

CONTRACEPTION POLICY ATLAS EUROPE



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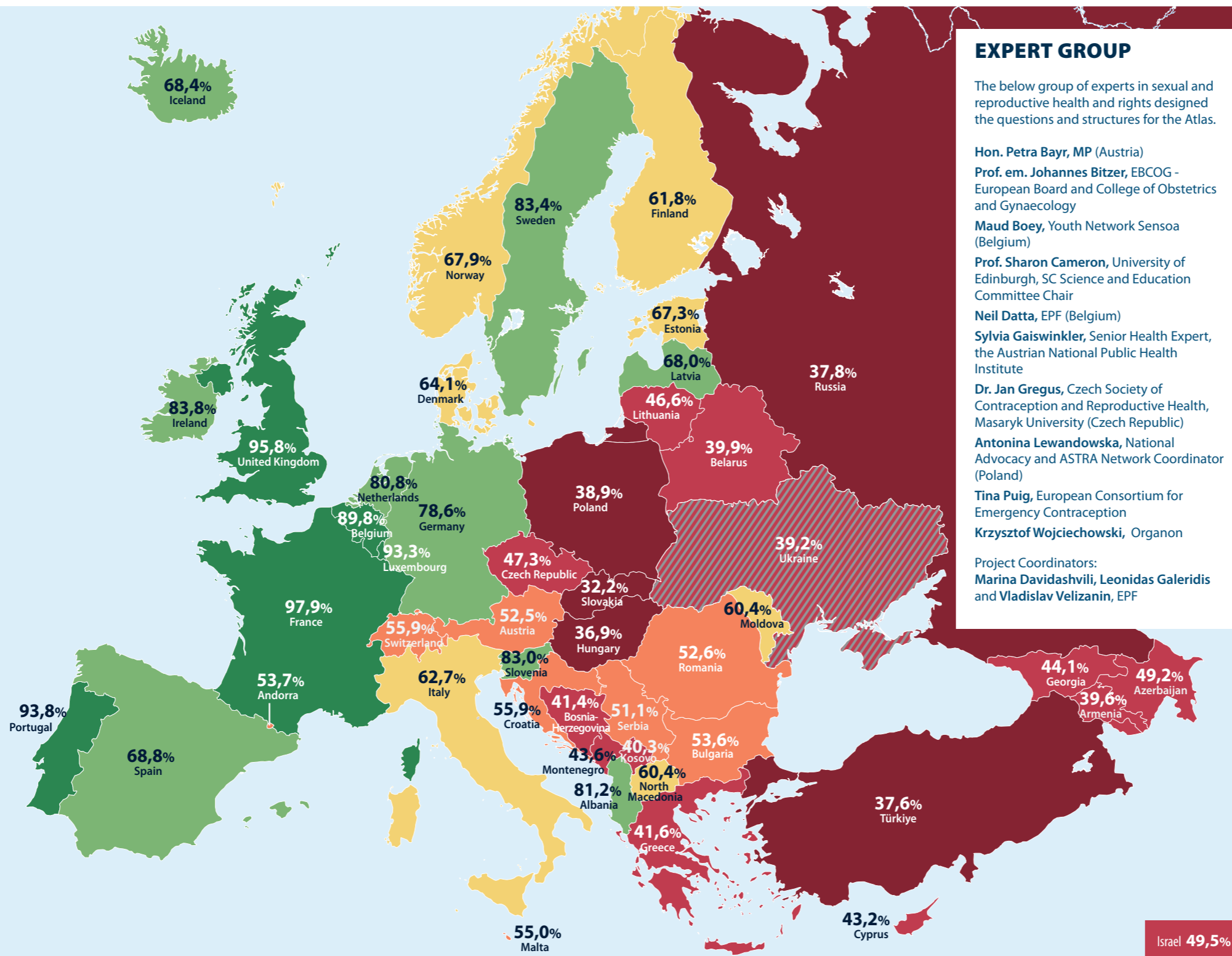
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RANKING SCALE

