

# Facts & Figures

GENERIC MEDICINES  
IN BELGIUM - 05/2022



# GENERIC MEDICINES IN BELGIUM IN A NUTSHELL



Total number of  
generic molecules  
(2021)



247

in public  
pharmacies



305

in hospitals



Total number of  
generic medicines  
packs (SKUs) (2021)



2.637

in public  
pharmacies



1.637

in hospitals



Turnover reimbursed  
generic medicines, in public  
pharmacies & hospitals



552 million €



If there were no reimbursed  
generic medicines on the market,  
NIHDI would have  
to spend an additional

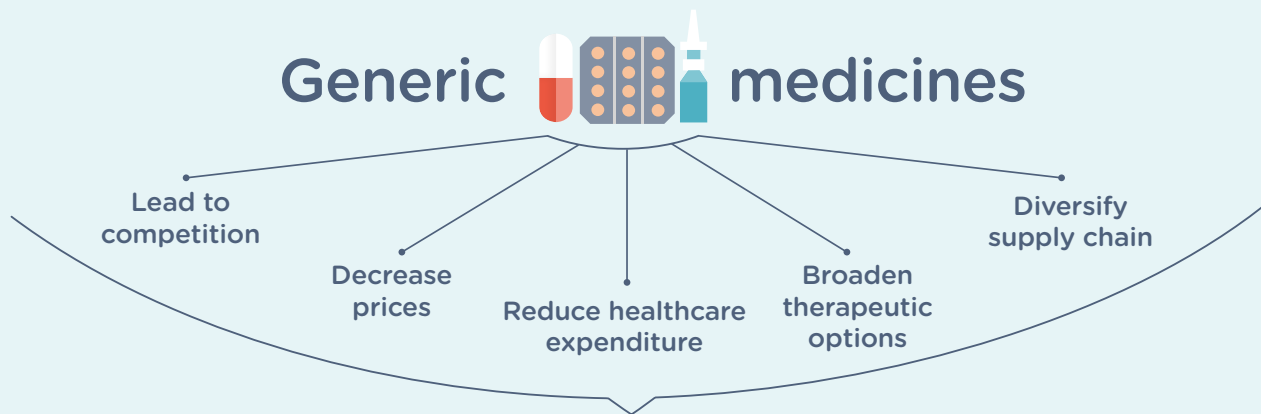
1,949 billion €

15 Medaxes  
member companies

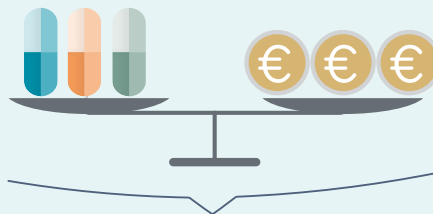


Source: IQVIA LMPB 03/2022 & BHA 02/2022, reimbursed medicines

# GENERIC MEDICINES: ADDED VALUE




Added value is maximised when a sustainable balance between price and volume is reached



‘Generic optimum’


# GENERIC MEDICINES IN BELGIUM: LIMITED USE (2021)

 <b>IN PUBLIC PHARMACIES</b>	#Molecules	Turnover (mio €)	Market share Turnover (%)	Volume (mio SU)	Market share Volume (%)
Originator medicines	719	1.912,9	82,5	4.505	58,7
<b>Generic medicines</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>404,6</b>	<b>17,5</b>	<b>3.164</b>	<b>41,3</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>2.317,5</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7.669</b>	<b>100</b>

