CONTRACEPTION POLICY ATLAS EUROPE

Tracking government policies on access to contraceptive supplies, family planning counselling and the provision of online information on contraception

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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 ICPD+5: Accelerating the Promise (2019)


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))

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 a 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 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 system for young people to 25 years old or older.
- 44 countries (93%) cover counselling within the national health system.
- 18 countries (39%) provide exceptional governmental websites.
- 8 countries (17%) provide EC free of charge or partially covered over the counter (6) at the pharmacy or public health facilities.
## ACCESS TO MODERN CONTRACEPTION

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### ACCESS TO SUPPLIES

- **Coverage of contraceptives**
  - Level of coverage within the national health system
  - Special coverage for young people (until 19 or 25)
  - Special coverage for vulnerable groups (exempted, low income)
  - At least one LARC is covered by the national health system

- **Coverage of counselling**
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  - Information coverage
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  - Regional or minority language supported?
  - Web design
  - Discoverability of online information

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Countries in alphabetical order:
- Albania
- Andorra
- Armenia
- Austria
- Azores
- Belgium
- Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
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- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain*
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- Malta

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