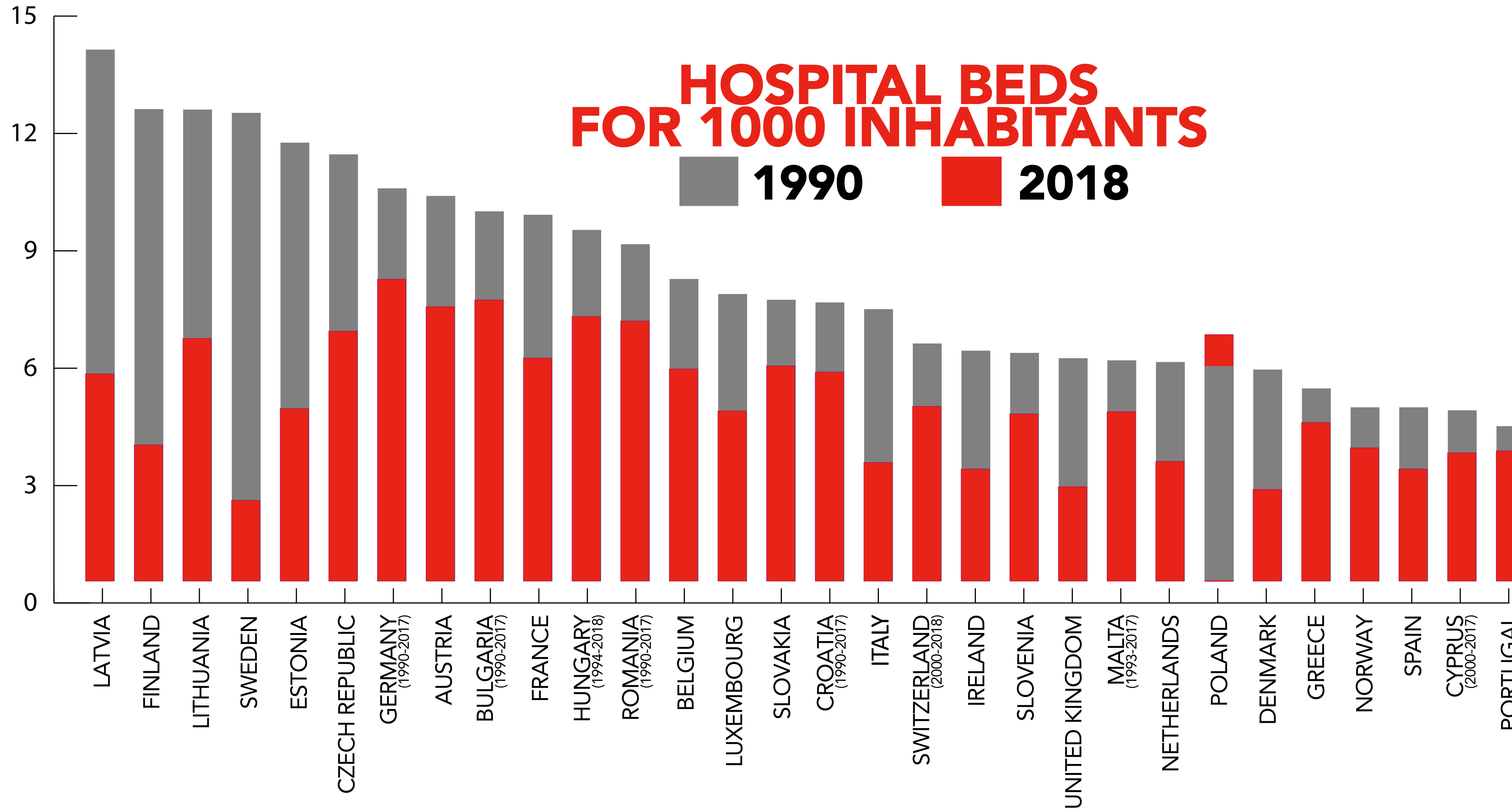


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Since the beginning of the 2000s, austerity and the privatization of hospitals have slashed the number of available beds and taken them out of public hands.

