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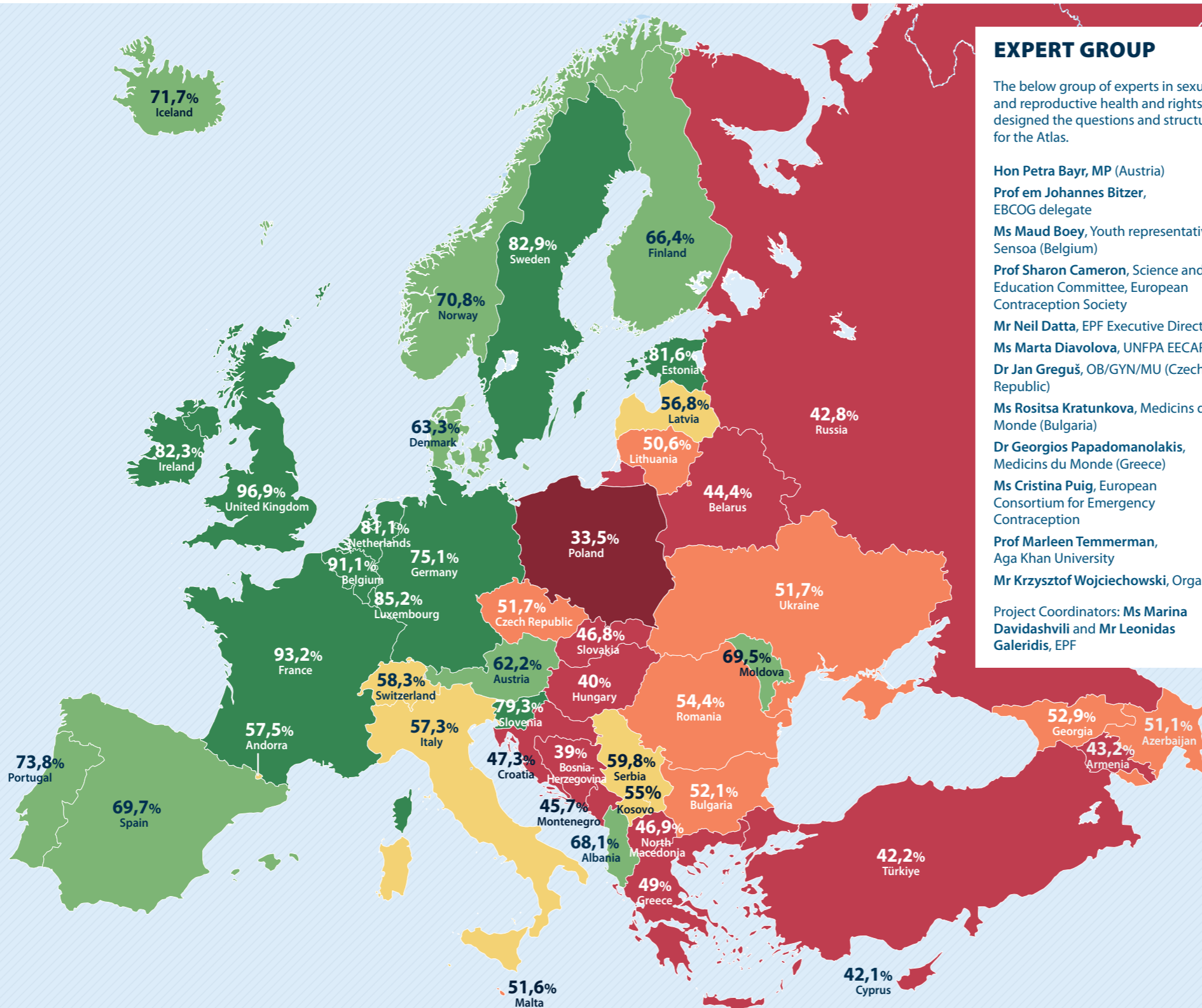
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RANKING SCALE

