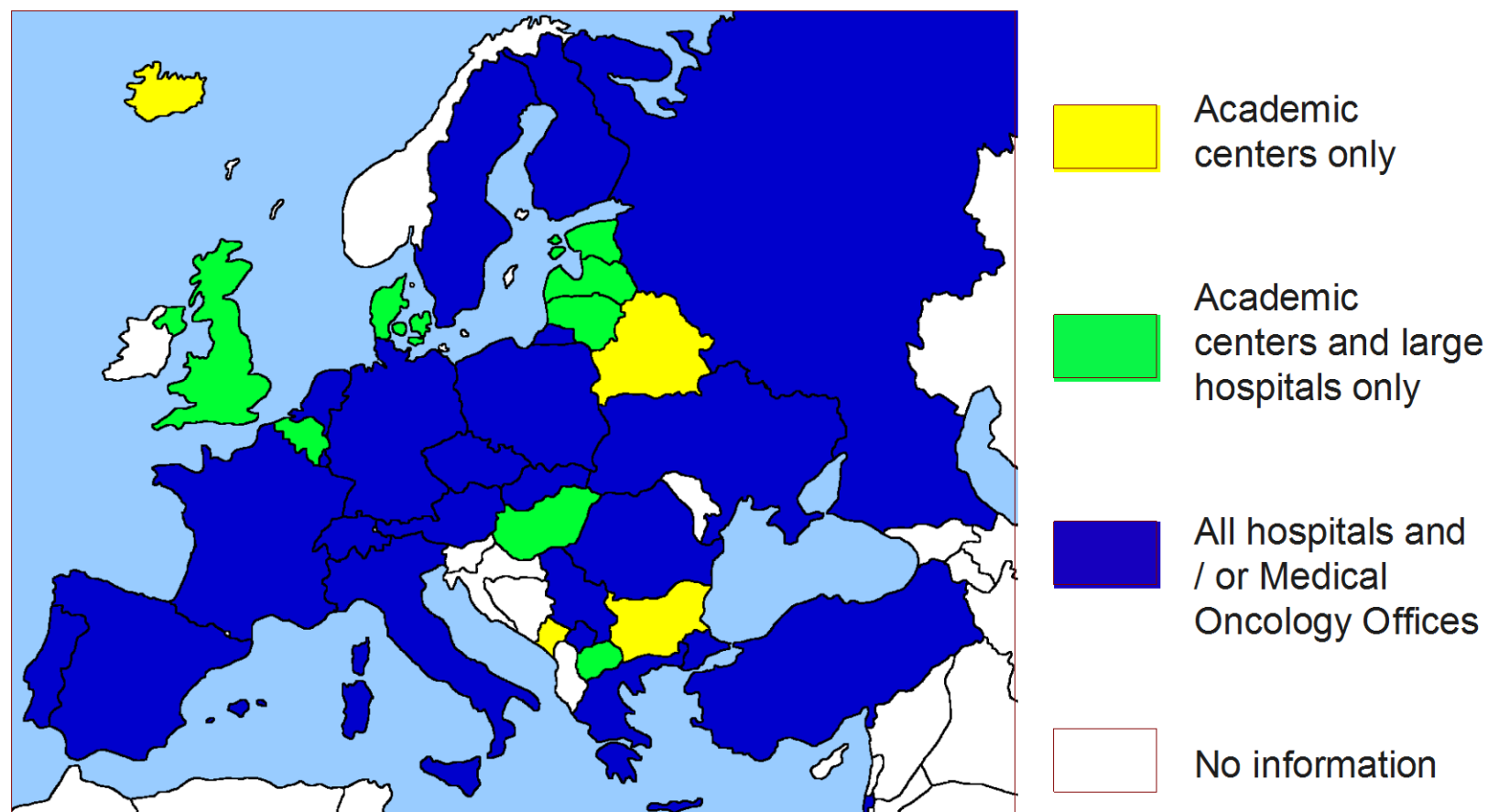
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The Who and Where of Cancer Care in Europe:

Insights from a community oncology survey among ESMO National Representatives

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ESMO-National-Representatives-Survey-2012.pdf](http://www.esmo.org/content/download/47636/871168/file/ESMO-National-Representatives-Survey-2012.pdf)

