

Promoting sexual health is a core aspect of SRH services

(WHO Reproductive Health Strategy, 2004)

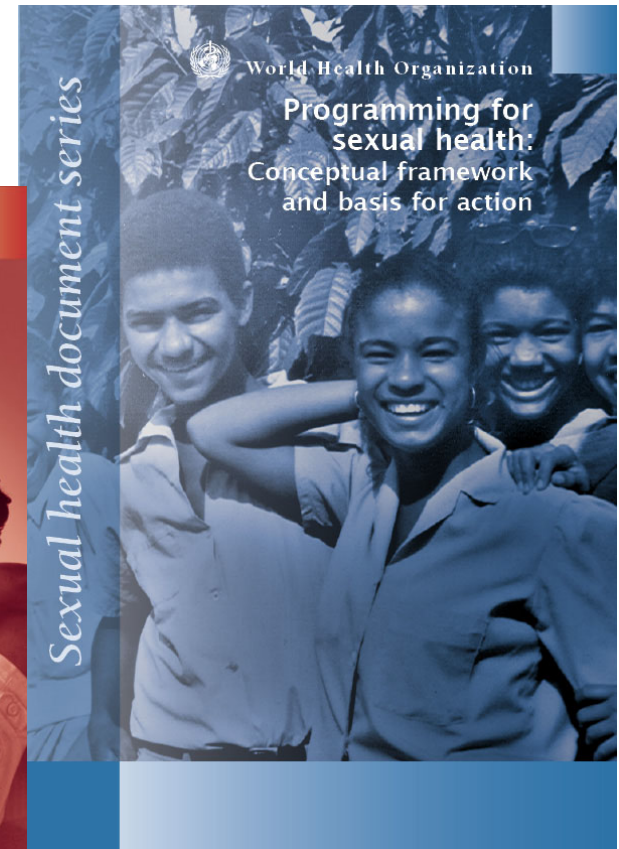
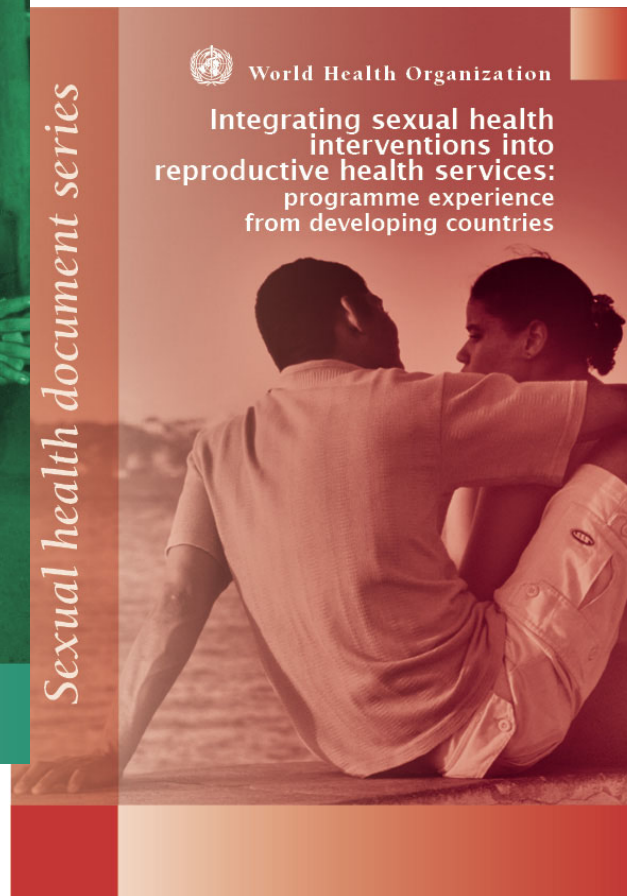
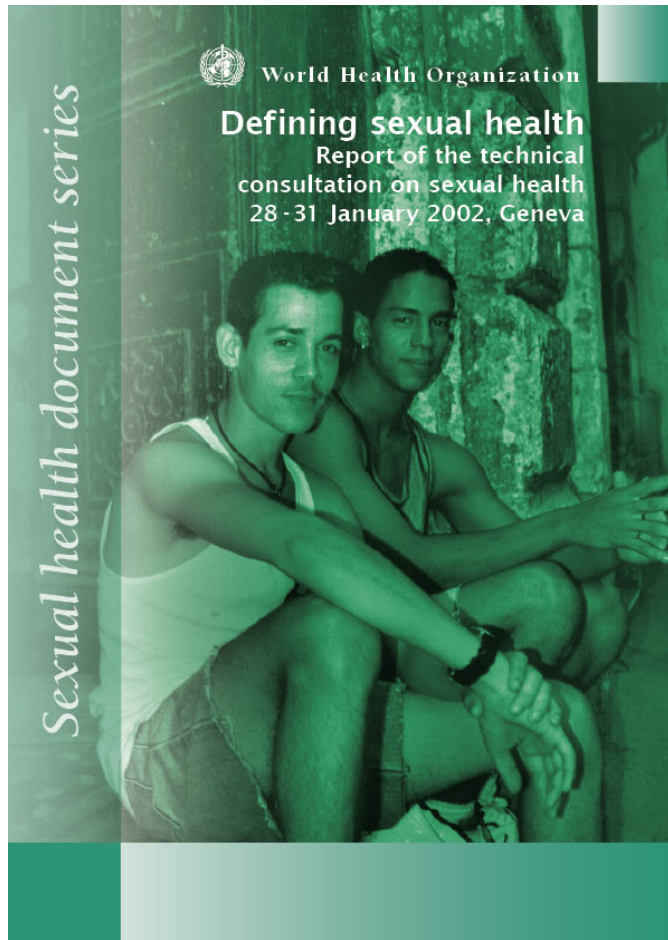
WHY?