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| United Kingdom | 96,9% |
| France | 93,2% |
| Belgium | 91,1% |
| Luxembourg | 85,2% |
| Sweden | 82,9% |
| Ireland | 82,3% |
| Estonia | 81,6% |
| Netherlands | 81,1% |
| Slovenia | 79,3% |
| Germany | 75,1% |
| Portugal | 73,8% |
| Iceland | 71,7% |
| Norway | 70,8% |
| Spain | 69,7% |
| Moldova | 69,5% |
| Albania | 68,1% |
| Finland | 66,4% |
| Denmark | 63,3% |
| Austria | 62,2% |
| Serbia | 59,8% |
| Switzerland | 58,3% |
| Andorra | 57,5% |
| Italy | 57,3% |
| Latvia | 56,8% |
| Kosovo | 55,0% |
| Romania | 54,4% |
| Georgia | 52,9% |
| Bulgaria | 52,1% |
| Czech Republic | 51,7% |
| Ukraine | 51,7% |
| Malta | 51,6% |
| Azerbaijan | 51,1% |
| Lithuania | 50,6% |
| Greece | 49,0% |
| Croatia | 47,3% |
| N Macedonia | 46,9% |
| Slovakia | 46,8% |
| Montenegro | 45,7% |
| Belarus | 44,4% |
| Armenia | 43,2% |
| Russia | 42,8% |
| Türkiye | 42,2% |
| Cyprus | 42,1% |
| Hungary | 40,0% |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina | 39,0% |
| Poland | 33,5% |
| | 0% |



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INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES

NAIROBI STATEMENT ON ICPD25 : ACCELERATING THE PROMISE (2019)

We, representing all nations and peoples, and all segments of our societies [...] will [...] achieve universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights as a part of universal health coverage (UHC), by committing to strive for [...] zero unmet need for family planning information and services, and universal availability of quality, accessible, affordable and safe modern contraceptives.

Source: <https://www.nairobisummitcpd.org/content/icpd25-commitments>

PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE: RESOLUTION 2331 (2020) EMPOWERING WOMEN: PROMOTING ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTION IN EUROPE

The Assembly calls on [...] to ensure that all modern methods of contraception, including emergency contraception without prescription, are made available to the public, including in rural and remote areas and to marginalised and vulnerable groups; [...] ensure the affordability of contraceptive methods by including them in national health insurance schemes [...] develop specific coverage or subsidisation schemes for young, low-income and vulnerable groups, [...] review such schemes regularly to ensure their effectiveness; [...] provide affordable, confidential and non-judgmental individual counselling to those seeking contraception

Source: <http://assembly.coe.int/tw/xml/XRef/?ref=XML2HTML-en.asp?fileid=28675&lang=en>

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION (2021) ON THE SITUATION OF SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS IN THE EU, IN THE FRAME OF WOMEN'S HEALTH (2020/2215(INI))

European Parliament [...] calls on the Member States to ensure universal access to a range of high-quality and accessible modern contraceptive methods and supplies, family planning counselling and information on contraception for all, to address all barriers impeding access to contraception, such as financial and social barriers, and to ensure that medical advice and consultations with healthcare professionals are available, allowing all persons to choose the contraception method that best suits them, and thereby safeguarding the fundamental right to health and the right to choice; [...] taking into account success rates in the long term; [...] Recalls that Member States and public authorities have a responsibility to provide evidence-based, accurate information about contraception.

Source: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2021-0314_EN.pdf

MAIN FINDINGS

Access to modern, effective and affordable contraception remains a European challenge. Yet there is overall a positive progression across most of Europe. Out of 46 countries analysed:

- 20 countries** (43%) cover contraceptives in their national health system and include LARCs;
- 14 countries** (30%) cover contraceptives in the national health systems for young people to 25 years old or older;
- 41 countries** (89%) cover counselling within the national health system;
- 19 countries** (41%) provide good or exceptional governmental websites.

