

CONTRACEPTION POLICY ATLAS EUROPE



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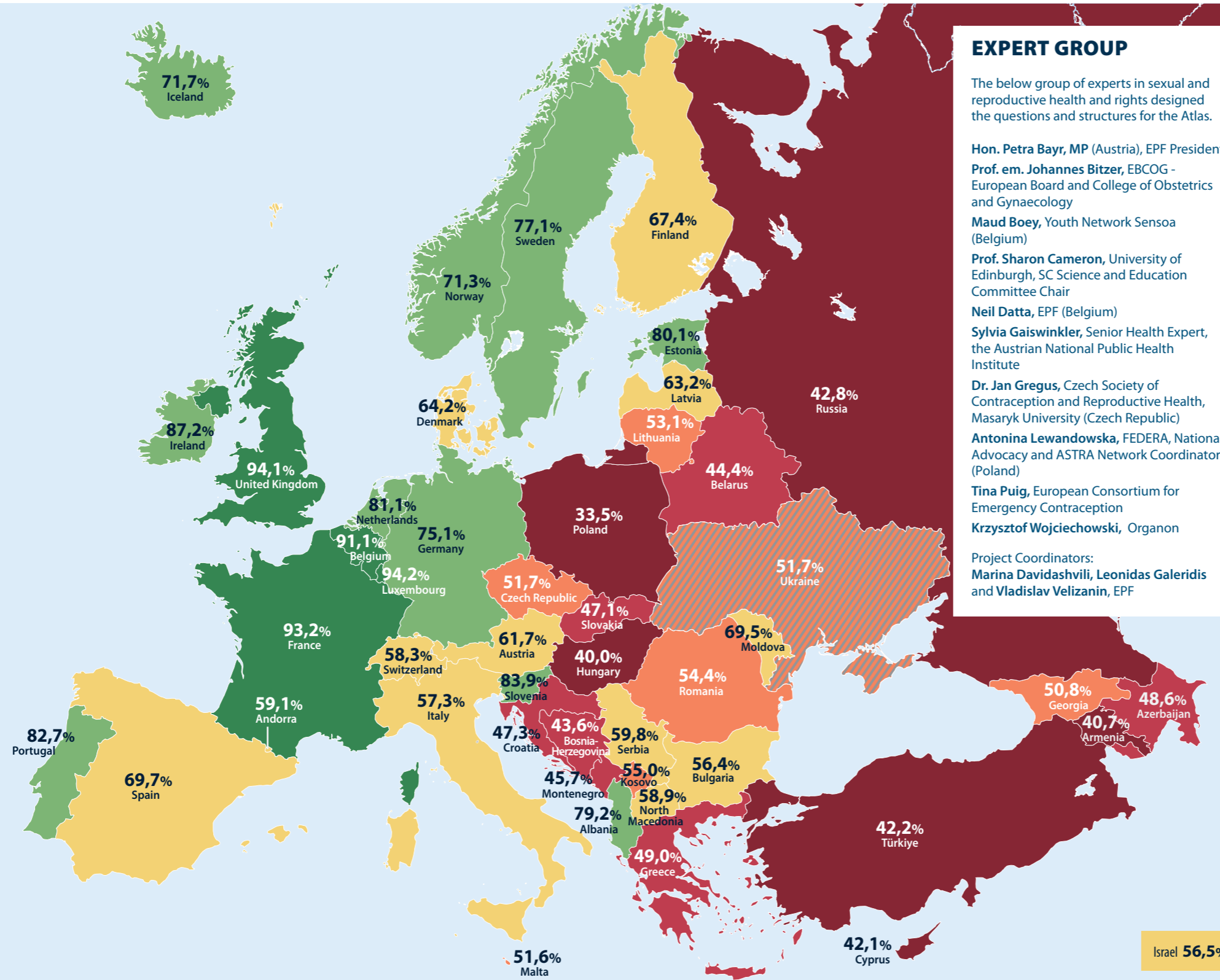
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RANKING SCALE