France	97,9%
United Kingdom	95,8%
Portugal	93,8%
Luxembourg	93,3%
Belgium	89,8%
Ireland	83,8%
Sweden	83,4%
Slovenia	83,0%
Albania	81,2%
Netherlands	80,8%
Germany	78,6%
Spain	68,8%
Iceland	68,4%
Latvia	68,0%
Norway	67,9%
Estonia	67,3%
Denmark	64,1%
Italy	62,7%
Finland	61,8%
Moldova	60,4%
North Macedonia	60,4%
Croatia	55,9%
Switzerland	55,9%
Malta	55,0%
Andorra	53,7%
Bulgaria	53,6%
Romania	52,6%
Austria	52,5%
Serbia	51,1%
Israel	49,5%
Azerbaijan	49,2%
Czech Republic	47,3%
Lithuania	46,6%
Georgia	44,1%
Montenegro	43,6%
Cyprus	43,2%
Greece	41,6%
Bosnia-Herzegovina	41,4%
Kosovo	40,3%
Belarus	39,9%
Armenia	39,6%
Ukraine	39,2%
Poland	38,9%
Russia	37,8%
Türkiye	37,6%
Hungary	36,9%
Slovakia	32,2%
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Countries that score more than 90 in the Fragile State Index 2024. <https://fragilestatesindex.org/global-data/>



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INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES

Following are the latest global and regional guidelines and norms in relation to the access to modern contraception:

Nairobi Statement on ICPD25 : Accelerating the Promise (2019)

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

Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe: Resolution 2331 (2020) Empowering Women: Promoting Access to Contraception in Europe

Source: <http://assembly.coe.int/tv/xml/XRef/Xref-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)).

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Coverage of contraceptives within the national health system, including LARCs and EC.
2. Ensuring accessible counselling for contraception, including rural or hard to reach areas.
3. Public health institutions must ensure information on broad range of modern, effective contraception and where to get it.
4. Monitor emergence of new technologies in the field of contraception: AI and fertility tracking apps.
5. Include postpartum contraception at the discharge from the hospital.

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 47 countries analysed:

- 21 countries cover contraceptives in their national health system and include LARCs.
- 12 countries cover contraceptives in the national health systems for young people to 25 years old and below.
- 9 countries provide exceptional governmental websites.
- 8 countries provide emergency contraception free of charge at the pharmacy or public health facilities.
- 11 countries provide contraception without prescription from the doctor at the pharmacy.
- 2 countries require prescription for EC (only Hungary and Poland (pilot on the way)).
- 8 countries require direct consent to access contraception for minors.
- Postpartum contraception national guidelines in 19 countries.
- Postpartum contraception at hospital discharge in 14 countries.
- Counselling at hospital discharge: 9 countries.

Who is behind the Atlas?