Who is behind the Atlas?

This initiative is powered by the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (EPF). We are grateful to the numerous national organisations and country experts who contributed to gathering the data presented in the Atlas. The Atlas was produced in partnership with a group of experts in sexual and reproductive health and rights (see above) who designed the questions and structures. EPF benefitted from the financial support of Organon to undertake original and independent research which is presented in the Atlas. The scope and the content of the Contraception Policy Atlas Europe is the sole responsibility of the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (EPF).

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ACCESS TO MODERN CONTRACEPTION

| Countries (in alphabetical order) | Ranking index of countries | ACCESS TO SUPPLIES | | | | ACCESS TO COUNSELLING | | | | | AVAILABILITY OF ONLINE INFORMATION | | | | | | | Countries (in alphabetical order) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|------------------------------|--|---|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTIVES | | | | COVERAGE OF COUNSELLING | | | PRESCRIPTION REQUIREMENTS | | TYPE OF ONLINE INFORMATION | | INFORMATION COVERAGE | | | USER FRIENDLINESS | | |
| | | Level of coverage within the national health system | Special coverage for young people (until 19 or 25) | Special coverage for vulnerable groups (unemployed, low-income) | At least one LARC is covered by the national health system | Level of available, accessible, and affordable consultation | Need for third-party consent | Legal status (marital, citizenship) is not a barrier | Availability of emergency contraception | Hormonal contraceptives available without prescription | Website provided by | Number of contraceptives listed | Info on costs of contraceptives | Info where to get contraceptives | Regional or minority language included | Web design | Discoverability of the website online | |
| Albania | 68,1% | Superior to other | Yes (25) | Yes | Yes | Superior to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Other online resources | Weak | Not available | Not available | No | Good | Exceptional | Albania |
| Andorra | 57,5% | Similar to other | Yes (25) | Yes | Yes | Superior to other | Yes (direct consent) | No | Yes (legal) | No | Gov't supported integrated website | Standard | Not available | Exceptional | Yes | Good | Insufficient | Andorra |
| Armenia | 43,2% | No coverage | No | No | No | Similar to other | Yes (direct consent) | Yes | Yes (legal) | Yes (legal) | Non-gov't supported websites | Standard | Not available | Not available | No | Good | Good | Armenia |
| Austria | 62,2% | No coverage | No | No | No | No coverage | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Gov't supported integrated website | Superior | Exceptional | Exceptional | Yes | Exceptional | Exceptional | Austria |
| Azerbaijan | 51,1% | No coverage | No | No | No | Similar to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | Yes (legal) | Gov't supported integrated website | Standard | Not available | Not available | No | Good | Good | Azerbaijan |
| Belarus | 44,4% | No coverage | No | No | No | Superior to other | No | No | Yes (legal) | No | Other online resources | Standard | Insufficient | Insufficient | No | Good | Exceptional | Belarus |
| Belgium* | 91,1% | Similar to other | Yes (25) | Yes | Yes | Superior to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Gov't supported standalone website | Superior | Exceptional | Exceptional | Yes | Exceptional | Exceptional | Belgium* |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina | 39,0% | No coverage | No | No | No | No coverage | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | Yes (illegal) | Non-gov't supported websites | Insufficient | Not available | Not available | No | Good | Good | Bosnia-Herzegovina |
| Bulgaria | 52,1% | No coverage | No | Yes | No | Similar to other | Yes (indirect consent) | Yes | Yes (legal) | Yes (illegal) | Gov't supported integrated website | Standard | Insufficient | Insufficient | No | Insufficient | Insufficient | Bulgaria |
| Croatia | 47,3% | Less than other | No | No | No | Similar to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Gov't supported integrated website | Weak | Not available | Not available | No | Good | Exceptional | Croatia |
