

# CONTRACEPTION POLICY ATLAS EUROPE

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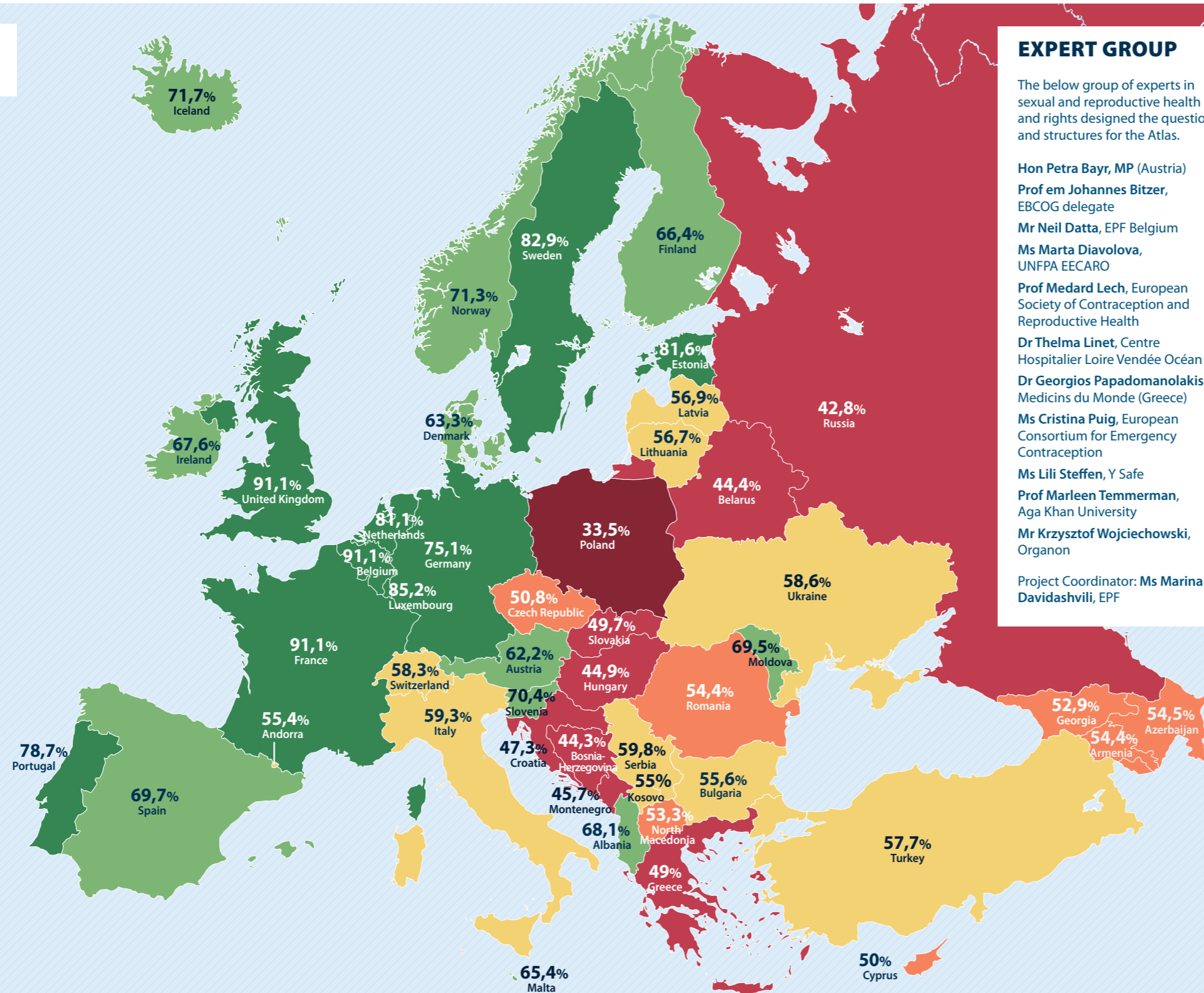
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## RANKING POINTS SCALE