### CONCRETELY

- ▶ The number of hospital beds per capita has decreased in all EU countries (graph);
- ▶ The share of beds managed by commercial establishments has increased in all European countries; today, more than 20% of hospital beds in Europe are in the hands of commercial actors.

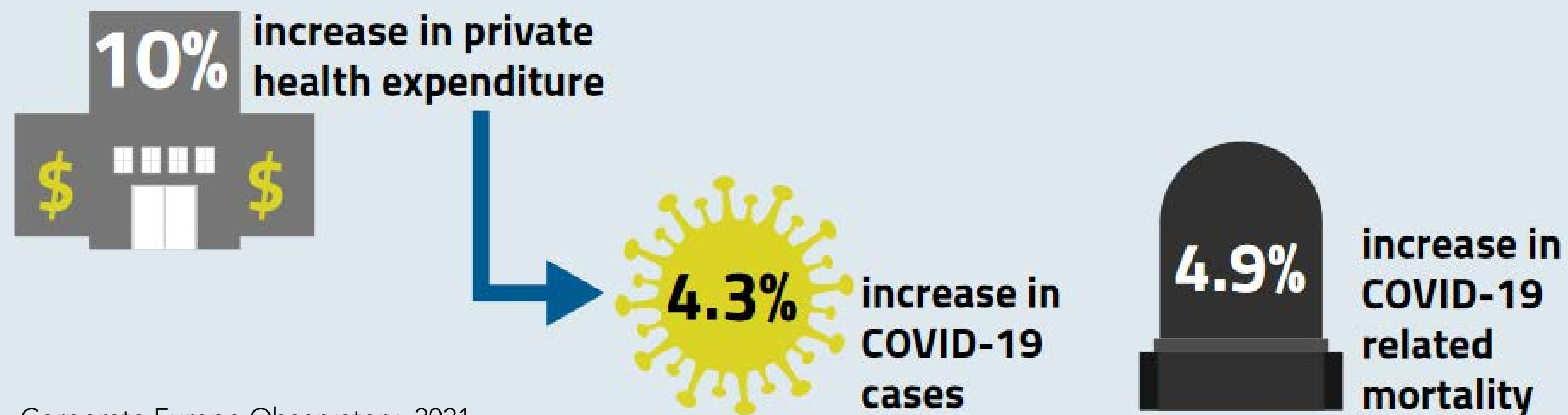
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# ALTER SUMMIT

As a result, **HEALTH CARE COSTS** have increased and are now borne by the sick, reinforcing a two-tier system. But more importantly, they have undermined the system's ability to respond to a pandemic such as the coronavirus.

## TO GET OUT OF THIS AUSTERITY AND PRIVATISATION-MADE DISASTER, ALTER SUMMIT CALLS FOR:

Greater privatisation of healthcare significantly raises the rates of COVID-19 prevalence and mortality across countries



Corporate Europe Observatory, 2021

- ▶ An end to government austerity, which only benefits the private sector, and an end to privatizations;
- ▶ An increase in resources for public healthcare – both human and financial;
- ▶ Popular participation in defining healthcare needs and objectives.

Health is a universal common good, not the object of frenetic profiteering!

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**ALTER**  
**SUMMIT**

**IN APRIL**  
**FOR**  
**WORLD**  
**HEALTH DAY**

- ▶ We are mobilizing to liberate healthcare from the profit motive;
- ▶ We support the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) Right2Cure which demands a waiver for vaccine patents to allow the greatest number of people access to them. We call on everyone to sign:  
[HTTPS://NOPROFITONPANDEMIC.EU/](https://noprofitonpandemic.eu/)
- ▶ We will link this to our other struggles - adequate income, safe housing, quality employment, education, a healthy environment, etc. - as they are also critical for our health.

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