

TRACKING WHAT COUNTS

A TRENDS ANALYSIS OF EUROPEAN DONOR SUPPORT TO SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS & FAMILY PLANNING 2021-2022

Countdown 2030 Europe (C2030E) is a consortium of European NGOs who advocate for universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) worldwide. We make sure sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and family planning (FP) are a funding priority for European donors and a policy priority in Europe and globally. To achieve this mission, the Consortium partners track policy and financial trends in their respective countries: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK, in addition to the EU institutions. This report presents the outcomes of the policy and financial tracking for the last year (financial data for 2021, policy updates for 2022).

POLICY TRENDS & HIGHLIGHTS

European donors continue to be vocal about the importance of SRH/FP and SRHR in international cooperation. **18 new SRHR related European policy documents were endorsed by European countries**, with different focus: from SRHR being prioritised in foreign, international cooperation or health policies, to policies focused on specific groups, such as youth or people with disabilities. 2022 also marked the celebration of the She Decides +5 conference, which brought together SRHR activists from all over the world.

WHERE IS THE MONEY GOING?

In 2021, European donors decreased their contribution to SRH/FP by 8% compared to 2020¹, providing a total of **1.385 billion Euros** (103 million Euros less than in 2020).

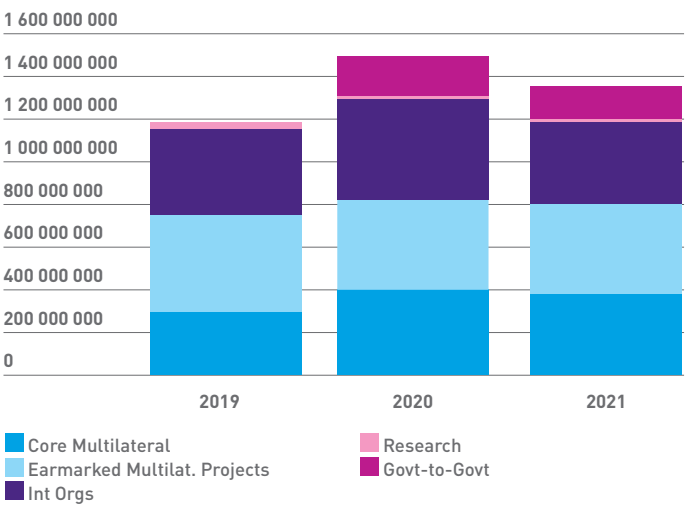
10 out of the 13 European donors under review either increased or maintained funding compared to the previous year. The multilateral system remains the most used stream for European donors' support to SRH/FP, followed by international organisations & initiatives and government-to-government cooperation.

European donors kept the same level of support to UNFPA benefiting SRH/FP as in 2020, amounting to 614 million Euros, and equivalent to 1% of European ODA. Although contributions to the Supplies Partnership more than doubled, this boost was not enough to offset the decreased level of core funding and support to earmarked programmes.

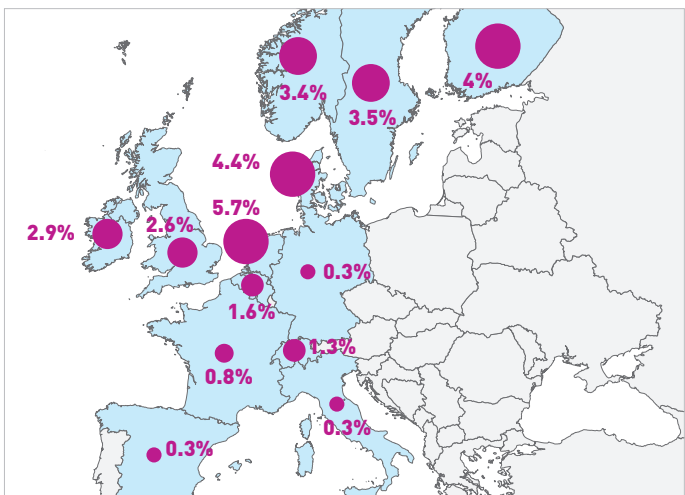
There is room to scale up the weight of SRH/FP as a share of countries' annual Official Development Assistance (ODA). In spite of the decreases observed in funding in nominal value in 2021, individual European donors allocated between 0.3 - 5.7% of their ODA to SRH/FP.

This overall level of support ensured access to modern contraceptive care for 10.5 million women and couples, at a minimum, helping to avoid at least 4 million unintended pregnancies². But much more needs to be done as SRHR needs are increasing.

