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Drepturi sexuale într-o lume turbulentă

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Definition

Human rights that are already recognized in national laws, international **human rights documents and other consensus documents** including **the right of all persons, free of coercion, discrimination and violence**, to the highest attainable standard of **health in relation to sexuality**, including access to sexual and reproductive healthcare services; the capacity to seek, receive and impart information in relation to sexuality; access to sexuality education; respect for bodily integrity; free choice of partner; the right to decide to be sexually active or not; the right to consensual sexual relations, the right to consensual marriage; the right to decide whether or not, and when, to have children; and the right to pursue a satisfying, safe and pleasurable sexual life.





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Agenda

- Policies, Standards and Perspectives on Sexual Rights- consensus documents and guidelines
- Sexual Rights and Sexual abuse, discrimination and violence (legal aspects)
- Sexual Rights and access to healthcare information and services in relation to sexuality
- Sexual Rights and Family Planning
- Sexual Rights and free choice partner (marriage)
- Sexual Rights and Sexual Pleasure
- Sexual Rights and too much freedom
- Sexual Rights and Research

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"Sexual rights are the application of existing human rights to sexuality and sexual health.

They protect the right of all people to satisfy and express their sexuality and to enjoy sexual health, with due respect for the rights of others, within a framework of protection from discrimination" (WHO, 2006a, updated 2010)

The fulfillment of sexual health is tied to the extent to which human rights are respected, protected and fulfilled. Sexual rights embrace certain human rights that are already recognized in international and regional human rights documents and other consensus documents and in national laws.





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SR Policies, Standards and Perspectives

Rights critical to the realization of sexual health include:



- the rights to equality and non-discrimination
- the right to be free from torture or to cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment
- the right to privacy
- the rights to the highest attainable standard of health (including sexual health) and social security
- the right to an effective remedy for violations of fundamental rights.

- the right to marry and to found a family and enter into marriage with the free and full consent of the intending spouses, and to equality in and at the dissolution of marriage
- the right to decide the number and spacing of one's children
- the rights to information, as well as education
- the rights to freedom of opinion and expression, and



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What is needed to realize sexual and reproductive health and rights for all:

- an enabling legal and policy environment to address inequalities;
- strengthened health and education systems;
- sex- and age-disaggregated data to ensure no one is left behind;
- targeted investments in women and girls;
- changing social norms that limit girls' and women's autonomy and ability to make independent decisions regarding their own bodies, while raising awareness among boys and men; and
- partnerships and greater collaboration across the health, education, gender, population and development sectors.



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- Women must have full control of their sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Press Releases [PLENARY SESSION](#) [FEMM](#) 11-04-2024

- Right to abortion constitutes a fundamental right
- Member states must fully decriminalise abortion
- Stop EU funding to anti-choice groups
- Sexuality and relationship education should be available to all





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Advocating for sexual rights at the UN: the unfinished business of global development

Saida Ali, Shannon Kowalski & Paul Silva



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Sound and Fury – engaging with the politics and the law of sexual rights

Alice M. Miller, Sofia Gruskin, Jane Cottingham & Kismodi Eszter Kismödi



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Sexual and reproductive rights at the United Nations: frustration or fulfilment?

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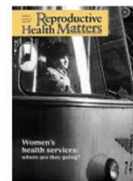
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Wanda Nowicka



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Negotiating reproductive rights: Women's perspectives across countries and cultures

Rosalind P. Petchesky



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Sexual and reproductive rights under attack: the advance of political and moral conservatism in Brazil





Elaine Reis Brandão & Cristiane da Silva Cabral

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SR and Legal Aspects Free of Coercion & Violence



- Rape 
- Domestic violence
- Prostitution & Human Trafficking

- Pedophilia 
- Sex & Drugs & Alcohol 
- Sex tapes & Coercion 
- Virtual Sex & Payment & Chantaje (Extortion) 

- Proper EU/USA legislation
 - Under reporting cases
 - Fear of improper protection methods
 - Socio-cultural, ethnical, religious barriers
- Increased rights vs past
- Underage sex & pregnancies (roma traditions)