- WHO estimates unsafe sex to be the second most important global **risk factor to health**
- Access to taboos and norms about sexuality pose strong barriers to providing information, RH services and other forms of support that young people need to be healthy

Aims of WHO work in Sexual Health

- Build the evidence base for good practices in sexual health programmes
- Increase knowledge and understanding of the social and cultural factors related to harmful sexual practices in order to develop strategies to eliminate such practices.

Sexual health document series



WHO European Region





HO Priorities of SRH for 2008-2013 in EUROPE (RAP)

Maternal and perinatal mortality and morbidity
prevention of unwanted pregnancy and ensuring
safe abortion

Improving SRHR of young people, also
through the provision of YFHS, emphasising
the needs of vulnerable and underserved
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Promoting the role of the health sector in addressing
gender based violence

Planning of the family in the new Europe

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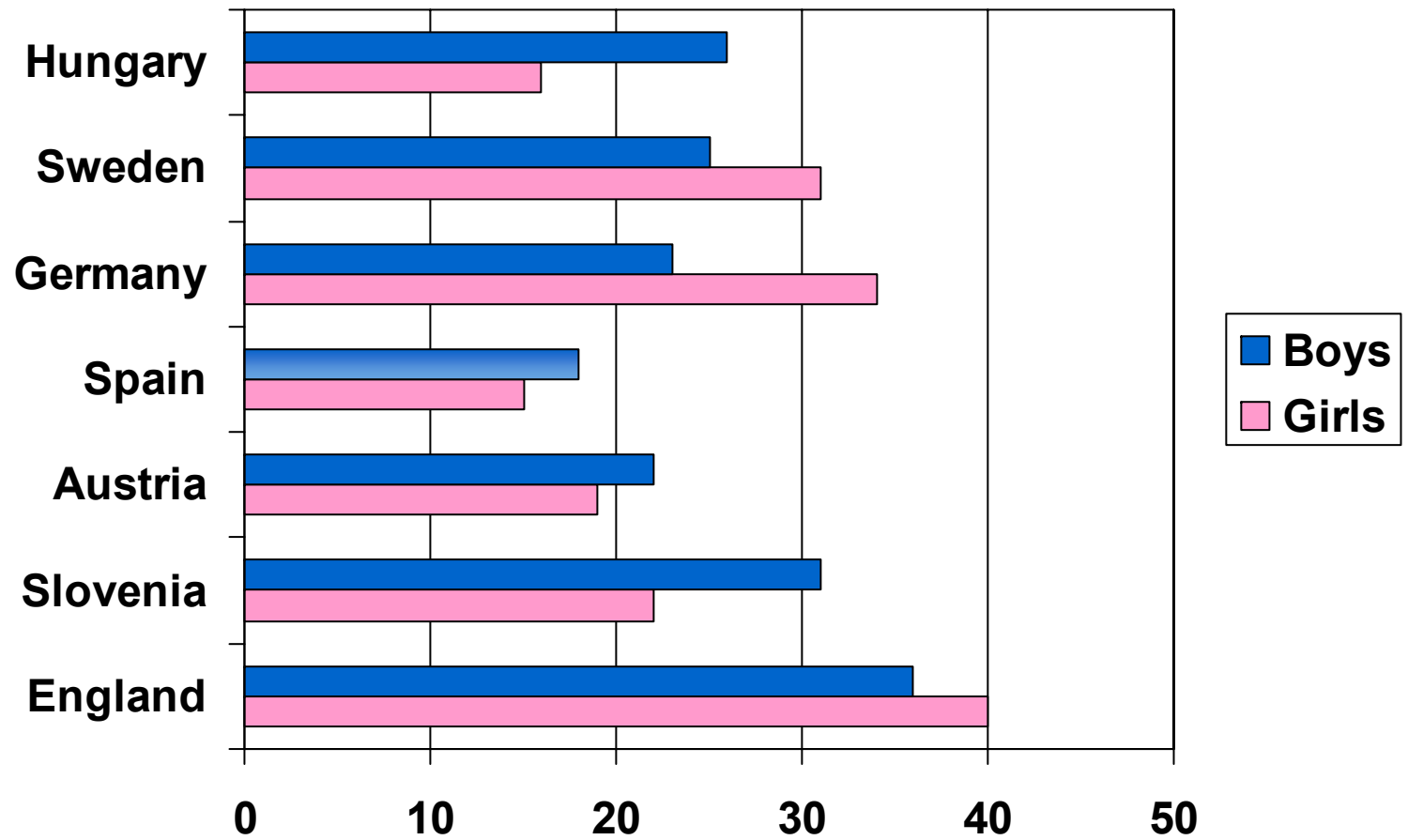
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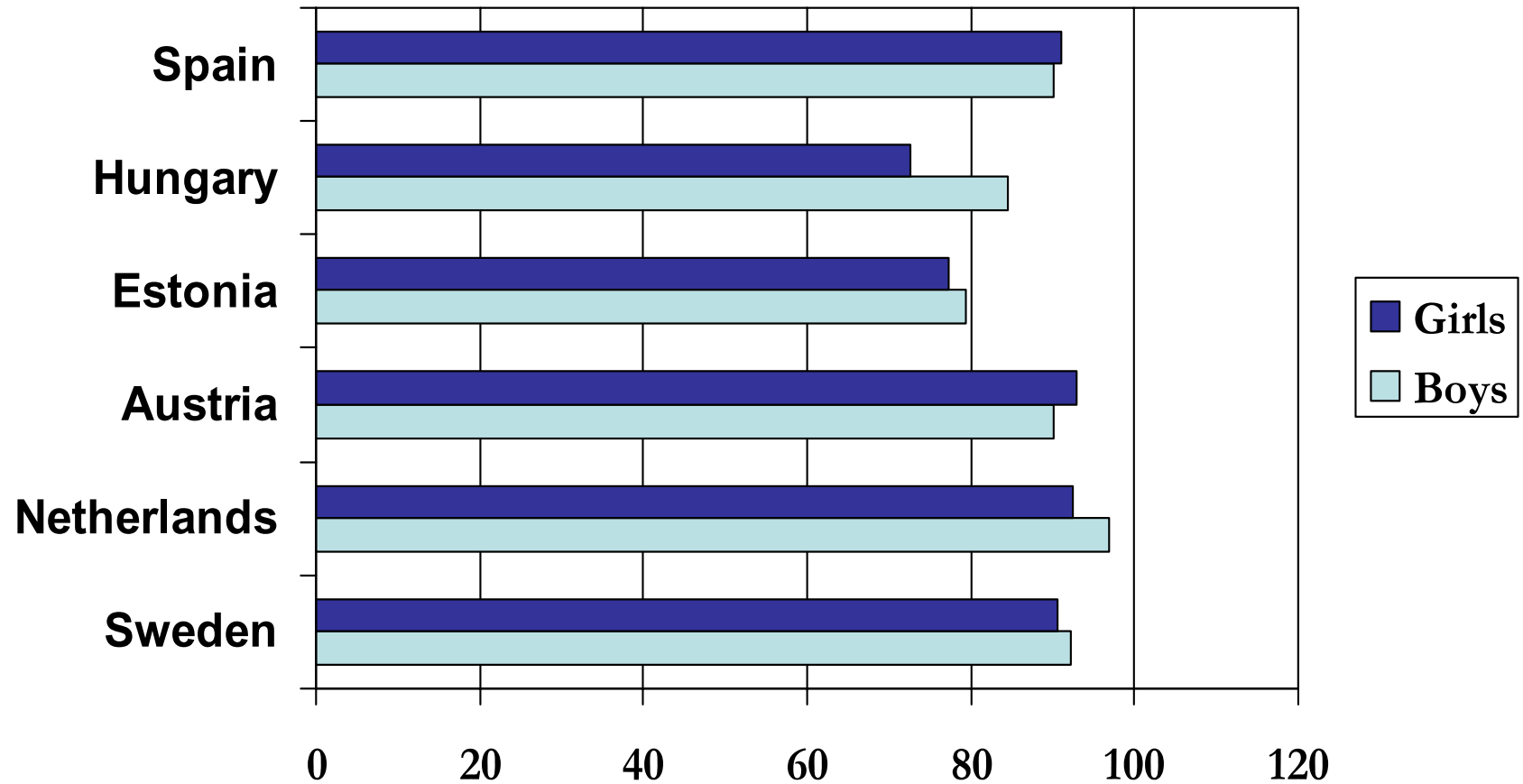
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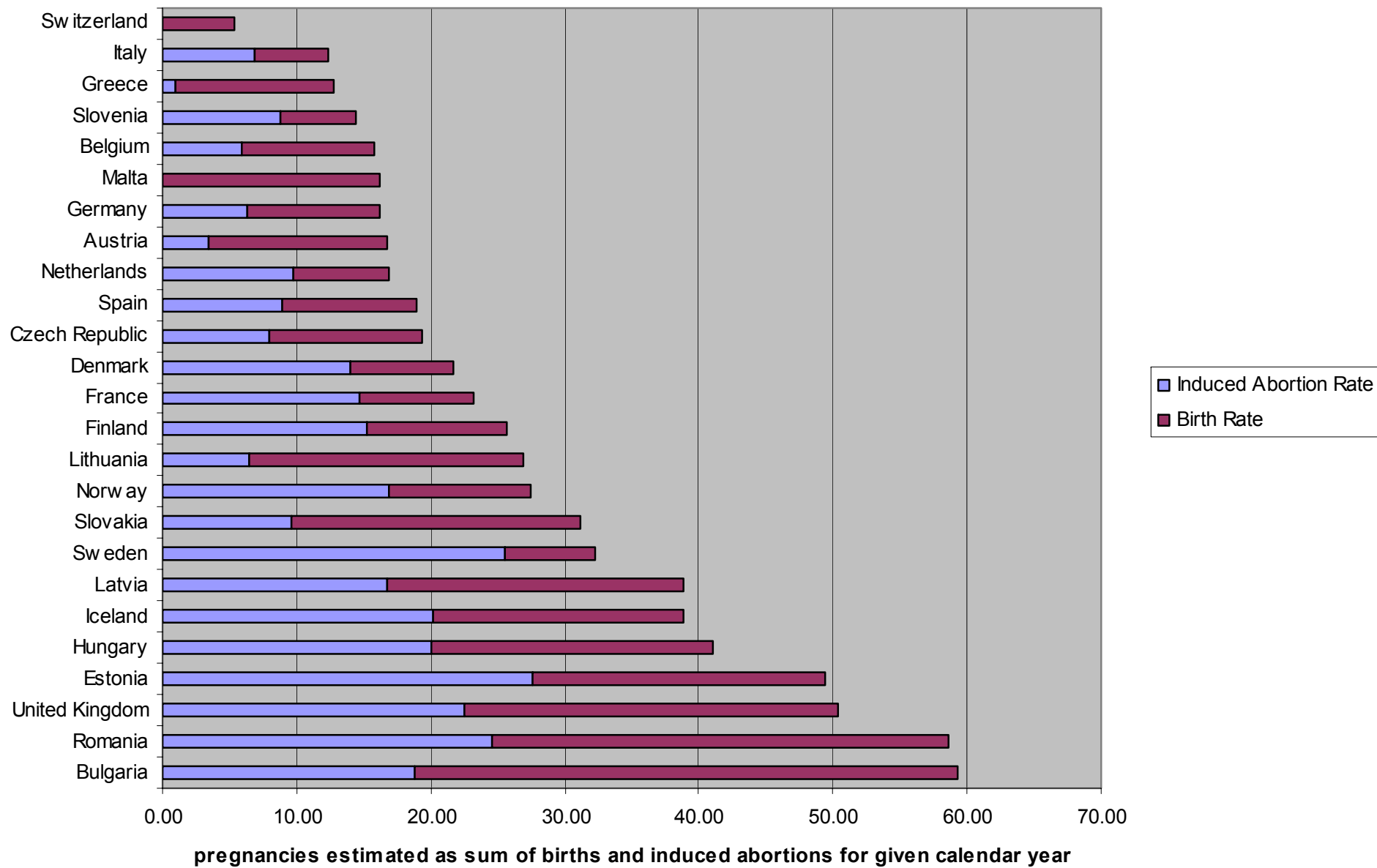
Young people who have had sexual intercourse 15-year-olds (%) HBSC, 2004