EUROPEAN DONORS' SUPPORT TO SRH/FP



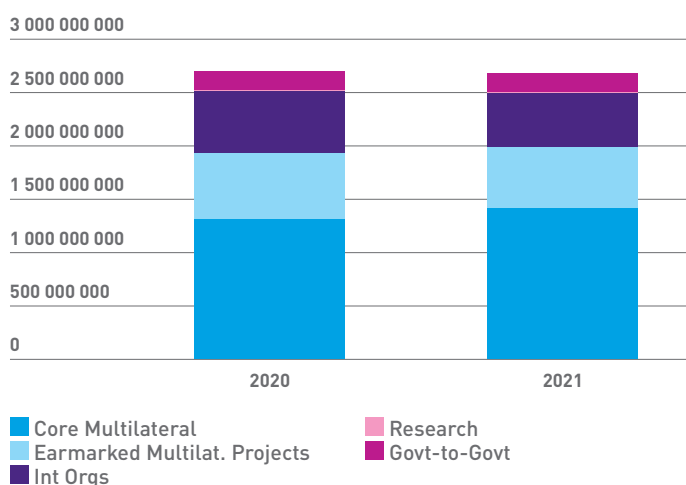
SRH/FP AS % OF ODA



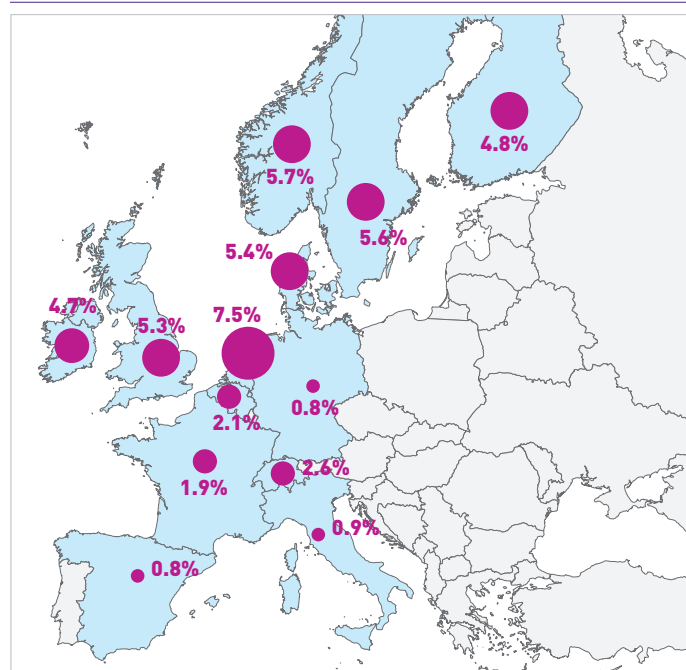
The 8% decrease in SRH/FP support, however, did not translate into less available overall SRHR funding, but rather into a smaller focus on these components in 2021: **European donors maintained the same levels of investment on SRHR (3%)** compared to the previous year³, with **12 out of 13 donors either increasing or maintaining their contributions.**

Data collected indicates that in 2021 the 14 European donors contributed **2.780 billion Euros** to SRHR. This includes the 1.385 billion Euros allocated to SRH/FP, in addition to other core SRHR elements, such as HIV/AIDS, prevention and integrated responses to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), comprehensive sexuality education (CSE), safe abortion, work with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex or Queer (LGBTIQ+) people or broader human rights-based, gender-responsive and intersectional approaches. Analysis of individual contributions confirms that European donors tend to invest in integrated approaches to SRHR, as advocated by C2030E. Once more, multilateral funding is the biggest share of SRHR investments. Of this, 643 million Euros were channelled through UNFPA.

EUROPEAN DONORS SUPPORT TO SRHR



SRHR AS % OF ODA



Individual European donors allocated between 0.8 – 7.5% of their ODA to SRHR in 2021. This shows that there is room to scale up the weight of SRHR as a share of ODA. This is relevant when considering donors' increased efforts to promote more integrated approaches in their international cooperation, thus being able to increase support to this agenda through different ODA sectors.

Countdown 2030 Europe partners will continue to call upon their governments to increase investments in SRH/FP and SRHR and hold them accountable to their policy and funding commitments.

THE NOVELTIES INTRODUCED BY THIS REPORT

WHOSE EFFORTS ARE BEING MEASURED:

Further complementing the sample of European donors. This report includes funding from Italy to both SRH/FP and SRHR only in 2021.

HOW IT IS MEASURED:

Updating contributions from multilaterals and facilities to SRHR. Core contributions to multilateral agencies are now calculated based on their own reporting. The same is applicable to the Global Financial Facility (reported under international organisations and initiatives).

A TASTE OF WHAT IT CONCRETELY MEANS:

Quantifying the impact of European donors' contributions. The 2021 tracking report now includes impact numbers from European governments' investments on FP. Calculations are based on the Guttmacher's Family Planning Investment Impact Calculator, which is an interactive tool for estimating these impacts in LMICs. As it is not always possible to separate donors' investments on FP and SRH, only some of the FP programmes are selected for these calculations, to illustrate the minimum impact reached in 2021.

1. Excluding Italy's contributions in 2021. If funding from Italy is considered, the decreasing trend would still be kept, but it would amount to -7%.
2. Based on the Guttmacher's Family Planning Investment Impact Calculator. This includes only some projects support by European donors and reported as FP, so the numbers would significantly increase if the broader SRHR agenda is also included.
3. Excluding Italy's contributions in 2021. If funding from Italy is considered, the sustained trend would be kept but the difference of funding would amount to +4%.



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