SR and Legal Aspects- Discrimination



- Minorities (rroma population)
 - Migrants & refugees
 - Disabled or mentally challenged persons (some institutional abuse)
 - Femicide (Feticide in some rroma communities)
 - Religion based discrimination
- LGBTQ+ community
 - Different legislation depending on the country
 - Different public acceptability depending on country
 - Different rights depending on country

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Disability and sexuality: claiming sexual and reproductive rights

Renu Addlakha, Janet Price & Shirin Heidari



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The intersectional jeopardy of disability, gender and sexual and reproductive health: experiences and recommendations of women and men with disabilities in Northern Uganda

Muriel Mac-Seing, Kate Zinszer, Bryan Eryong, Emma Ajok, Olivier Ferlatte & Christina Zarowsky



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The social and human rights models of disability: towards a complementarity thesis

Anna Lawson & Angharad E. Beckett



Health Services Research: Review

Reproductive Health Care in Catholic Facilities

A Scoping Review

Nichole B. Thorne, BS, Taylor K. Soderborg, BA, Jacqueline J. Glover, PhD, Lilian Hoffecker, PhD, MLS, and Maryam Guiahi, MD, MS



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Arachu Castro & Virginia Savage



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Moving beyond disrespect and abuse: addressing the structural dimensions of obstetric violence

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RESEARCH

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Ambiguities in Washington State hospital policies, irrespective of Catholic affiliation, regarding abortion and contraception service provision



Hilary M Schwandt, Bethany Sparkle and Moriah Post-Kinney



Invited Commentary | Health Policy

Catholic Hospitals, Patient Autonomy, and Sexual and Reproductive Health Care in the United States

Lindsay K. Admon, MD, MSc; Jennifer Villavicencio, MD

Recognizing and responding to misleading trans health research

S. Rachel Skinner, Quinnehtukqut McLamore, Olivia Donaghy, Stephen Stathis, Julia K. Moore, Tram Nguyen, Cate Rayner, Robert Tait, Jemma Anderson & Ken C. Pang

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Original Research Article

Expectations about availability of contraception and abortion at a hypothetical Catholic hospital: Rural-urban disparities among Wisconsin women

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SR and ACCESS Education and Information



- Professionals with limited training for SRH
- Sexual Education in schools
 - Very limited and poor in Romania, Hungary and Poland
 - Good in USA (depending on the state)

- Access to Reproductive Health Information and Services
 - Limited access to proper information in Romania, Hungary and Poland
 - Biased internet information/ pornography
 - Limited Services available, even less for minorities

SR and ACCESS Research on SRH



- Romania: almost nothing
- Hungary: almost nothing
- Poland: on abortion and disabled people mostly
- USA: very diverse



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Reproductive injustice, trans rights, and eugenics

Blas Radi

'Defending the unborn', 'protecting women' and 'preserving culture and nation': anti-abortion discourse in the Polish right-wing press

Inga Koralewska & Katarzyna Zielińska



Article

Selected Correlates of Attitudes towards Rape Victims among Polish Medical Students

Lidia Perenc ^{*}, Justyna Podgórska-Bednarz, Agnieszka Guzik and Mariusz Družbicki

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE



Attitudes Towards Rape and Their Determinants Among Men, Women and Non-Binary People in Poland

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Review

Sexual functioning in young women in the context of breast cancer treatment



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“What does that mean?”: The content validity of the ISPCAN Child Abuse Screening Tool - Child version (ICAST-C) in Romania, South Africa, and the Philippines

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Challenging abortion stigma: framing abortion in Ireland and Poland

Pauline Cullen & Elżbieta Korolczuk

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Lights4Violence: a quasi-experimental educational intervention in six European countries to promote positive relationships among adolescents

C. Vives-Cases^{1,2*}, M. C. Davo-Blanes¹, R. Ferrer-Cascales¹, B. Sanz-Barbero^{2,3}, N. Albaladejo-Blázquez¹, M. Sánchez-San Segundo¹, M. Lillo-Crespo¹, N. Bowes⁴, S. Neves⁵, V. Mocanu⁶, E. M. Carausu⁶, J. Pyżalski⁷, M. J. Forjaz^{8,9}, I. Chmura-Rutkowska⁷, C. P. Vieira⁸ and C. Corradi¹⁰