Belgium	91,1%
France	91,1%
United Kingdom	91,1%
Luxembourg	85,2%
Sweden	82,9%
Estonia	81,6%
Netherlands	81,1%
Portugal	78,7%
Germany	75,1%
Iceland	71,7%
Norway	71,3%
Slovenia	70,4%
Spain	69,7%
Moldova	69,5%
Albania	68,1%
Ireland	67,6%
Finland	66,4%
Malta	65,4%
Denmark	63,3%
Austria	62,2%
Serbia	59,8%
Italy	59,3%
Ukraine	58,6%
Switzerland	58,3%
Turkey	57,7%
Latvia	56,9%
Lithuania	56,7%
Bulgaria	55,6%
Andorra	55,4%
Kosovo	55,0%
Azerbaijan	54,4%
Armenia	54,4%
Romania	54,4%
N Macedonia	53,3%
Georgia	52,9%
Czech Republic	50,8%
Cyprus	50,0%
Slovakia	49,7%
Greece	49,0%
Croatia	47,3%
Montenegro	45,7%
Hungary	44,9%
Belarus	44,4%
Bosnia-Herzegovina	44,3%
Russia	42,8%
Poland	33,5%
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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 reimbursement 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/mw/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))

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](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:

- 19 countries** (41%) cover contraceptives in their national health system and include LARCs
- 13 countries** (28%) cover contraceptives in the national health systems for young people to 25 years old or older
- 41 countries** cover counselling within the national health system
- 18 countries** (39%) provide governmental websites

## Who is behind the Atlas?

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## ACCESS TO MODERN CONTRACEPTION

### ACCESS TO SUPPLIES

#### COVERAGE OF CONTRACEPTIVES

Level of reimbursement within the national health system	Special reimbursement for young people (until 19 or 25)	Special reimbursement for vulnerable groups (unemployed, low-income)	At least one LARC is covered by the national health system
Superior to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes
Similar to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes
No reimbursement	No	Yes	No
No reimbursement	No	No	No
No reimbursement	No	No	No
No reimbursement	No	No	No
Similar to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes
No reimbursement	No	No	No
Less than other	No	Yes	No
Less than other	No	No	No
No reimbursement	No	No	No
No reimbursement	No	No	No
Similar to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes
No reimbursement	Yes (25)	No	Yes
Similar to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes
No reimbursement	No	No	No
No reimbursement	Yes (19)	No	Yes
No reimbursement	No	No	No
Less than other	Yes (19)	Yes	Yes
Less than other	No	Yes	Yes
No reimbursement	No	No	No
Less than other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes
No reimbursement	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes
No reimbursement	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes
No reimbursement	No	No	No
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Similar to other	Yes (19)	Yes	No
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Less than other	No	No	No
Superior to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes
No reimbursement	No	No	No
Less than other	No	No	No
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Similar to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes
Similar to other	Yes (25)	No	Yes
Less than other	No	No	Yes
No reimbursement	No	Yes	No
Similar to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes
Similar to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes

### ACCESS TO COUNSELLING

#### COVERAGE OF COUNSELLING

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
Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No
Similar to other	Yes (direct consent)	No	Yes (legal)	No
Similar to other	Yes (direct consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)
No reimbursement	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No
Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)
Superior to other	No	No	Yes (legal)	No
Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No
No reimbursement	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (illegal)
Similar to other	Yes (indirect consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (illegal)
Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No
Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No
Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No
Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No
Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No
Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No
Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No
Similar to other	Yes (indirect consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)
Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No
Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No
Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No
Similar to other	Yes (direct consent)	Yes	No	No
Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No
Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No
Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (illegal)
Similar to other	Yes (direct consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)
No reimbursement	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)
Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No
No reimbursement	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (illegal)
Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)
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Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)