*Generic medicines and copies*

*Source: IQVIA LMPB 03/2022 year 2021, reimbursed medicines, ex-factory prices*

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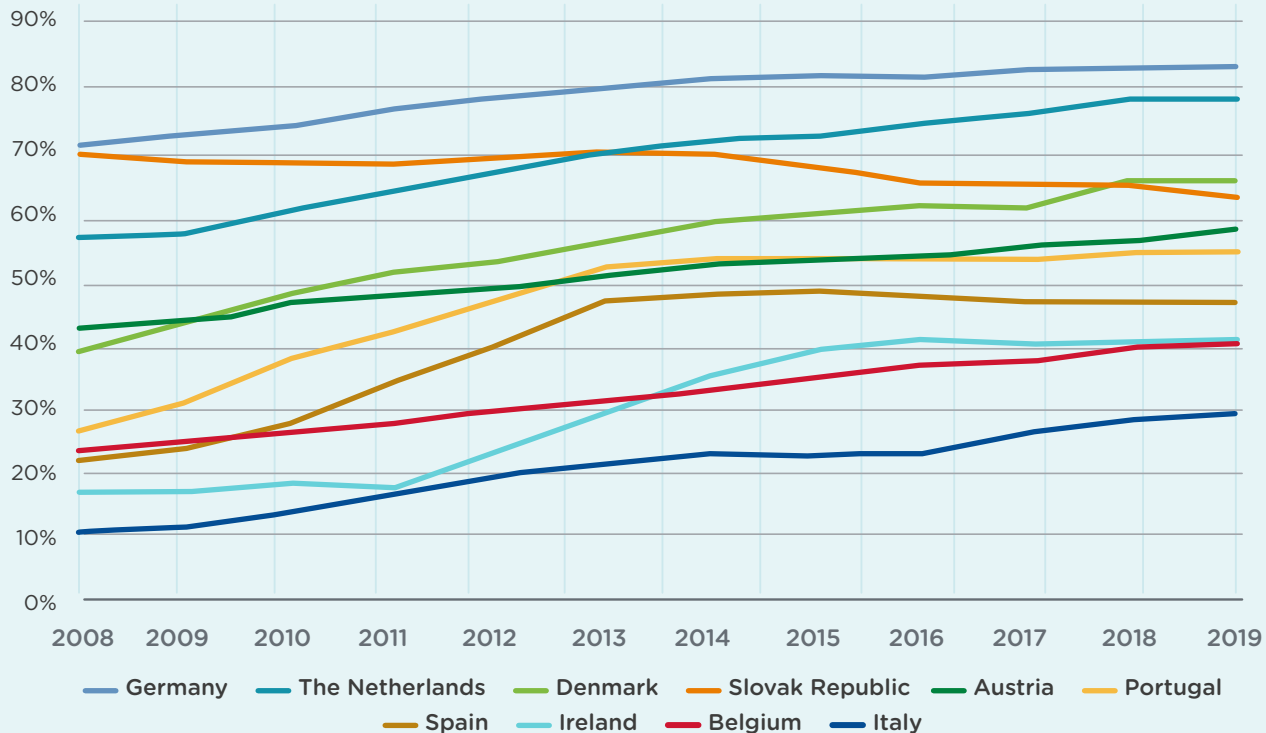
 <b>IN HOSPITALS</b>	#Molecules	Turnover (mio €)	Market share Turnover (%)	Volume (mio SU)	Market share Volume (%)
Originator medicines	1.045	3.163,4	95,5	400	84,2
<b>Generic medicines</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>147,4</b>	<b>4,5</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>15,8</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.350</b>	<b>3.310,8</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>100</b>

*Generic medicines and copies*

*Source: IQVIA BHA 02/2022 year 2021, reimbursed medicines, ex-factory prices*

# GENERIC MEDICINES: BELGIUM IS LAGGING BEHIND

The share of the generics market remains lower than in other EU countries



Note: Data refer to the share of generics in volume.

Source: OECD.stat 10/2021

# GENERIC MEDICINE PRICES<sup>(1)</sup> ARE DECREASING, WHEREAS NEW MEDICINE PRICES<sup>(2)</sup> ARE INCREASING<sup>(3)</sup>

