

Conjugate meningococcal group C vaccination programmes in the EU, as at October 2007

Countries with routine vaccination

Country	Routine schedule	Year introduced	Catch-up	Year undertaken	
<i>Belgium</i>	1. <i>Wallonie</i>	12 months	2002	1 year - 6 years	2002
	2. <i>Flanders</i>	12 months	2002	1 years - 3 years 1 year - 6 years and 14 years - 17 years 10 years - 14 years 7 years - 9 years	2001 2002 2003 2004
<i>Germany</i>	12 - 23 months	2006	No formal catch-up campaign, general recommendation to complete all outstanding vaccinations, including MenC, in older children		
<i>Iceland</i>	6 and 8 months	2002	6 months - 19 years	October 2002 - October 2003	
<i>Ireland</i>	2, 4 and 6 months	2000	<23 years	October 2000 - March 2002	
<i>Netherlands</i>	14 months	2002	1 year - 18 years	June 2002 - November 2002	
<i>Portugal*</i>	3, 5 and 15 months	2006	<10 years 10 years - 18 years	January - December 2006 January - December 2007	
<i>Spain</i>	2, 4 and 6 months	2000	7 months - 19 years 15 out of 19 Spanish regions	2001 - 2004	
<i>UK</i>	2, 3 and 4 months	1999 to 2006	<18 years 19 years - 25 years	November 1999 - 2000 December 2001 - 2002	
	3, 4 and about 12 months	Sept 2006			

* The Portuguese National Immunisation Programme was introduced in 2004 with the current recommendation, though for logistical reasons routine MenC vaccination was not implemented until 2006; before 2004, the recommended schedule was 3, 5 and 7 months, and the vaccine was given on prescription of family doctors or private paediatricians

Countries with selective or voluntary vaccination

Country	Given to					Year introduced
	Travellers	Contacts of cases	Outbreak control	Underlying conditions	Other	
<i>Czech Republic</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	On request	2001
<i>Greece</i>					Given by private paediatricians, targeted at <14 years	2001
<i>Hungary</i>					Children at request of parents	
<i>Italy</i>				Yes		2006
<i>Norway</i>	Yes	Of serogroup C cases				
<i>Poland</i>					Generally recommended#	
<i>Sweden</i>			Yes		Given rarely	
<i>Switzerland</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Military recruits, exposed laboratory workers	2001

In practice the vaccine is rarely requested, partly due to the fact that the vaccine is neither free nor partially subsidised

Countries using vaccination rarely or not at all

Austria
Denmark

Estonia
Finland

Latvia
Malta

Slovak Republic