### OUR RESEARCH QUESTION

To what extent would implementing the European Health Union improve the status quo in the development, procurement and distribution of vaccines?

# INTRODUCTION: Current Challenges In The healthcare Sector:

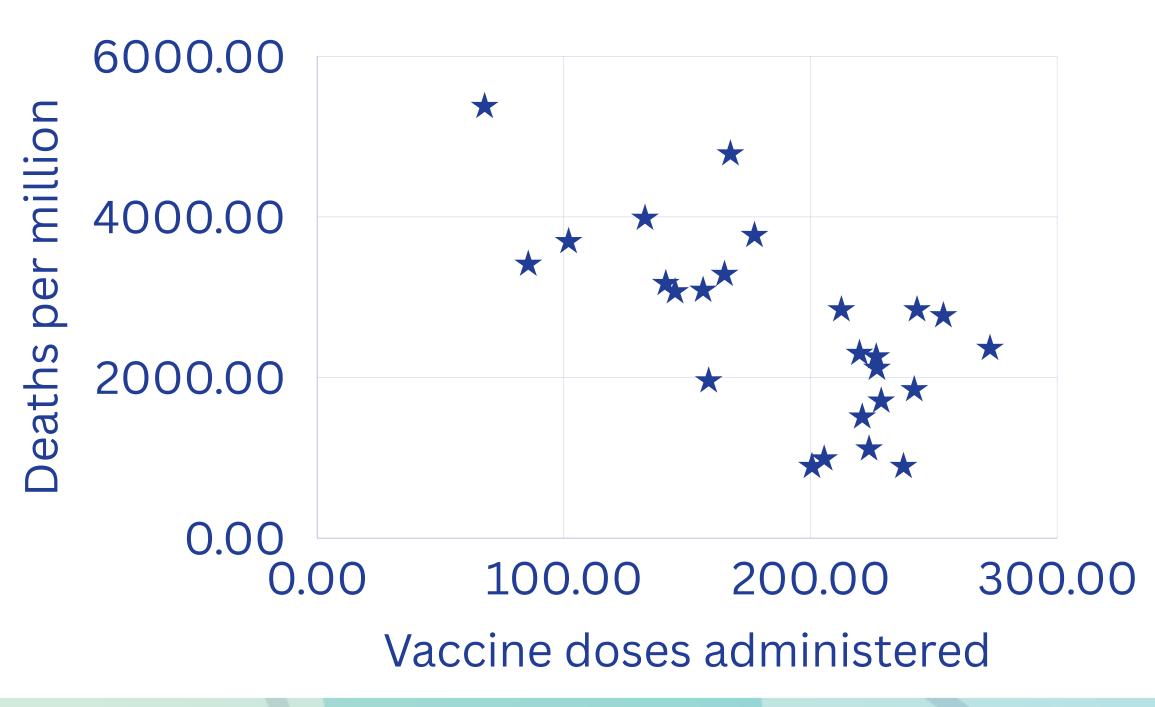
Europe's health response is fragmented. Legal constraints, national controls, and uncoordinated medical responses can lead to inequality in healthcare access.

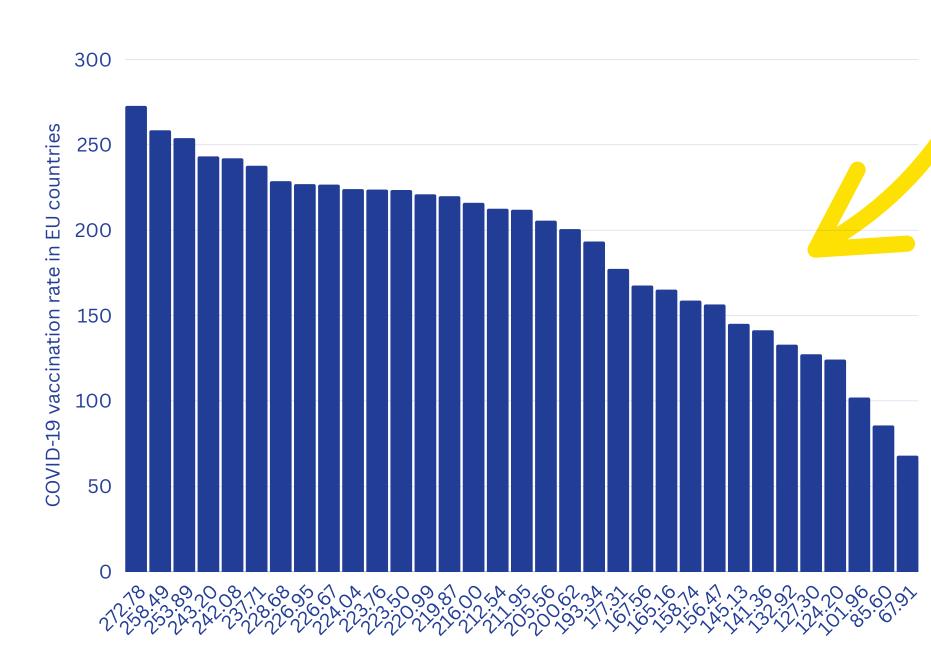
(Alemanno, 2020; Greer et al., 2022; Guy, 2020)

solution:

## A European Health Union

Data analysis highlights the importance of vaccination





### METHODOLOGY: Interdisciplinary Aspects

Qualitative and quantitative data, literature review, and expert consultation

Assessment of structural drivers and integration benefits in health, biomedical, and market systems

Political & legal review of enablers and barriers to EU health coordination

### CORE RESULTS:

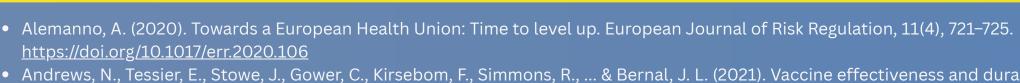
- Fragmented & inconsistent national responses (Caplanusi et al., 2024)
- Centralized procurement improved equity and cost-efficiency (Della Corte, 2024)
- Higher vaccination %:
   lower mortality (Andrews et al., 2021)
- EUVRIS: To unify safety monitoring & response (Caplanusi et al., 2024)
- Legal, fiscal, and IP limits block full EHU integration (Thambisetty et al., 2022)

RECCOMMENDATIONS:
Potential Benefits of a EHU

#### **CONCLUSION: Possible Solutions**

- IP coordination: faster licensing, data sharing, and fair access (Thambisetty et al., 2022)
- Centralized procurement: improves efficiency and budget stability (Della Corte, 2024)
- Market integration: reduces monopolies and boosts negotiation power (Seretis et al., 2024)
- EHU/EUVRIS: standardization streamlines logistics and enhances real-time safety oversight (Caplanusi et al., 2024)

- Unified EHU for stronger EU coordination, crisis response and global leadership (Wouters et al., 2023; Alemanno, 2020)
- EUVRIS for real-time monitoring and standardized EU-wide guidance (Caplanusi et al., 2024)
- Centralized procurement lowers costs, reduces reliance, improves equity, and boosts trust (Della Corte, 2024; Andrews et al., 2021)



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