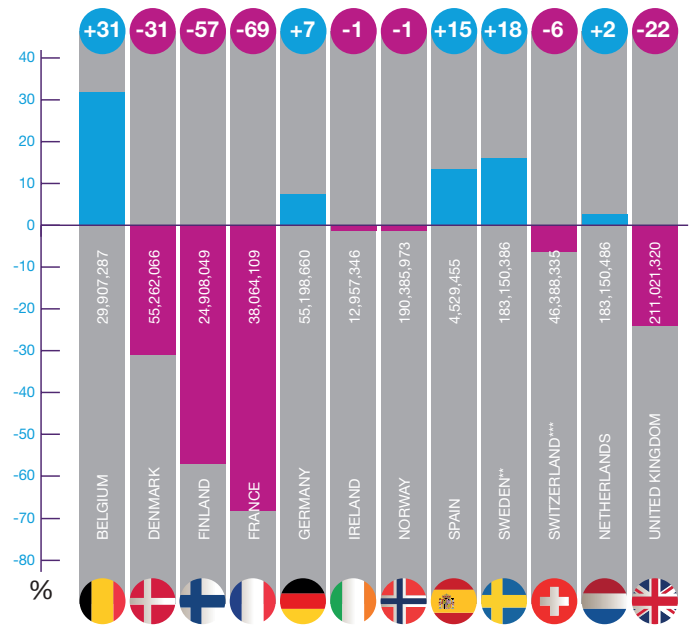


European Donor Support to Sexual & Reproductive Health & Family Planning

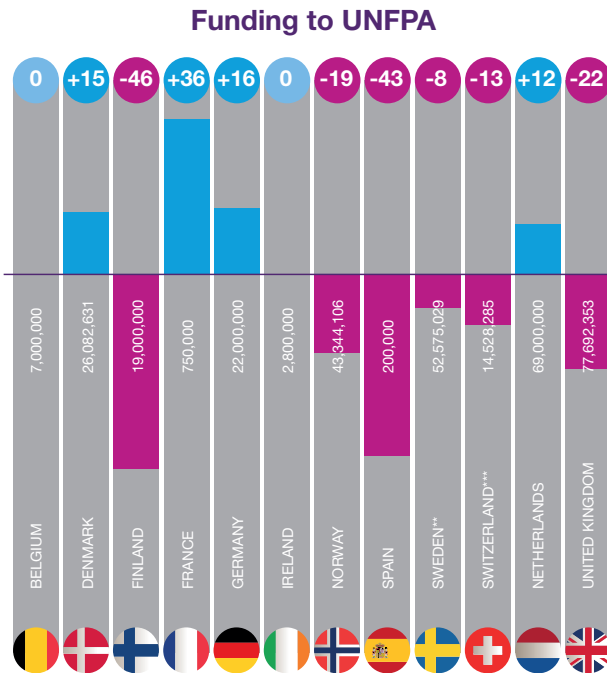
Countdown 2030 Europe (C2030E) is a consortium of European NGOs advocating to ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and family planning (FP) in developing countries through holding European governments to account on their international policy and financial commitments on SRH/FP. To achieve this mission, amongst other activities, the consortium partners track policy and financial trends in their respective countries. This report presents the outcomes of the policy and financial tracking for the year 2016-2017.

Financing for Population Assistance

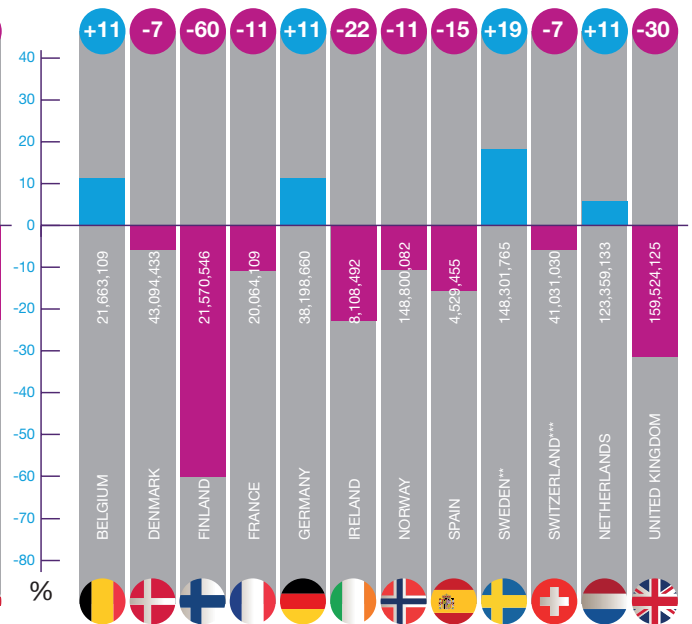


Snapshot view of European trends in SRH/FP financing*:

Funding trends:



Multilateral Funding for SRH/FP



Overall, Population Assistance has seen a decrease in 2016:



However, despite significant challenges and political change over the last year, European donors remain committed to improving sexual and reproductive health.