% of 15 year old using contraception at last sexual intercourse (HBSC, 2004)



Adolescent pregnancy outcomes 2003 or most recent year, per 1000 women aged 15-19



Source:WHO European HFA,MDB,June 2005.



International meeting

BZgA

**“Youth Sex Education in a
Multicultural Europe”**

Cologne, November 2006

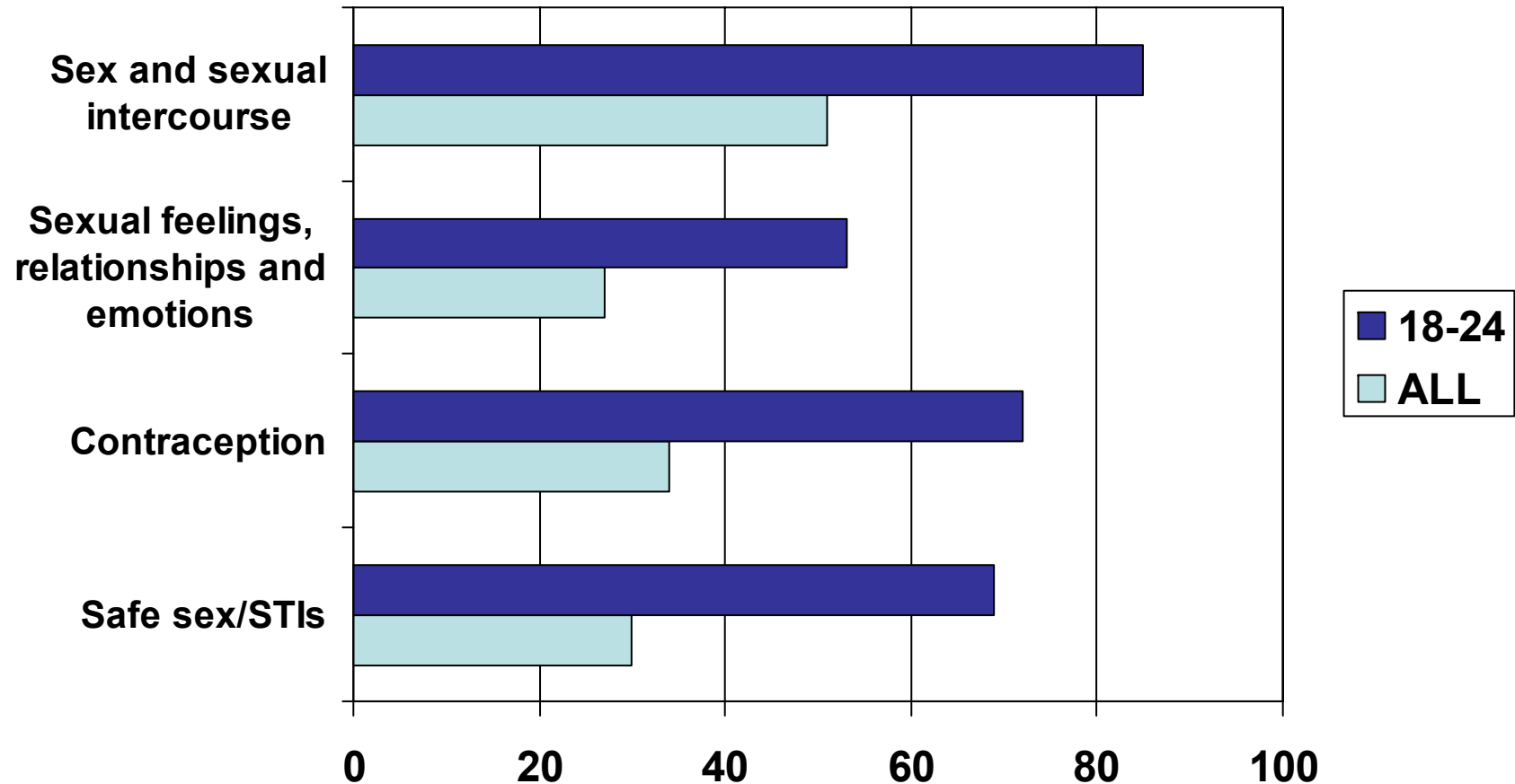
BZgA/WHO Conference on **Youth Sex Education**
in a **Multicultural Europe** Cologne, November 2006