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COMMENTARY

Making Sense of Sexual Rights of the Disabled in Today’s Social–Cultural–Digital World

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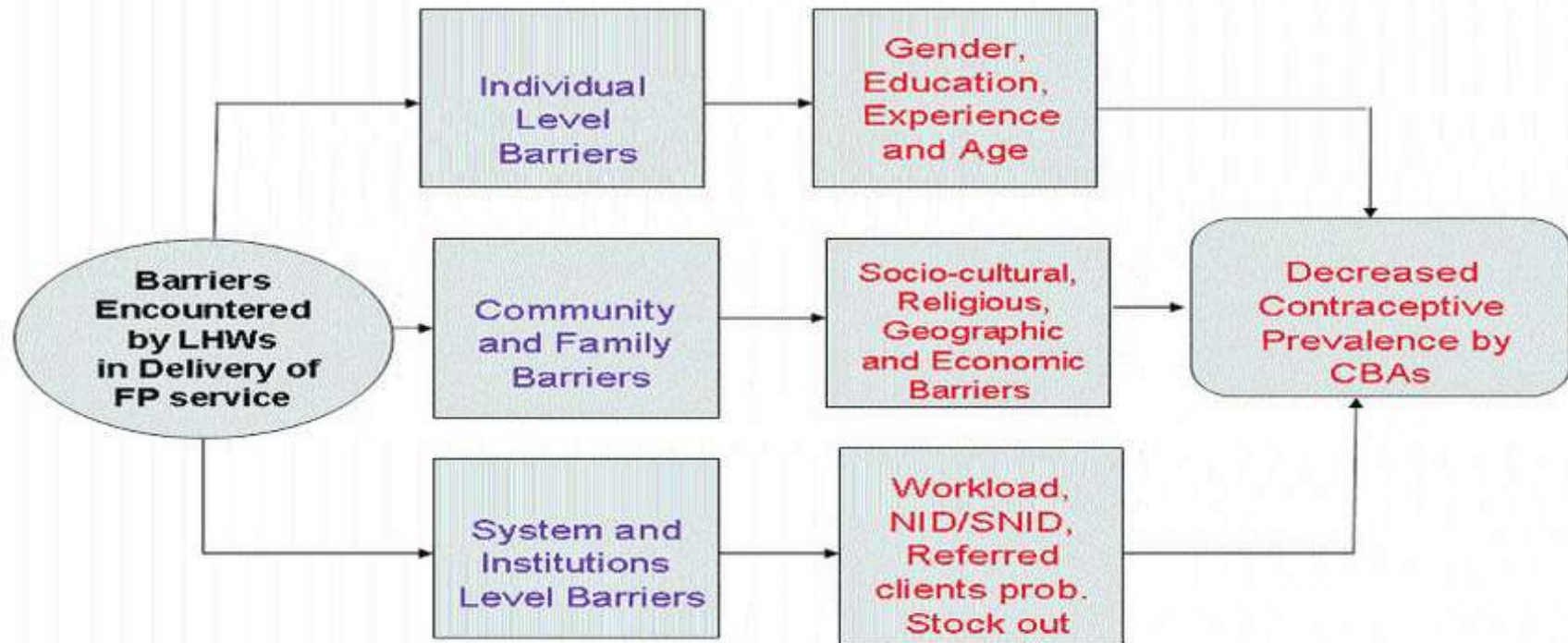
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Abortion in Poland: politics, progression and regression

Julia Hussein, Jane Cottingham, Wanda Nowicka & Eszter Kismodi

SR and Family Planning Barriers



Abortion!!!