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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			
		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 reimbursement	Emergency contraception (EC) included into reimbursement	National guidelines on postpartum contraception	Postpartum contraception at discharge	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	Discoverability of the website online		
Albania	81,2%	Superior to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Yes, fully	Yes	Some hospitals	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Standard	Good	Good	Good	Albania	
Andorra	53,7%	Similar to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Yes, fully	No	No	Superior to other	Yes (direct consent)	No	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Superior	Not available	Good	Insufficient	Andorra	
Armenia	39,6%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	No	Some hospitals	Similar to other	Yes (direct consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Standard	Not available	Not available	Exceptional	Armenia	
Austria	52,5%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	No	No	No reimbursement	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Superior	Exceptional	Exceptional	Exceptional	Austria	
Azerbaijan	49,2%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	No	Counselling only	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)	Gov't supported integrated website	Weak	Not available	Not available	Exceptional	Azerbaijan	
Belarus	39,9%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	No	No	Superior to other	No	No	Yes (legal)	No	Other online resources	Standard	Insufficient	Insufficient	Exceptional	Belarus	
Belgium*	89,8%	Similar to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Yes, partially	No	Yes	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	Superior	Exceptional	Exceptional	Exceptional	Belgium*	
Bosnia-Herzegovina*	41,4%	Less than other	No	No	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Weak	Not available	Not available	Good	Bosnia-Herzegovina*	
Bulgaria	53,6%	Less than other	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Only for vulnerable groups	Similar to other	Yes (direct consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (illegal)	Gov't supported integrated website	Standard	Insufficient	Insufficient	Insufficient	Bulgaria	
Croatia	55,9%	Similar to other	No	No	No	No	No	Some hospitals	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Weak	Not available	Not available	Exceptional	Croatia	
Cyprus	43,2%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Insufficient	Not available	Not available	Exceptional	Cyprus	
Czech Republic	47,3%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Not available	Good	Exceptional	Czech Republic	
Denmark	64,1%	No coverage	Some regions	Some regions	Yes	No	Yes	Counselling only	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Superior	Good	Good	Good	Denmark	
Estonia	67,3%	Similar to other	No	No	Yes	No	No	Counselling only	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	Superior	Insufficient	Exceptional	Exceptional	Estonia	
Finland*	61,8%	No coverage	Some regions	No	Yes	No	Yes	Counselling only	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Insufficient	Good	Exceptional	Finland*	
France	97,9%	Superior to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Yes, fully	Yes	Yes	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	Superior	Exceptional	Exceptional	Exceptional	France	
Georgia	44,1%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	Yes	Counselling only	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Other online resources	Superior	Not available	Insufficient	Good	Georgia	
Germany*	78,6%	No coverage	Yes (19)	Some regions*	Yes	Yes, for certain groups only	Yes	Counselling only	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	Superior	Exceptional	Exceptional	Exceptional	Germany*	
Greece	41,6%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	Yes (indirect consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)	Other online resources	Standard	Not available	Insufficient	Exceptional	Greece	
Hungary	36,9%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	No	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Not available	Insufficient	Good	Hungary	
Iceland	68,4%	Less than other	Yes (19)	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Superior	Insufficient	Good	Exceptional	Iceland	
Ireland	83,8%	Less than other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Yes, for certain groups only	No	Only for vulnerable groups	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	Superior	Exceptional	Exceptional	Exceptional	Ireland	
Israel	49,5%	Less than other	Yes (19)	No	No	Yes, for certain groups only	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Superior	Insufficient	Good	Insufficient	Israel	
Italy*	62,7%	No coverage	Some regions	Some regions	No	No	Yes	Some hospitals	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)	Gov't supported integrated website	Superior	Not available	Not available	Exceptional	Italy*	
Kosovo**	40,3%	Less than other	Yes (25)	Yes	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)	No online resources	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Kosovo**	
Latvia	68%	Less than other	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Only for vulnerable groups	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Weak	Good	Good	Exceptional	Latvia	
Lithuania	46,6%	No coverage	Yes (19)	No	Yes	No	No	No	Superior to other	Yes (indirect consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Other online resources	Superior	Exceptional	Insufficient	Insufficient	Lithuania	
Luxembourg	93,3%	Superior to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Yes, fully	No	Some hospitals	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	Superior	Exceptional	Exceptional	Exceptional	Luxembourg	
Malta	55%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	No	Some hospitals	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	Superior	Not available	Insufficient	Exceptional	Malta	
Moldova	60,4%	No coverage	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Yes, for certain groups only	Yes	No	Similar to other	Yes (direct consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Insufficient	Exceptional	Good	Moldova	
Montenegro	43,6%	Less than other	No	No	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (illegal)	Non-gov't supported websites	Standard	Not available	Not available	Good	Montenegro	
North Macedonia	60,4%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	Superior	Exceptional	Exceptional	Exceptional	North Macedonia	
Netherlands	80,8%	Similar to other	Yes (19)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Counselling only	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Standard	Exceptional	Exceptional	Exceptional	Netherlands	
Norway	67,9%	No coverage	Yes (19)	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Superior	Exceptional	Good	Exceptional	Norway	
Poland	38,9%	Less than other	No	No	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	Yes (direct consent)	Yes	No pilotage programme underway	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Not available	Good	Exceptional	Poland	
Portugal	93,8%	Superior to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Yes, fully	Yes	Some hospitals	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Superior	Exceptional	Exceptional	Exceptional	Portugal	
Romania	52,6%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Not available	Good	Exceptional	Romania	
Russia	37,8%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	No	Counselling only	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Other online resources	Superior	Insufficient	Insufficient	Insufficient	Russia	
Serbia	51,1%	Less than other	No	No	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Not available	Not available	Exceptional	Serbia	
Slovakia	32,2%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	Yes (direct consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Good	Not available	Insufficient	Slovakia	
Slovenia	83%	Superior to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Exceptional	Exceptional	Exceptional	Slovenia	
Spain*	68,8%	Similar to other	No	Yes	No	Yes, fully	Yes	Some hospitals	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Good	Exceptional	Good	Spain*	
Sweden	83,4%	No coverage	Yes (25)	No	Yes	Yes, fully	Yes	Some hospitals	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	Superior	Exceptional	Good	Exceptional	Sweden	
Switzerland*	55,9%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	Superior	Insufficient	Exceptional	Good	Switzerland*	
Türkiye	37,6%	Less than other	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Counselling only	Similar to other	Yes (direct consent)	No	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)	Other online resources	Standard	Not available	Not available	Good	Türkiye	
Ukraine	39,2%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	Yes	Some hospitals	Similar to other	Yes (direct consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)	Other online resources	Standard	Good	Good	Insufficient	Ukraine	
United Kingdom	95,8%	Superior to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Yes, fully	Yes	Some hospitals	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)	Gov't supported integrated website	Superior	Exceptional	Exceptional	Exceptional	United Kingdom	

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