

# CONTRACEPTION POLICY ATLAS EUROPE



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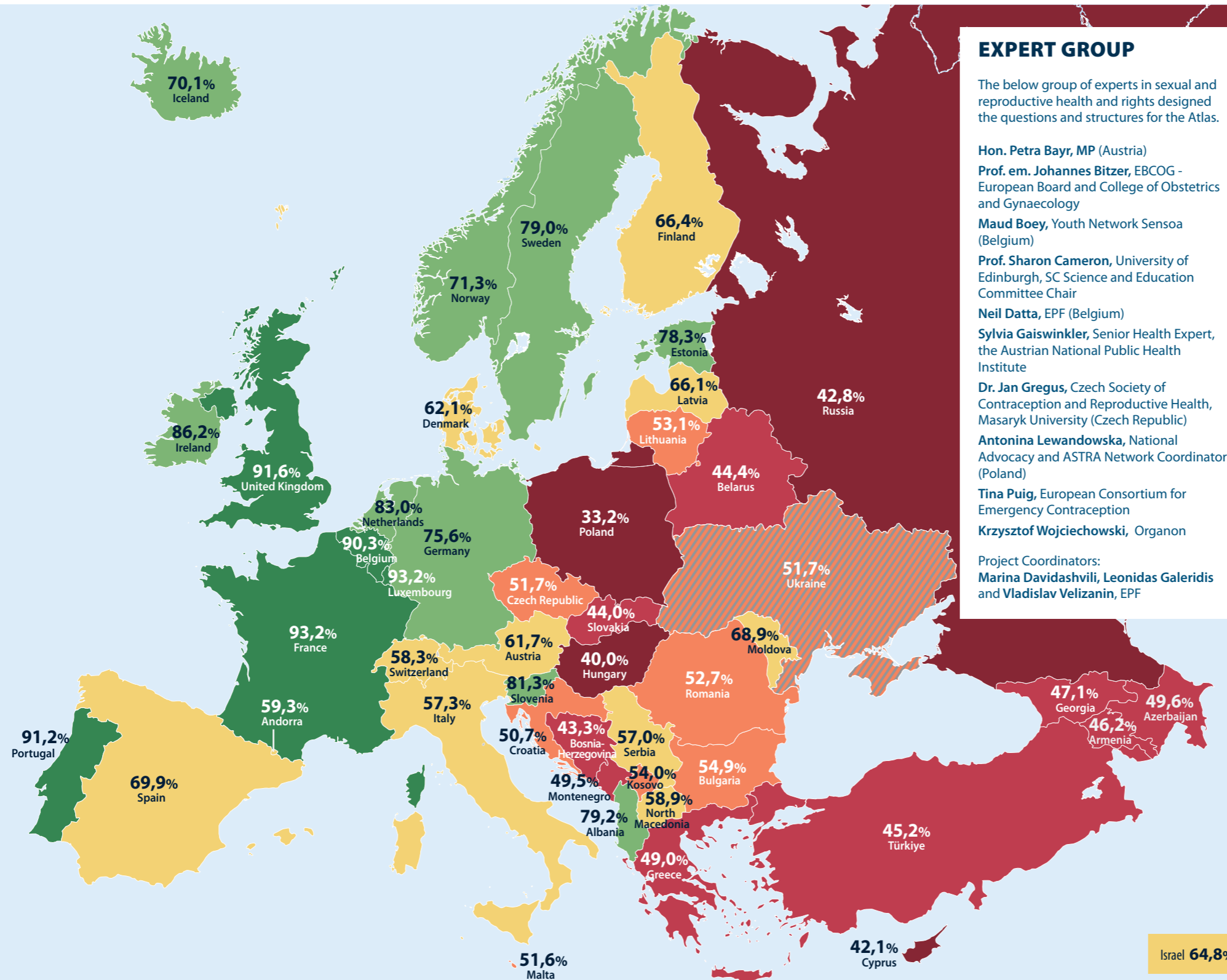
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## RANKING SCALE