| Cyprus | 42,1% | No coverage | No | No | No | Similar to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Non-gov't supported websites | Insufficient | Not available | Not available | Yes | Insufficient | Exceptional | Cyprus |
| Czech Republic | 51,7% | No coverage | No | No | No | Similar to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Non-gov't supported websites | Superior | Not available | Good | Yes | Exceptional | Exceptional | Czech Republic |
| Denmark | 63,3% | No coverage | No | Yes | Yes | Superior to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Non-gov't supported websites | Superior | Insufficient | Good | No | Good | Good | Denmark |
| Estonia | 81,6% | Similar to other | Yes (25) | Yes | Yes | Superior to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Gov't supported standalone website | Superior | Insufficient | Exceptional | Yes | Good | Exceptional | Estonia |
| Finland* | 66,4% | No coverage | Yes (25) | No | Yes | Superior to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Non-gov't supported websites | Superior | Insufficient | Good | Yes | Exceptional | Exceptional | Finland* |
| France | 93,2% | Superior to other | Yes (25) | Yes | Yes | Superior to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Gov't supported standalone website | Superior | Exceptional | Exceptional | Yes | Exceptional | Exceptional | France |
| Georgia | 52,9% | No coverage | No | No | No | Similar to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Non-gov't supported websites | Superior | Not available | Exceptional | No | Exceptional | Exceptional | Georgia |
| Germany* | 75,1% | No coverage | Yes (19) | No | Yes | Superior to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Gov't supported standalone website | Superior | Exceptional | Exceptional | No | Exceptional | Exceptional | Germany* |
| Greece | 49,0% | No coverage | No | No | No | Similar to other | Yes (indirect consent) | Yes | Yes (legal) | Yes (legal) | Other online resources | Standard | Not available | Insufficient | No | Good | Exceptional | Greece |
| Hungary | 40,0% | No coverage | No | No | No | Similar to other | No | Yes | Yes (illegal) | No | Non-gov't supported websites | Superior | Not available | Insufficient | No | Exceptional | Good | Hungary |
| Iceland | 71,7% | Less than other | Yes (19) | Yes | Yes | Similar to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Gov't supported integrated website | Superior | Insufficient | Good | Yes | Good | Exceptional | Iceland |
| Ireland | 82,3% | Less than other | Yes (25) | Yes | Yes | No coverage | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Gov't supported standalone website | Superior | Exceptional | Exceptional | No | Exceptional | Exceptional | Ireland |
| Italy* | 57,3% | No coverage | No | No | No | Superior to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | Yes (legal) | Gov't supported integrated website | Superior | Not available | Not available | Yes | Good | Exceptional | Italy* |
| Kosovo** | 55,0% | Less than other | Yes (25) | Yes | No | Similar to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | Yes (legal) | No online resources | Not available | Not available | Not available | No | Not available | Not available | Kosovo** |
| Latvia | 56,8% | Less than other | No | No | Yes | Similar to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Non-gov't supported websites | Superior | Insufficient | Exceptional | No | Exceptional | Exceptional | Latvia |
| Lithuania | 50,6% | No coverage | Yes (19) | No | Yes | Similar to other | Yes (indirect consent) | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Non-gov't supported websites | Standard | Insufficient | Insufficient | No | Good | Good | Lithuania |
| Luxembourg | 85,2% | No coverage | Yes (25) | Yes | Yes | Superior to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Gov't supported standalone website | Superior | Exceptional | Exceptional | Yes | Exceptional | Exceptional | Luxembourg |
| Malta | 51,6% | No coverage | No | No | No | Similar to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Gov't supported standalone website | Superior | Not available | Insufficient | No | Exceptional | Exceptional | Malta |
