In the three mentioned references, the following versions of the International Classification of the Disease and associated codes were used: [10], version 10 and codes J40–J44 and J47 (excepted for Greece where the estimates correspond to codes J40–J47); [45], version 9 and codes 490–493; [78], version 9 and codes 490-496.

Abbreviations for countries: AT, Austria; BE, Belgium; BU, Bulgaria; CY, Cyprus; DE, Germany; DK, Denmark; FI, Finland; FR, France; GR, Greece; HU, Hungary; IE, Ireland; IT, Italy; LV, Latvia; LT, Lithuania; ML, Malta; NL, Netherlands; PO, Poland; PT, Portugal; RO, Romania; SK, Slovakia; SL, Slovenia; SP, Spain; SE, Sweden; UK, United Kingdom.

COPD, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.