France	93,2%
Luxembourg	93,2%
United Kingdom	91,6%
Portugal	91,2%
Belgium	90,3%
Ireland	86,2%
Netherlands	83,0%
Slovenia	81,3%
Albania	79,2%
Sweden	79,0%
Estonia	78,3%
Germany	75,6%
Norway	71,3%
Iceland	70,1%
Spain	69,9%
Moldova	68,9%
Finland	66,4%
Latvia	66,1%
Israel	64,8%
Denmark	62,1%
Austria	61,7%
Andorra	59,3%
N Macedonia	58,9%
Switzerland	58,3%
Italy	57,3%
Serbia	57,0%
Bulgaria	54,9%
Kosovo	54,0%
Lithuania	53,1%
Romania	52,7%
Czech Republic	51,7%
Ukraine	51,7%
Malta	51,6%
Croatia	50,7%
Azerbaijan	49,6%
Montenegro	49,5%
Greece	49,0%
Georgia	47,1%
Armenia	46,2%
Türkiye	45,2%
Belarus	44,4%
Slovakia	44,0%
Bosnia-Herzegovina	43,3%
Russia	42,8%
Cyprus	42,1%
Hungary	40,0%
Poland	33,2%
0%	

//// 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/nw/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](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2021-0314_EN.pdf)

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Coverage of contraceptives within the national health system, including LARCs and EC.
- Ensuring accessible counselling for contraception, including rural or hard to reach areas.
- Public health institutions must ensure information on broad range of modern, effective contraception and where to get it.

## 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:

- 22 countries (47%) cover contraceptives in their national health system and include LARCs;
- 14 countries (30%) cover contraceptives in the national health system for young people to 25 years old and above;
- 46 countries (98%) cover counselling within the national health system;
- 11 countries (23%) provide exceptional governmental websites;
- 8 countries (17%) provide emergency contraception (EC) free of charge at the pharmacy or public health facilities.