| Moldova | 69,5% | No coverage | Yes (25) | Yes | Yes | Similar to other | Yes (direct consent) | Yes | Yes (legal) | Yes (legal) | Non-gov't supported websites | Superior | Insufficient | Exceptional | No | Good | Good | Moldova |
| Montenegro | 45,7% | No coverage | No | No | No | No coverage | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | Yes (legal) | Non-gov't supported websites | Standard | Not available | Not available | Yes | Insufficient | Good | Montenegro |
| Netherlands | 81,1% | Similar to other | Yes (19) | Yes | No | Superior to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Gov't supported integrated website | Standard | Exceptional | Exceptional | Yes | Exceptional | Exceptional | Netherlands |
| North Macedonia | 46,9% | No coverage | No | No | No | No coverage | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | Yes (illegal) | Non-gov't supported websites | Standard | Insufficient | Insufficient | No | Good | Good | North Macedonia |
| Norway | 70,8% | No coverage | Yes (19) | No | Yes | Similar to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Gov't supported integrated website | Superior | Exceptional | Good | No | Exceptional | Exceptional | Norway |
| Poland | 33,5% | Less than other | No | No | No | Similar to other | Yes (direct consent) | Yes | No | No | Non-gov't supported websites | Superior | Not available | Good | No | Exceptional | Exceptional | Poland |
| Portugal | 73,8% | Superior to other | Yes (25) | Yes | Yes | Superior to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Non-gov't supported websites | Superior | Not available | Insufficient | Yes | Exceptional | Good | Portugal |
| Romania | 54,4% | No coverage | No | No | No | Superior to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Non-gov't supported websites | Superior | Not available | Exceptional | No | Exceptional | Exceptional | Romania |
| Russia | 42,8% | No coverage | No | No | No | Similar to other | No | Yes | Yes (illegal) | Yes (illegal) | Other online resources | Superior | Insufficient | Insufficient | No | Insufficient | Insufficient | Russia |
| Serbia | 59,8% | Less than other | No | No | No | Similar to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | Yes (legal) | Non-gov't supported websites | Standard | Insufficient | Good | No | Good | Good | Serbia |
| Slovakia | 46,8% | No coverage | No | No | No | Similar to other | Yes (direct consent) | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Other online resources | Superior | Good | Insufficient | No | Good | Good | Slovakia |
| Slovenia | 79,3% | Superior to other | Yes (25) | Yes | Yes | Similar to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Gov't supported integrated website | Standard | Insufficient | Exceptional | No | Exceptional | Exceptional | Slovenia |
| Spain* | 69,7% | Similar to other | No | Yes | No | Similar to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Non-gov't supported websites | Superior | Good | Exceptional | No | Good | Good | Spain* |
| Sweden | 82,9% | Similar to other | Yes (25) | No | Yes | Superior to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Gov't supported standalone website | Superior | Exceptional | Good | Yes | Exceptional | Exceptional | Sweden |
| Switzerland* | 58,3% | No coverage | No | No | No | Superior to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | No | Gov't supported standalone website | Superior | Insufficient | Exceptional | Yes | Exceptional | Good | Switzerland* |
| Türkiye | 42,2% | Less than other | No | No | Yes | Less than other | Yes (direct consent) | No | Yes (legal) | Yes (legal) | Other online resources | Standard | Not available | Not available | No | Exceptional | Good | Türkiye |
| Ukraine | 51,7% | No coverage | No | No | No | Similar to other | Yes (direct consent) | Yes | Yes (legal) | Yes (legal) | Other online resources | Standard | Good | Good | Yes | Good | Insufficient | Ukraine |
| United Kingdom | 96,9% | Superior to other | Yes (25) | Yes | Yes | Similar to other | No | Yes | Yes (legal) | Yes (legal) | Gov't supported integrated website | Superior | Exceptional | Exceptional | No | Exceptional | Exceptional | United Kingdom |

Data extracted as of February 2023. *Belgium, Finland, Germany, Italy, Spain and Switzerland have decentralised political systems and therefore circumstances may vary between regions. **Under UNSCR 1244/99