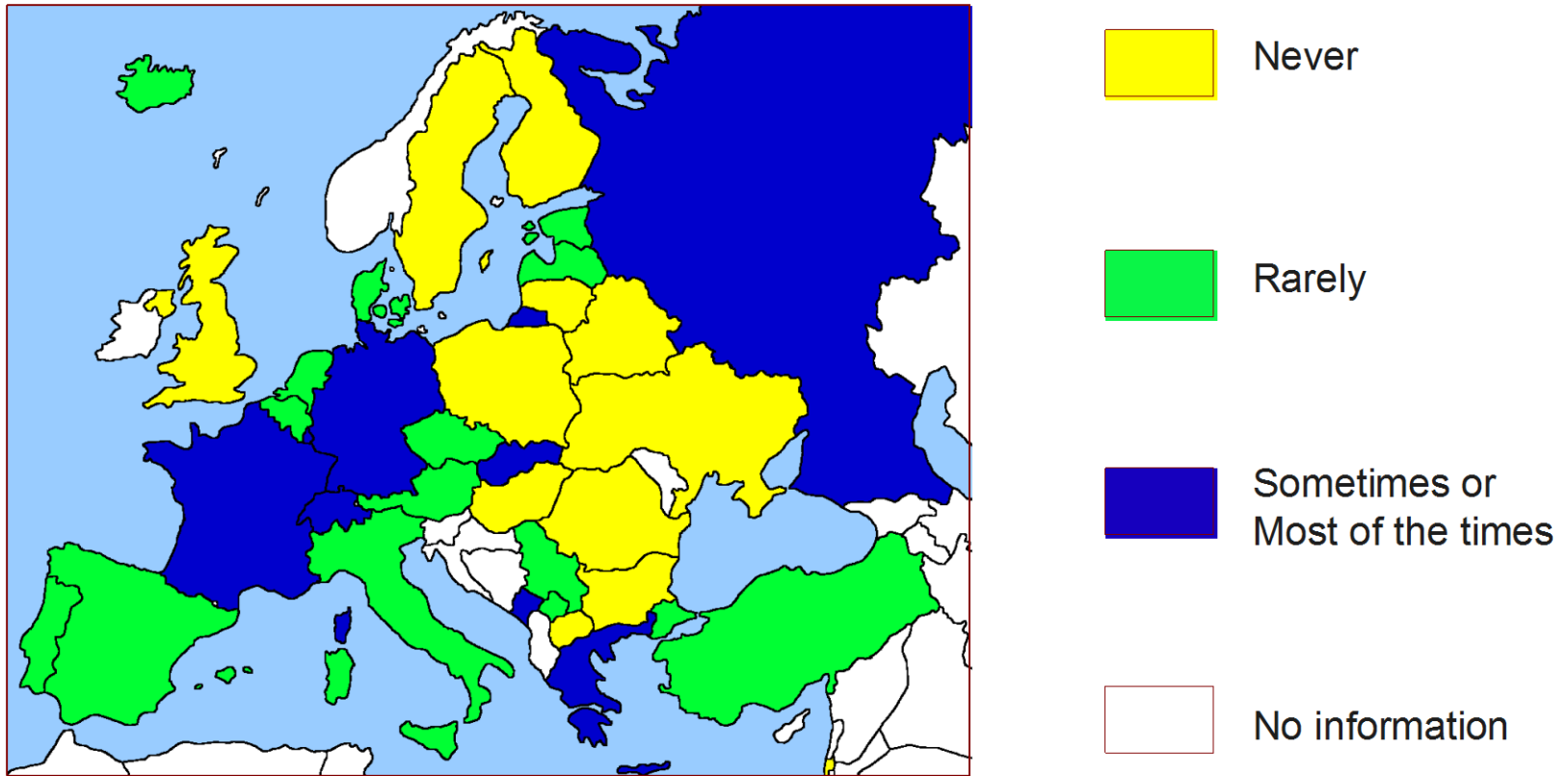
Settings for chemotherapy application



Community Oncologist are practicing in at least those countries marked in blue:

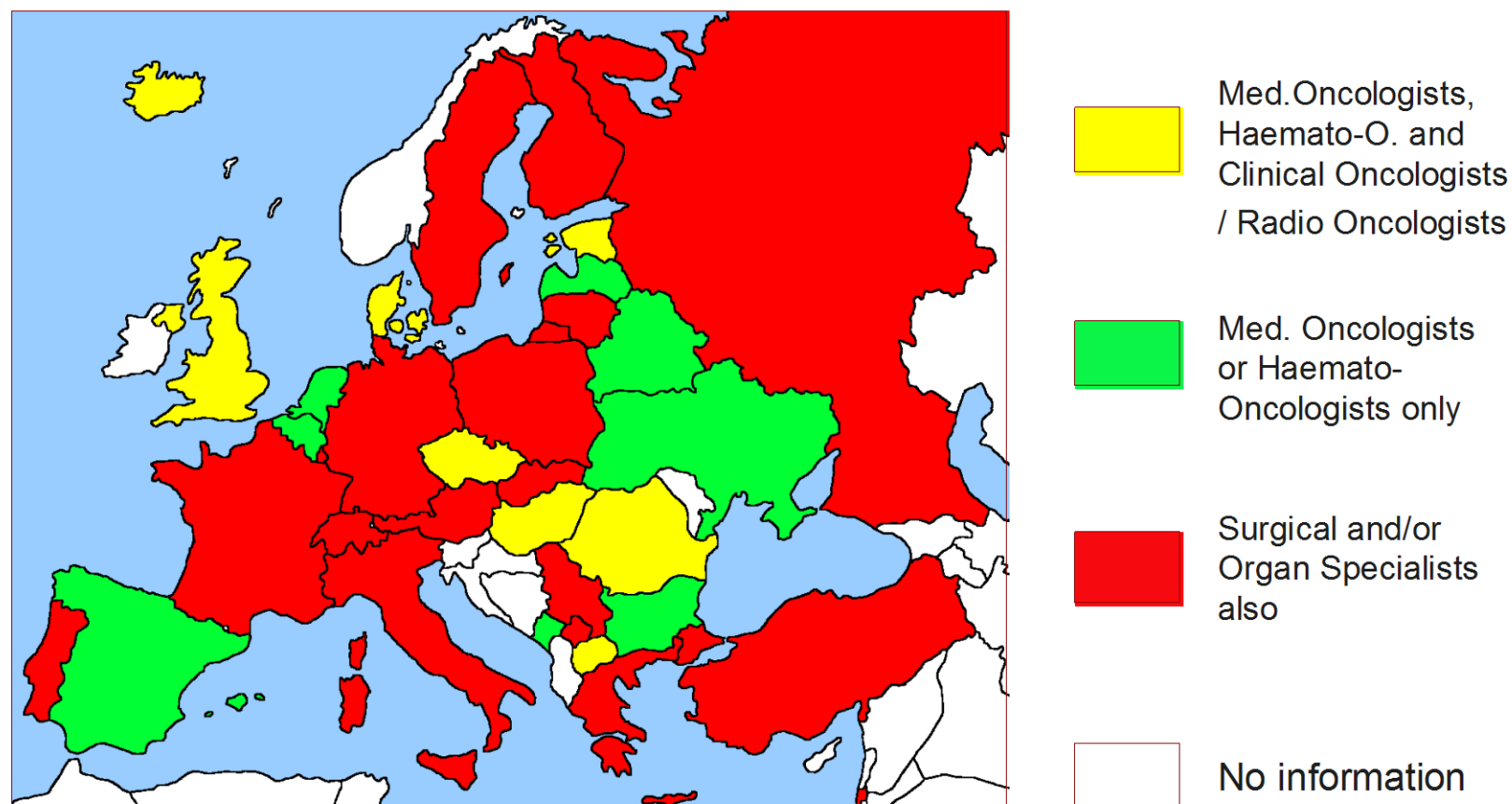
Austria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and Ukraine.

In which countries do oncologists work as independent professionals (self-employed)?