In 2017, sexual and reproductive health and family planning featured prominently in a range of global fora, also evidenced by the SheDecides initiative and the Family Planning Summit.

*Funding for UNFPA (Core UNFPA funding + funding to the UNFPA Supplies Programme); Multilateral funding for SRH/FP (Core funding + earmarked funding for SRH/FP); Funding to population assistance (through all streams except country to country bilateral funding). Percentage variance of 2016 compared to reporting for 2015.
**Sweden: In local currency however, we see an increase of funding to UNFPA (+4%).
***Switzerland: In local currency however, we see maintained funding to UNFPA and an increase in Multilateral Funding (+7%) and Population Assistance (+3%).

Policy trends:



NEW European SRH/FP related policy documents:

Numerous new policy documents, strategic papers and action plans were endorsed by European governments, as well as new outcome documents related to SRH/FP.



Denmark:

The World 2030 – Denmark's strategy for development cooperation and humanitarian action, with SRH/FP featuring prominently



EU Institutions:

Two sets of Council Conclusions on EU priorities that recommit to SRHR in the context of ICPD and Beijing programmes of action



Norway:

New White Paper 'Meld.St.24 Felles ansvar for Felles framtid' on Norway's development policy and relation to the SDGs, committing to a continued priority of SRHR within health and gender equality



Switzerland:

Gender Equality and Women's Rights Strategy

A YEAR OF POLITICAL CHANGE:



2017 has seen political change throughout many European countries, as well as globally. An increasingly vocal conservative voice in several European countries continues to challenge the SRH/FP achievements of recent years.

New governments in Countdown 2030 Europe' countries on the other hand also create new opportunities for a stronger European voice in support of SRH/FP in the coming years.

Looking Forward:

The strong policy commitment of European governments for SRH/FP continued through 2017 despite considerable challenges posed by falling levels of ODA, numerous elections and a growing pressure on resources due to the refugee crisis. Advocacy will be key in maintaining this momentum and ensuring a continued focus on the critical issues of SRH/FP.

2018 will bring:



- Change at the political level, including the impact of the Brexit and the US Global Gag Rule, will continue to leave a significant gap in critical funding for SRH/FP, which should be further closed by commitments from governments, including as part of FP2020 and the SheDecides initiative
- Increased accountability will be needed to fully track and monitor newly pledged funds, and to ensure transparency on when and how they are disbursed
- Addressing the funding crisis facing global family planning programmes, ensuring increased funding levels for reproductive health commodities



CHALLENGES

- Further cuts to Official Development Assistance (ODA) and diversion of ODA to cover domestic costs of the refugee crisis
- An increasingly vocal conservative voice challenging SRH / FP achievements
- The reinstatement of the Global Gag Rule (GGR) by the US President affecting global health funding, including SRH / FP



SUCCESSES

- Across Europe, SRH/FP continues to feature prominently within ODA policies
- Vocal European government representatives placing SRH/FP at the centre of their strategies for development overseas
- Launch of the [SheDecides](#) Initiative, a global movement to protect the fundamental rights of girls and women to decide freely and for themselves about their sexual lives, initiated by European governments at the start of 2017



COMMITMENTS

- New funding announcements in the context of the SheDecides initiative and at the [Family Planning Summit](#) in London in July 2017, by seven of the Countdown 2030 Europe countries: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the UK



ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT OF EUROPEAN VOICES FOR SRH/FP WITHIN THE BROADER DEVELOPMENT ARENA:

2017 has been a crucial year since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with SRH/FP related targets under review as part of SDG 3 and 5. Four C2030E countries (Sweden, Netherlands, Denmark and Belgium) carried out their Voluntary National Review in which SRH/FP was referred to as a priority, and advocacy ensured SRH/FP featuring prominently in speeches and reports in global and regional accountability spaces.