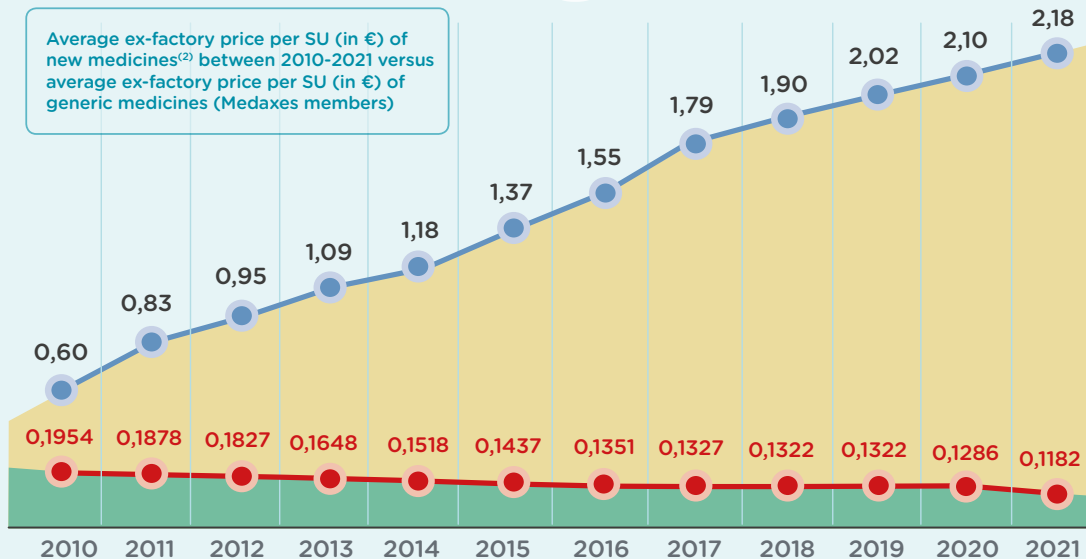
Average new medicine  
price increase  
**+263,33%**

—●— New medicines

Average generic medicine  
price decrease  
**-39,51%**

—●— Generic medicines and copies

Average ex-factory price per SU (in €) of  
new medicines<sup>(2)</sup> between 2010-2021 versus  
average ex-factory price per SU (in €) of  
generic medicines (Medaxes members)



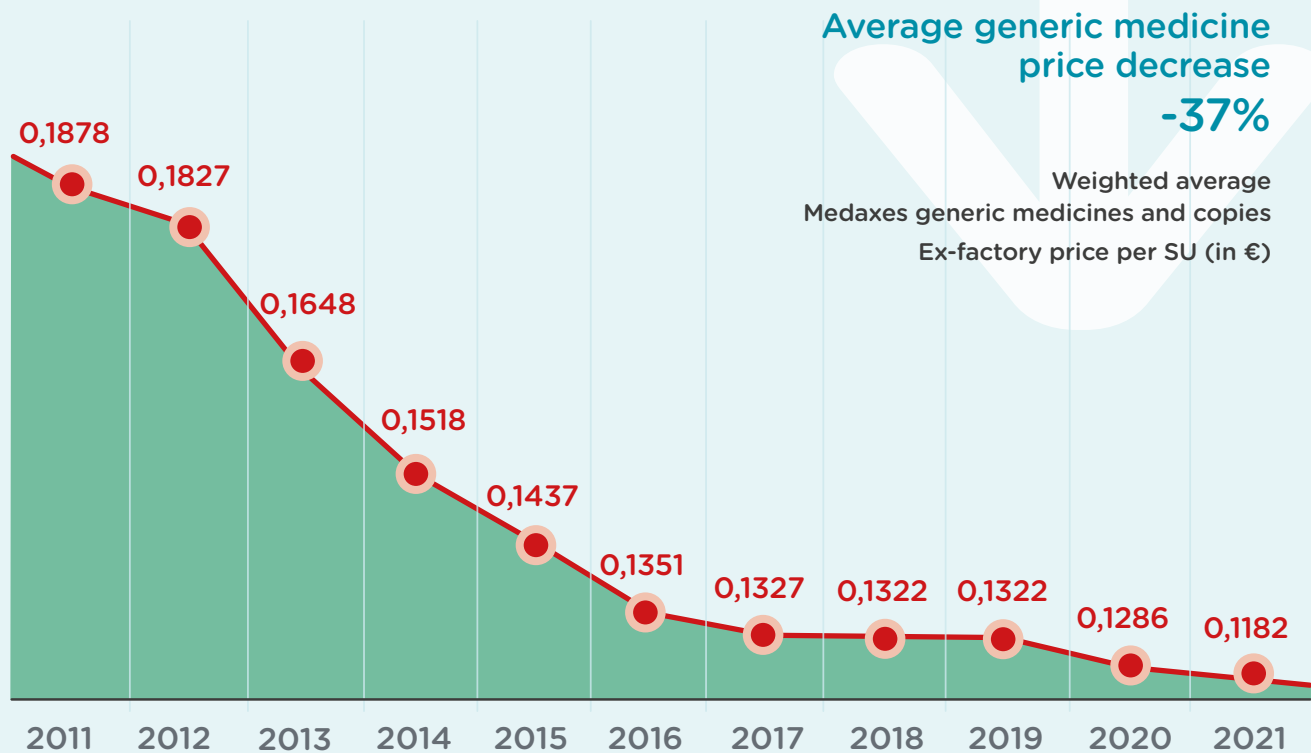
(1) As IQVIA figures are used, the cost price of medicines is expressed as ex-factory price (expressed per unit) (coded as SU in the IQVIA database).