### AVAILABILITY OF ONLINE INFORMATION

#### TYPE OF ONLINE INFORMATION

Website provided by	Information Coverage	User Friendliness	Countries (in alphabetical order)
Other online resources	Number of contraceptives listed: Weak; Info on costs of contraceptives: Not available; Info where to get contraceptives: Not available	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Good; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Albania
Gov't supported integrated website	Number of contraceptives listed: Standard; Info on costs of contraceptives: Not available; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Good; Discoverability of the website online: Insufficient	Andorra
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Standard; Info on costs of contraceptives: Insufficient; Info where to get contraceptives: Insufficient	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Good; Discoverability of the website online: Good	Armenia
Gov't supported integrated website	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Exceptional; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Austria
Other online resources	Number of contraceptives listed: Standard; Info on costs of contraceptives: Insufficient; Info where to get contraceptives: Insufficient	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Good; Discoverability of the website online: Good	Azerbaijan
Other online resources	Number of contraceptives listed: Standard; Info on costs of contraceptives: Insufficient; Info where to get contraceptives: Insufficient	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Good; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Belarus
Gov't supported standalone website	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Exceptional; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Belgium*
Other online resources	Number of contraceptives listed: Standard; Info on costs of contraceptives: Not available; Info where to get contraceptives: Not available	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Good; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Bosnia-Herzegovina
Gov't supported integrated website	Number of contraceptives listed: Standard; Info on costs of contraceptives: Insufficient; Info where to get contraceptives: Insufficient	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Insufficient; Discoverability of the website online: Insufficient	Bulgaria
Gov't supported integrated website	Number of contraceptives listed: Weak; Info on costs of contraceptives: Not available; Info where to get contraceptives: Not available	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Good; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Croatia
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Standard; Info on costs of contraceptives: Insufficient; Info where to get contraceptives: Insufficient	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Insufficient; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Cyprus
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Not available; Info where to get contraceptives: Good	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Good; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Czech Republic
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Insufficient; Info where to get contraceptives: Good	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Good; Discoverability of the website online: Good	Denmark
Gov't supported standalone website	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Insufficient; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Good; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Estonia
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Insufficient; Info where to get contraceptives: Good	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Finland*
Gov't supported standalone website	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Exceptional; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	France
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Not available; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Georgia
Gov't supported standalone website	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Exceptional; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Germany*
Other online resources	Number of contraceptives listed: Standard; Info on costs of contraceptives: Not available; Info where to get contraceptives: Insufficient	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Good; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Greece
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Insufficient; Info where to get contraceptives: Good	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Good	Hungary
Gov't supported integrated website	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Insufficient; Info where to get contraceptives: Good	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Good; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Iceland
Gov't supported standalone website	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Insufficient; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Ireland
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Insufficient; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Insufficient; Discoverability of the website online: Insufficient	Italy*
No online resources	Number of contraceptives listed: Not available; Info on costs of contraceptives: Not available; Info where to get contraceptives: Not available	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Not available; Discoverability of the website online: Not available	Kosovo**
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Not available; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Latvia
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Weak; Info on costs of contraceptives: Good; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Good	Lithuania
Gov't supported standalone website	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Exceptional; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Luxembourg
Gov't supported standalone website	Number of contraceptives listed: Standard; Info on costs of contraceptives: Exceptional; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Malta
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Insufficient; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Good; Discoverability of the website online: Good	Moldova
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Standard; Info on costs of contraceptives: Not available; Info where to get contraceptives: Not available	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Insufficient; Discoverability of the website online: Good	Montenegro
Gov't supported integrated website	Number of contraceptives listed: Standard; Info on costs of contraceptives: Exceptional; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Netherlands
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Standard; Info on costs of contraceptives: Insufficient; Info where to get contraceptives: Insufficient	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Good; Discoverability of the website online: Good	North Macedonia
Gov't supported integrated website	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Exceptional; Info where to get contraceptives: Good	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Norway
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Not available; Info where to get contraceptives: Good	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Poland
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Insufficient; Info where to get contraceptives: Good	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Good	Portugal
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Not available; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Romania
Other online resources	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Insufficient; Info where to get contraceptives: Insufficient	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Insufficient; Discoverability of the website online: Insufficient	Russia
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Standard; Info on costs of contraceptives: Insufficient; Info where to get contraceptives: Good	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Good; Discoverability of the website online: Good	Serbia
Other online resources	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Good; Info where to get contraceptives: Insufficient	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Slovakia
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Not available; Info where to get contraceptives: Not available	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Slovenia
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Good; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Good; Discoverability of the website online: Good	Spain*
Gov't supported standalone website	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Exceptional; Info where to get contraceptives: Good	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	Sweden
Gov't supported standalone website	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Insufficient; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Good	Switzerland*
Gov't supported integrated website	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Good; Info where to get contraceptives: Good	Regional or minority language included: No; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Good	Turkey
Non-gov't supported websites	Number of contraceptives listed: Standard; Info on costs of contraceptives: Good; Info where to get contraceptives: Good	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Good; Discoverability of the website online: Insufficient	Ukraine
Gov't supported standalone website	Number of contraceptives listed: Superior; Info on costs of contraceptives: Exceptional; Info where to get contraceptives: Exceptional	Regional or minority language included: Yes; Web design: Exceptional; Discoverability of the website online: Exceptional	United Kingdom

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