<http://www.bzga.de/?uid=a3b1611369d04929b44d357c112a3eee&id=Seite1526>

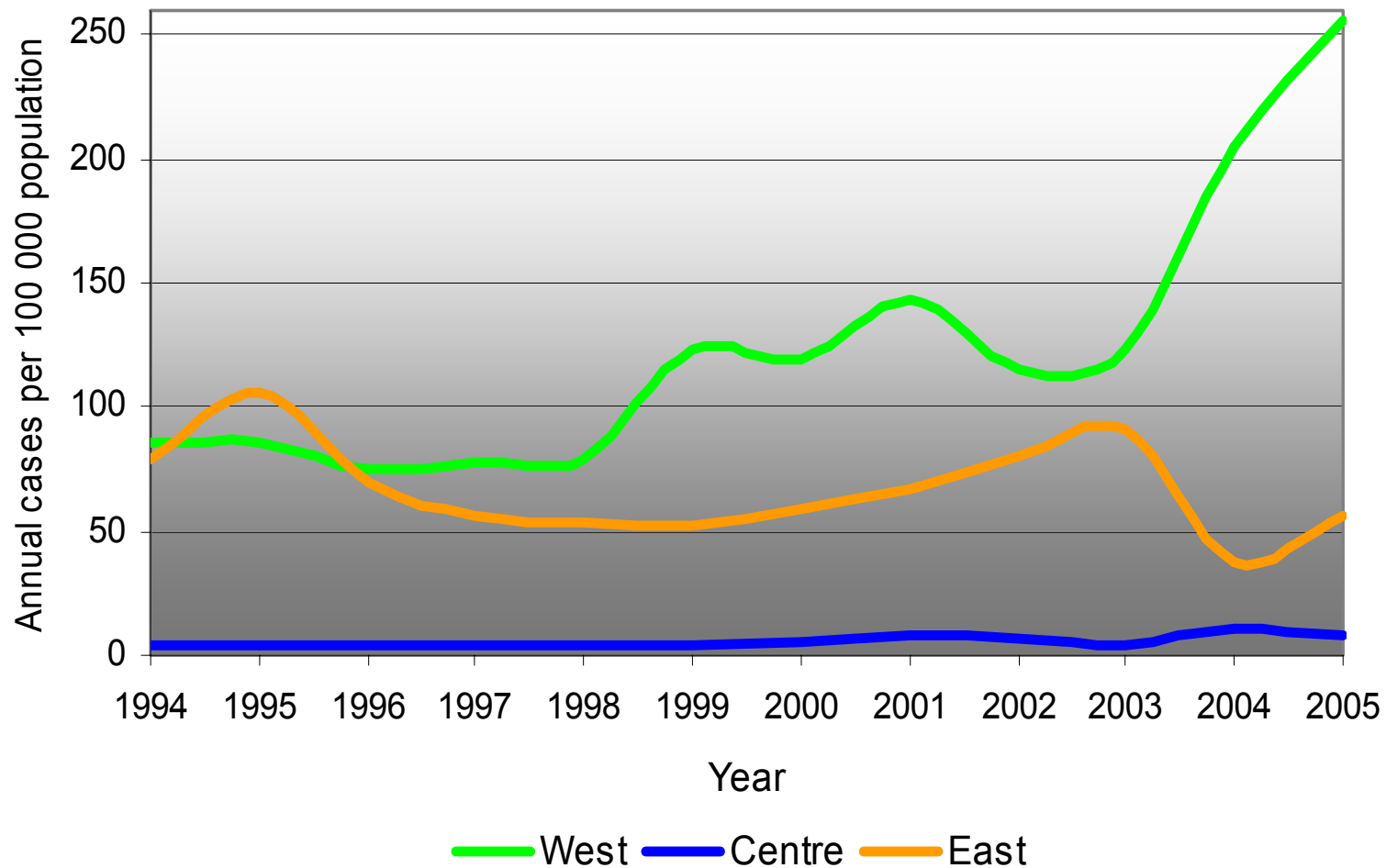


Proportion receiving sex education on four topics

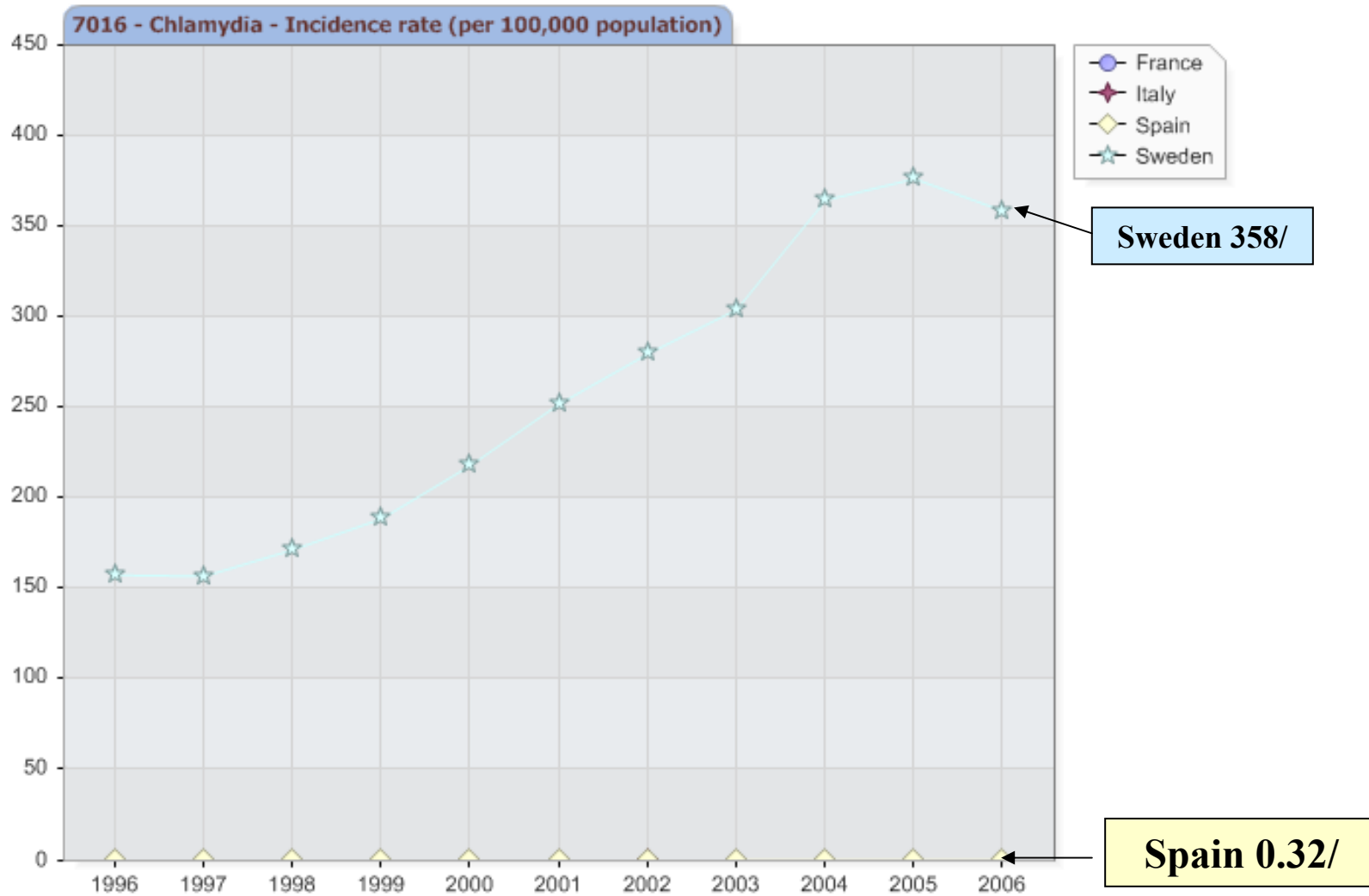
(Irish Study of SH and relationships, 2006)



Average incidence of Chlamydia in Europe



Centralized information system for infectious diseases



<http://data.euro.who.int/cisid/>

A European Strategy for Child and Adolescent Health and Development



http://www.euro.who.int/childhealthdev/strategy/20060919_1

A toolkit for implementation



Goal

To promote optimal sexual health and an affirmative view of sexuality for women, men and adolescents

Activities planned in the WHO European Region 2008-2009

- European Magazine for SRH *Entre Nous* on **SEXUAL HEALTH in Europe**
- **Regional meeting on SEXUAL health - 2009**



THANK YOU!

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