

Drug-resistant TB spreading fast in Europe

The World Health Organisation has launched a \$5 billion plan to fight the rapid spread of drug-resistant tuberculosis in Europe, aiming to save 120,000 lives by 2015 through improved diagnosis and treatment

TUBERCULOSIS: Infectious disease caused by bacteria, commonly affects lungs

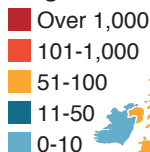
Transmitted: From person to person by airborne droplets

Symptoms: Coughing, sometimes bringing up blood, chest pain, fatigue, weight loss

Infection: One-third of world's population carry disease. 5-10% of those will become sick or infectious during their life

Treatment: Conventional TB curable with antibiotics in about 90 percent of cases.
Drug-resistant TB fatal in 50 percent of cases

Confirmed cases of drug-resistant TB 2009



Most confirmed cases of drug-resistant TB in Europe 2009

Russia	14,686
Kazakhstan	3,644
Ukraine	3,482
Belarus	1,342
Moldova	1,069
Kyrgyzstan	785
Uzbekistan	654
Romania	435
Georgia	369
Lithuania	322
Tajikistan	319
Turkey	222
Azerbaijan*	196
Armenia	156
Latvia	131



Deaths worldwide from TB in 2009 – 1.7m