SR and Family Planning Contraception Policies



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

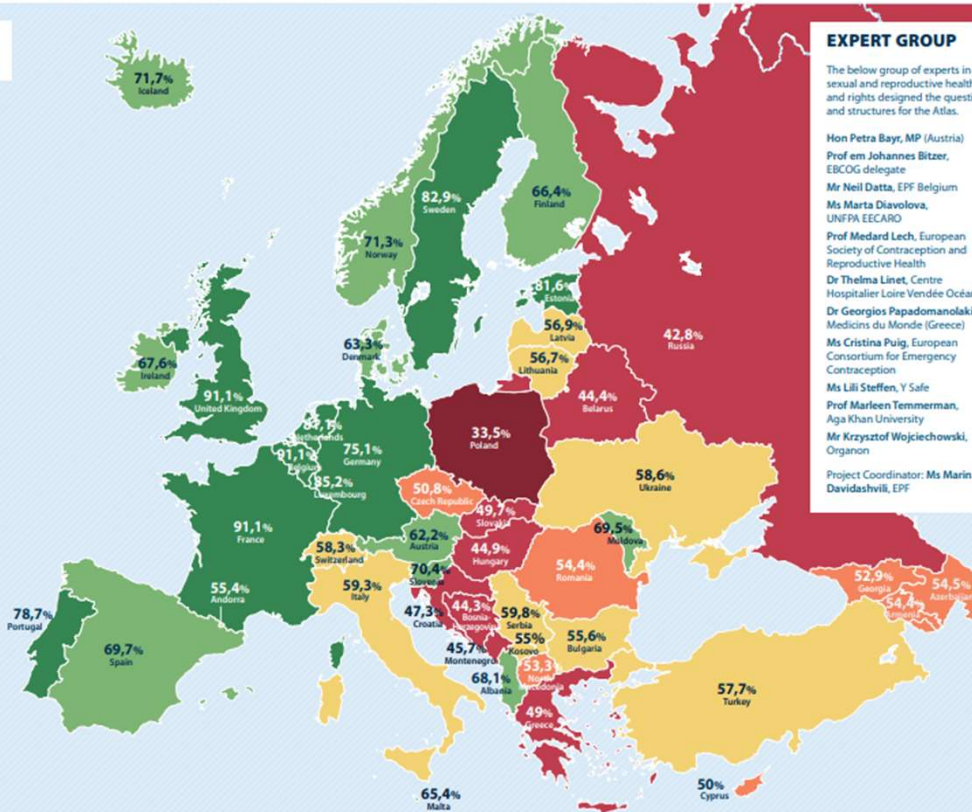
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EXPERT GROUP

The below group of experts in sexual and reproductive health and rights designed the questions and structures for the Atlas.

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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.

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

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(INII))

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.

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:

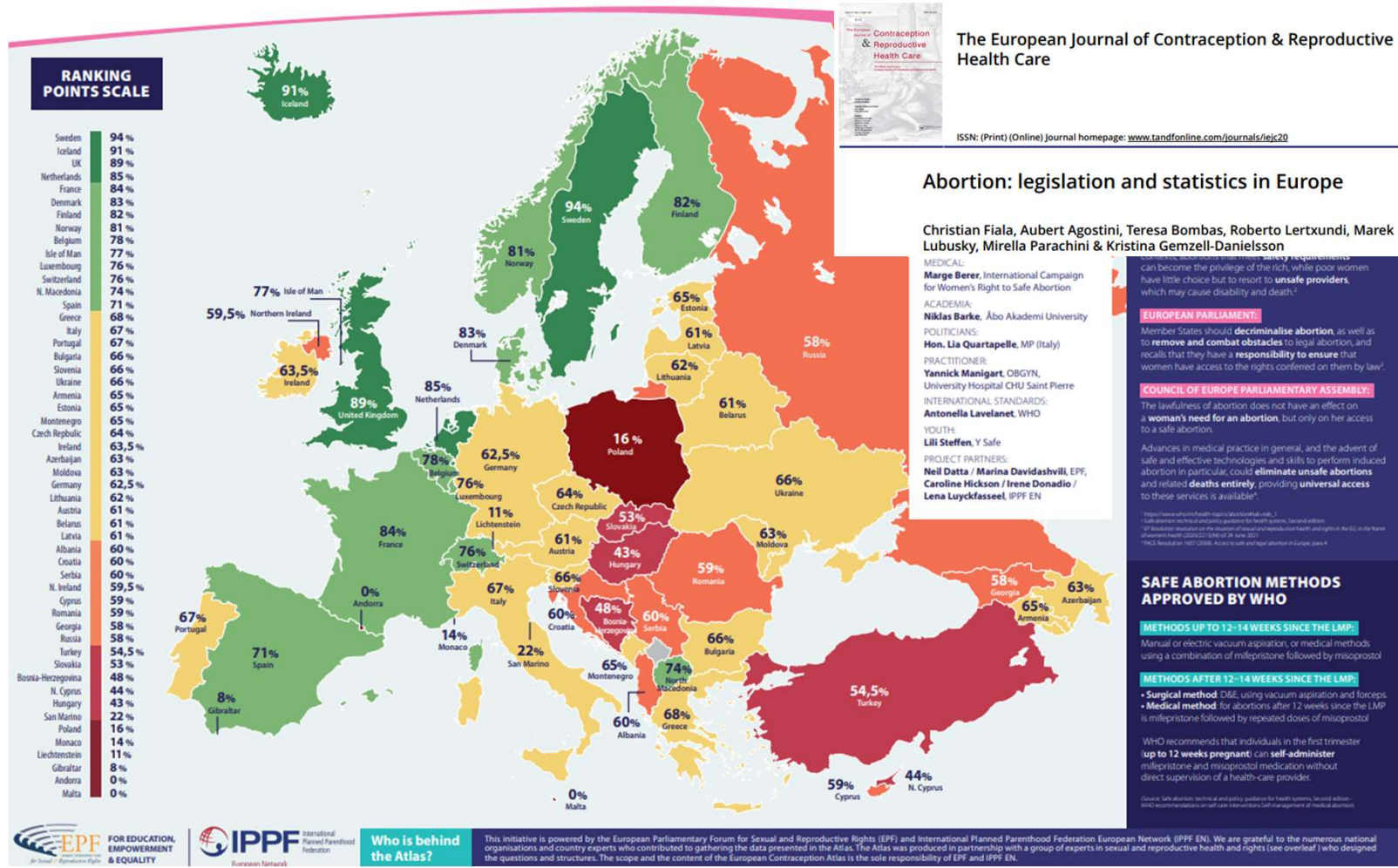
- 19 countries (41%) cover contraceptives in their national health system and include LARCs
- 13 countries (28%) cover contraceptives in the national health systems for young people to 25 years old or older
- 41 countries cover counselling within the national health system
- 18 countries (39%) provide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

Who is behind the Atlas?

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SR and Family Planning Abortion policies




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SR and Free Choice Partner

- Increased acceptability vs increasing non-accepting religious groups (orthodox-Romania vs Catholic- Hungary and Poland)
- Legal differences between countries especially regarding marriage and child raising

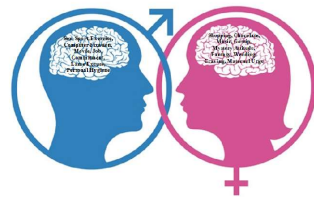


- Reduced discrimination and stigma (LGBTQ+) 
- Over exposing LGBTQ+ video in movies & social media vs public reactions (especially from religious groups)



SR and Sexual Pleasure

- A necessity in nowadays training of SRH specialists and population needs
- Was not discussed in the past
- Nowadays is not necessary a taboo subject
- Correlates with limited knowledge on SRH
- Correlated with limited knowledge and usage of HR in menopause



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Sexual health, sexual rights and sexual pleasure:
meaningfully engaging the perfect triangle

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The contested global politics of pleasure and
danger: Sexuality, gender, health and human
rights

Carmen H. Logie, Amaya Perez-Brumer & Richard Parker

SR and Too Much Rights?

- Not the case for Romania, Hungary and Poland



- Legislation permitting very early changing of sex and identity
- Uterus transplantation for LGBTQ+ individuals (viral negative influencers)
- Improper influencers

Instead of a conclusion

- Central-Eastern Europe needs better services in regard to sexual rights
- SRH education and information is the first step
- The rights of minorities should count and be satisfied



We might be heading towards a wrong SR direction!



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