(2) New medicine means: a medicine that has not yet been reimbursed for 12 years and for which no generic or biosimilar version is (yet) available on the market (01/09/2021). Capping at the age of 12 is done since medicines under 12 years of age are not subject to legal price reductions (price reductions linked to the 'age' of the medicine, often followed by additional price decreases due to annual budget saving measures). Such 'age-related' price decreases are applied as a matter of law to medicines that have been reimbursed for 12 years or more. Moreover, both originator and generic medicines are subject to these legal price reductions. This graph could not take into account refunds under 'managed entry agreements' or 'article 81/articles 111-112-113 agreements', as these benefit from a legally protected confidentiality.

(3) Market of reimbursed medicines, distributed via public pharmacies.

Source: IQVIA LMPB 02/2022

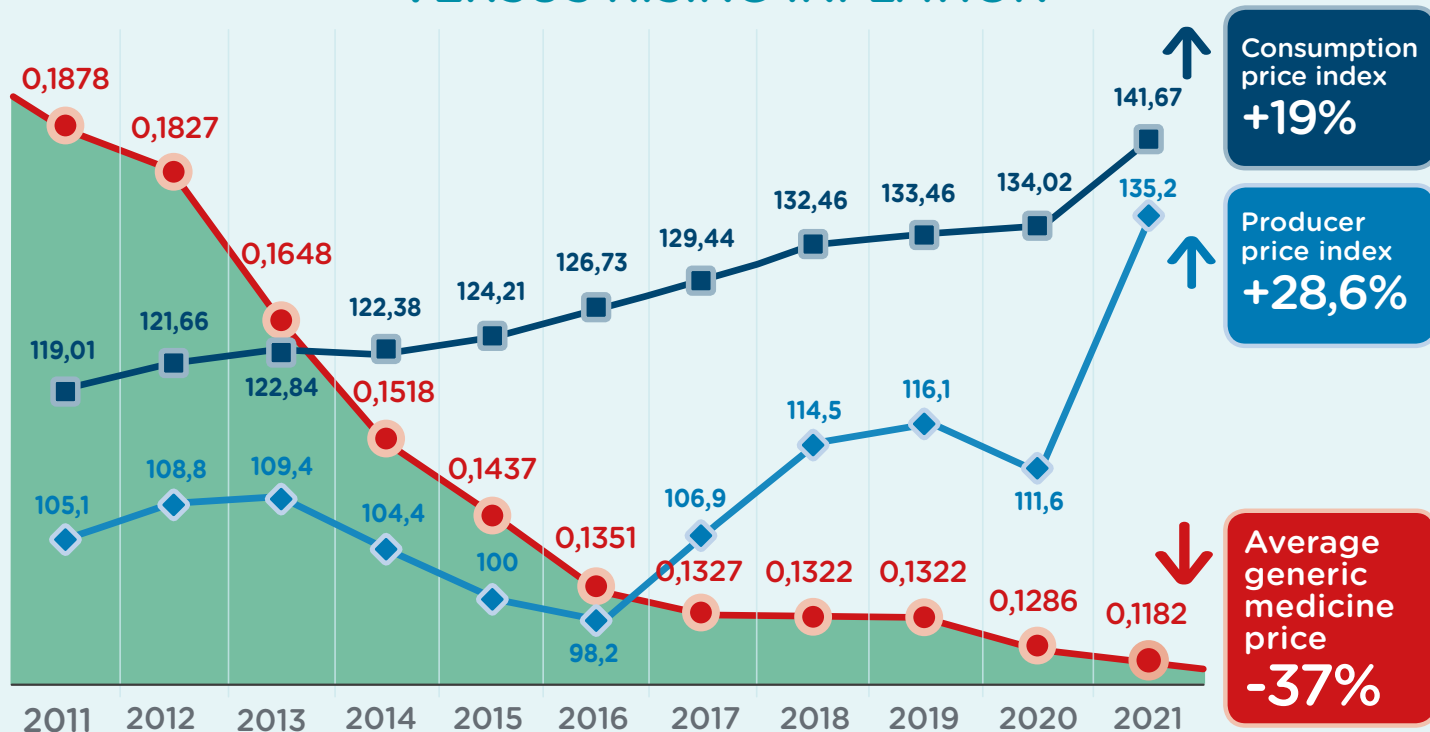
# GENERIC MEDICINES: PRICE EROSION



Source: IQVIA LMPB 02/2022



# DECREASING PRICES GENERIC MEDICINES VERSUS RISING INFLATION

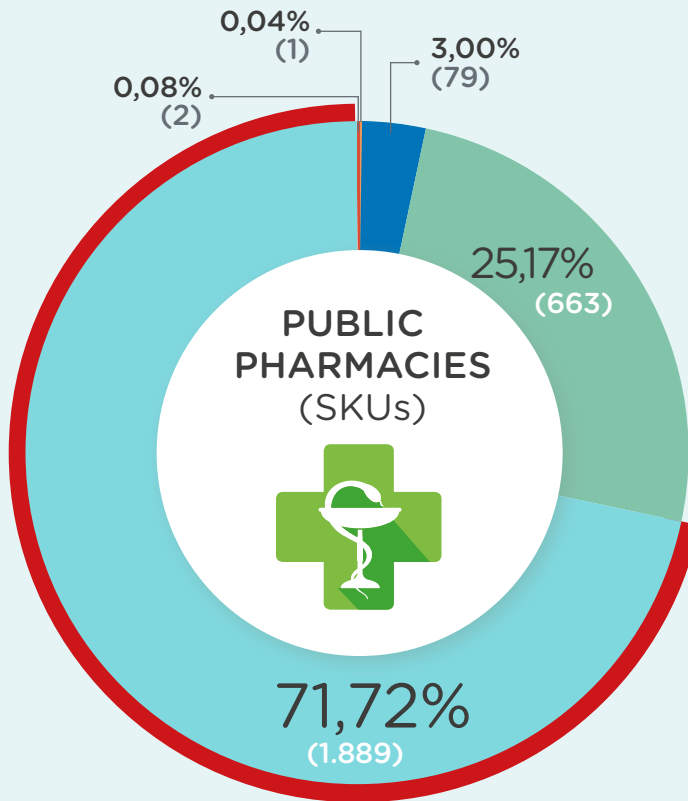


Sources: - IQVIA: LMPB 02/2022 (ex-factory price per SU in €, weighted average Medaxes generic medicines and copies)

- Statbel: <https://statbel.fgov.be/en/themes/consumer-prices/consumer-price-index#figures> (December indices, reference year 2004 = 100) (01/05/2022)

- Eurostat: [https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/STS\\_INPPD\\_A\\_\\_custom\\_2111482/default/table?lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/STS_INPPD_A__custom_2111482/default/table?lang=en) (Annual indices, reference year 2015 = 100) (20/05/2022)