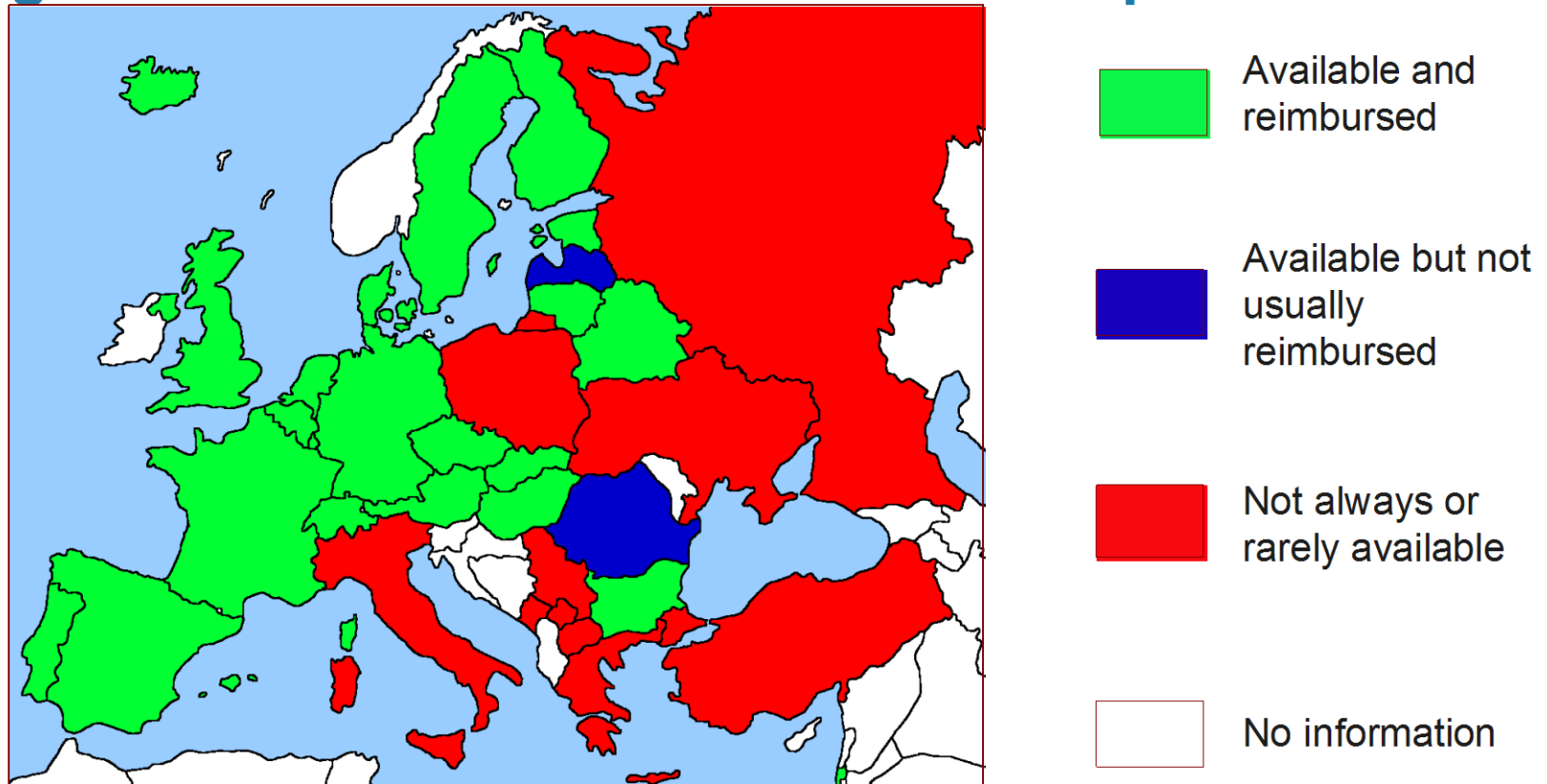
There is a significant proportion of self-employed oncologists (independent professionals = private practice, indicating they may be Community Oncologist) practicing in the following countries (marked in blue):
France, Germany, Greece, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Russia, Slovakia, and Switzerland.

Who prescribes chemotherapy in Europe?



Surgical oncologists and/or Organ Specialists (GI, Uro, Gynae...) prescribe cytotoxic treatment in the following countries (marked in red): Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, and Turkey.

Availability and reimbursement of approved and guideline-recommended chemotherapies



Problems with the availability and / or reimbursement of chemotherapy occur mainly in eastern and southern European countries (marked in red): Greece, Italy, Latvia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, and Ukraine.

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- **IF AND WHEN TO START SYSTEMIC THERAPY**
as palliation for people with advanced cancer
Ian F. Tannock, Toronto, CA
- **HAVE A BREAK:**
optimal duration of systemic therapy in common tumours
Richard Herrmann, Basel, CH
- **TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS:**
experiences of a medical oncologist on chemotherapy intensification
Peter Schmid, London, GB
- **IT'S TIME TO STOP:**
when to initiate palliative therapy
Sofia Braga, Lisbon, PT
- **CONCLUSIONS AND INVITATION**
Michalis Karamouzis, Athens, GR