Luxembourg	94,2%
United Kingdom	94,1%
France	93,2%
Belgium	91,1%
Ireland	87,2%
Slovenia	83,9%
Portugal	82,7%
Netherlands	81,1%
Estonia	80,1%
Albania	79,2%
Sweden	77,1%
Germany	75,1%
Iceland	71,7%
Norway	71,3%
Spain	69,7%
Moldova	69,5%
Finland	67,4%
Denmark	64,2%
Latvia	63,2%
Austria	61,7%
Serbia	59,8%
Andorra	59,1%
N Macedonia	58,9%
Switzerland	58,3%
Italy	57,3%
Israel	56,5%
Bulgaria	56,4%
Kosovo	55,0%
Romania	54,4%
Lithuania	53,1%
Czech Republic	51,7%
Ukraine	51,7%
Malta	51,6%
Georgia	50,8%
Greece	49,0%
Azerbaijan	48,6%
Croatia	47,3%
Slovakia	47,1%
Montenegro	45,7%
Belarus	44,4%
Bosnia-Herzegovina	43,6%
Russia	42,8%
Türkiye	42,2%
Cyprus	42,1%
Armenia	40,7%
Hungary	40,0%
Poland	33,5%
0%	

/// Countries that score more than 90 in the **Fragile State Index 2023**.
https://fragilestatesindex.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/FSI-2023-Report_final.pdf



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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

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.

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:

- 22 countries (46%) 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;
- 44 countries (93%) cover counselling within the national health system;
- 10 countries (21%) provide exceptional governmental websites;
- 8 countries (17%) provide EC free of charge or partially covered over the counter (5) at the pharmacy or public health facilities (3)

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	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		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	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Standard	Good	Good	No	Good	Good	Albania
Andorra	59,1%	Similar to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Superior to other	Yes (direct consent)	No	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Superior	Not available	Exceptional	No	Good	Insufficient	Andorra
Armenia	40,7%	No coverage	No	No	No	Similar to other	Yes (direct consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)	Non-gov't supported websites	Weak	Not available	Not available	No	Good	Good	Armenia
Austria	61,7%	No coverage	No	No	No	No coverage	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Superior	Exceptional	Exceptional	No	Exceptional	Exceptional	Austria
Azerbaijan	48,6%	No coverage	No	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	Yes (legal)	Gov't supported integrated website	Weak	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	43,6%	Less than other	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	56,4%	Less than other	No	Yes	Yes	Similar to other	Yes (direct 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	64,2%	No coverage	No	Yes	Yes	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Superior	Insufficient	Good	No	Good	Good	Denmark
Estonia	80,1%	Similar to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	Superior	Insufficient	Exceptional	Yes	Good	Exceptional	Estonia
Finland*	67,4%	No coverage	Yes (25)	No	Yes	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	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	50,8%	No coverage	No	No	No	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Standard	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	87,2%	Less than other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported standalone website	Superior	Exceptional	Exceptional	Yes	Exceptional	Exceptional	Ireland
Israel	56,5%	No coverage	Yes (19)	No	Yes	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	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	63,2%	Less than other	No	Yes	Yes	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Insufficient	Exceptional	No	Exceptional	Exceptional	Latvia
Lithuania	53,1%	No coverage	Yes (19)	No	Yes	Superior to other	Yes (indirect consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Standard	Insufficient	Insufficient	No	Good	Good	Lithuania
Luxembourg	94,2%	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	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	58,9%	No coverage	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	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Gov't supported integrated website	Superior	Exceptional	Good	Yes	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	82,7%	Superior to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Superior to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Good	Good	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	47,1%	No coverage	No	No	No	Similar to other	Yes (direct consent)	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Standard	Good	Good	Yes	Good	Good	Slovakia
Slovenia	83,9%	Superior to other	Yes (25)	Yes	Yes	Similar to other	No	Yes	Yes (legal)	No	Non-gov't supported websites	Superior	Exceptional	Insufficient	No	Exceptional	Good	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	77,1%	No coverage	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	94,1%	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 2024. *Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Finland, Germany, Italy, Spain and Switzerland have decentralised political systems and therefore circumstances may vary between regions. **Under UNSCR 1244/99