# GENERIC MEDICINES: SMALL OPERATING BASE IN PUBLIC PHARMACIES

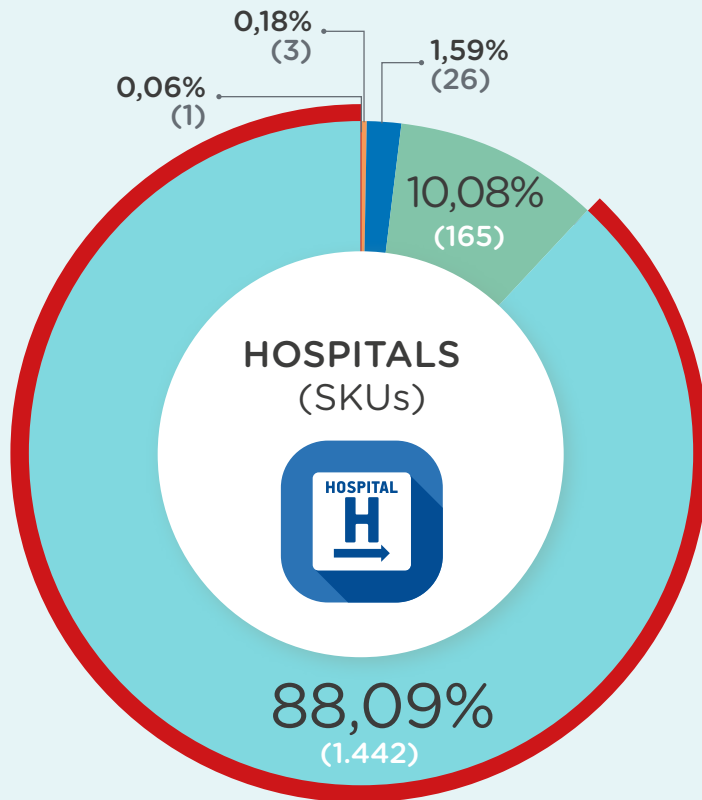


nearly  
**72%**  
of generic medicines  
in public pharmacies  
have a turnover  
of less than 100 K €

- Turnover SKU Gx > 10 mio € (0,08%)
- 5 mio € < Turnover SKU Gx < 10 mio € (0,04%)
- 1 mio € < Turnover SKU Gx < 5 mio € (3,00%)
- 100 k € < Turnover SKU Gx < 1 mio € (25,17%)
- Turnover SKU Gx < 100 k € (71,72%)

Source: IQVIA LMPB 03/2022 year 2021, reimbursed medicines, ex-factory prices

# GENERIC MEDICINES: SMALL OPERATING BASE IN HOSPITALS



more than  
**88%**  
of generic medicines  
in hospitals have  
a turnover of less  
than 100 K €

- Turnover SKU Gx > 10 mio € (0,06%)
- 5 mio € < Turnover SKU Gx < 10 mio € (0,18%)
- 1 mio € < Turnover SKU Gx < 5 mio € (1,59%)
- 100 k € < Turnover SKU Gx < 1 mio € (10,08%)
- Turnover SKU Gx < 100 k € (88,09%)

Source: IQVIA BHA 02/2022 year 2021, reimbursed medicines, ex-factory prices

1 generic medicine\* per day  
disappeared from the market  
over the past 2 years



\*SKU

**793 reimbursed generic  
medicines either definitely  
disappeared from  
the market**

**or were not available for  
more than 12 months  
between February 2020 and  
January 2022.**

*Source: figures based on Medaxes's cross analyses of  
data from FAMHP PharmaStatus, NIHDJ and IQVIA*

# ABOUT MEDAXES

## Our mission

Medaxes is the Belgian association of pharmaceutical companies that want to contribute to making healthcare accessible to all.

Medaxes focuses on generic and biosimilar medicines, as well as on other off-patent medicines and self-care products.

Medaxes aims to provide high quality solutions for efficient and sustainable healthcare in a well-regulated environment.

Medaxes strives to build a dialogue and work in partnership with other healthcare stakeholders. For its members, Medaxes acts as a representative platform, offering a wide range of services in support of their individual activities and common interests.