## 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			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	Emergency contraception (EC) included into reimbursement	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	79,2%	Superior to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Yes, fully	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Standard	Good	Good	No	Good	Good	Albania		
Andorra	59,3%	Similar to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Yes, fully	Superior to other	Yes (direct consent)	No	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Superior	Not available	Exceptional	No	Good	Insufficient	Andorra		
Armenia	46,2%	No coverage	No	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	Exceptional	Exceptional	Armenia		
Austria	61,7%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	No coverage	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Superior	Exceptional	Exceptional	No	Exceptional	Exceptional	Austria		
Azerbaijan	49,6%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)	Other online resources	Standard	Not available	Not available	No	Good	Good	Azerbaijan		
Belarus	44,4%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	Superior to other	No	No	Yes (legal)	No	Other online resources	Standard	Insufficient	Insufficient	No	Good	Exceptional	Belarus		
Belgium*	90,3%	Similar to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Yes, partially	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	Superior	Exceptional	Exceptional	Yes	Exceptional	Exceptional	Belgium*		
Bosnia-Herzegovina*	43,3%	Less than other	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Insufficient	Not available	Not available	No	Good	Good	Bosnia-Herzegovina*		
Bulgaria	54,9%	Less than other	No	Yes	Yes	No	Similar to other	Yes (direct consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (illegal)	Gov't supported integrated website	Standard	Insufficient	Insufficient	No	Insufficient	Insufficient	Bulgaria		
Croatia	50,7%	Similar to other	No	No	No	No	Superior 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	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	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Not available	Good	Yes	Exceptional	Exceptional	Czech Republic		
Denmark	62,1%	No coverage	No	Yes	Yes	No	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Insufficient	Good	No	Good	Good	Denmark		
Estonia	78,3%	Similar to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	No	Similar 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	No	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	Yes, fully	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	Superior	Exceptional	Exceptional	Yes	Exceptional	Exceptional	France		
Georgia	47,1%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Other online resources	Superior	Not available	Insufficient	No	Exceptional	Good	Georgia		
Germany*	75,6%	No coverage	Yes (19)	No	Yes	Yes, for certain groups only	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	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	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (illegal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Not available	Insufficient	No	Exceptional	Good	Hungary		
Iceland	70,1%	Less than other	Yes (19)	Yes	Yes	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Superior	Insufficient	Good	Yes	Good	Exceptional	Iceland		
Ireland	86,2%	Less than other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Yes, for certain groups only	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	Superior	Exceptional	Exceptional	Yes	Exceptional	Exceptional	Ireland		
Israel	64,8%	Less than other	Yes (19)	Yes	Yes	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Insufficient	Good	No	Good	Insufficient	Israel		
Italy*	57,3%	No coverage	No	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**	54,0%	Less than other	Yes (25)	Yes	No	Yes, for certain groups only	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	66,1%	Less than other	No	Yes	Yes	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Weak	Good	Good	No	Good	Exceptional	Latvia		
Lithuania	53,1%	No coverage	Yes (19)	No	Yes	No	Superior to other	Yes (indirect consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Standard	Insufficient	Insufficient	No	Good	Good	Lithuania		
Luxembourg	93,2%	Superior to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Yes, fully	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	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	Superior	Not available	Insufficient	No	Exceptional	Exceptional	Malta		
Moldova	68,9%	No coverage	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Yes, for certain groups only	Similar to other	Yes (direct consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Insufficient	Exceptional	No	Good	Good	Moldova		
Montenegro	49,5%	Less than other	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (illegal)	Non-gov't supported websites	Standard	Not available	Not available	Yes	Insufficient	Good	Montenegro		
Netherlands	83%	Similar to other	Yes (19)	Yes	Yes	No	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Standard	Exceptional	Exceptional	Yes	Exceptional	Exceptional	Netherlands		
North Macedonia	58,9%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	Standard	Good	Good	Yes	Exceptional	Exceptional	North Macedonia		
Norway	71,3%	No coverage	Yes (19)	No	Yes	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Superior	Exceptional	Good	Yes	Exceptional	Exceptional	Norway		
Poland	33,2%	Less than other	No	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	91,2%	Superior to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Yes, fully	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Exceptional	Exceptional	Yes	Exceptional	Exceptional	Portugal		
Romania	52,7%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Not available	Good	No	Exceptional	Exceptional	Romania		
Russia	42,8%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (illegal)	Yes (illegal)	Other online resources	Superior	Insufficient	Insufficient	No	Insufficient	Insufficient	Russia		
Serbia	57,0%	Less than other	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)	Other online resources	Superior	Not available	Not available	No	Good	Exceptional	Serbia		
Slovakia	44,0%	No coverage	No	No	No	No	Similar to other	Yes (direct consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Good	Not available	Yes	Insufficient	Insufficient	Slovakia		
Slovenia	81,3%	Superior to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Standard	Good	Exceptional	No	Exceptional	Exceptional	Slovenia		
Spain*	69,9%	Similar to other	No	Yes	No	Yes, fully	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Good	Exceptional	No	Good	Good	Spain*		
Sweden	79,0%	No coverage	Yes (25)	No	Yes	Yes, fully	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	No	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	Superior	Insufficient	Exceptional	Yes	Exceptional	Good	Switzerland*		
Türkiye	45,2%	Less than other	No	Yes	No	No	Similar to 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	No	Similar to other	Yes (direct consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)	Other online resources	Standard	Good	Good	Yes	Good	Insufficient	Ukraine		
United Kingdom	91,6%	Superior to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Yes, fully	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Superior	Exceptional	Exceptional	No	Exceptional	Exceptional	United Kingdom		

Data extracted as of February 2025. \*Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Finland, Germany, Italy, Spain and Switzerland have decentralised political systems and therefore circumstances may vary between regions. \*\*Under UNSCR 1244/99

