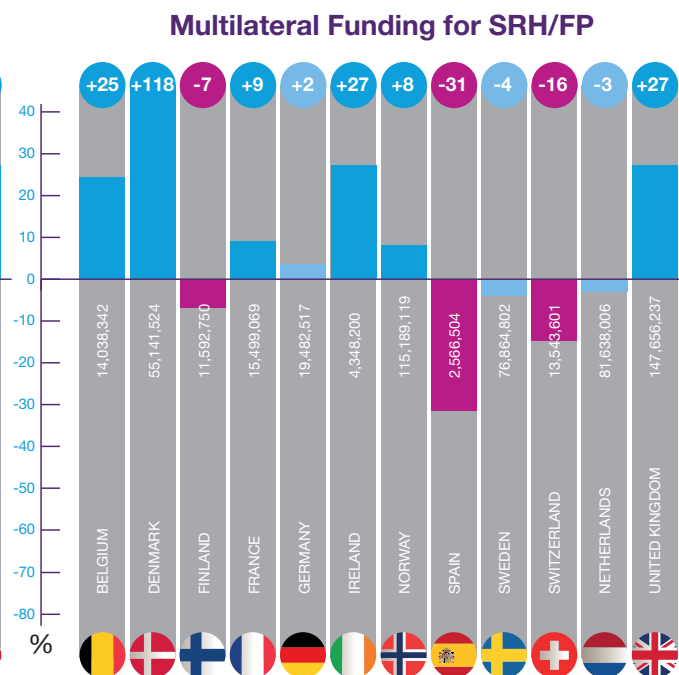
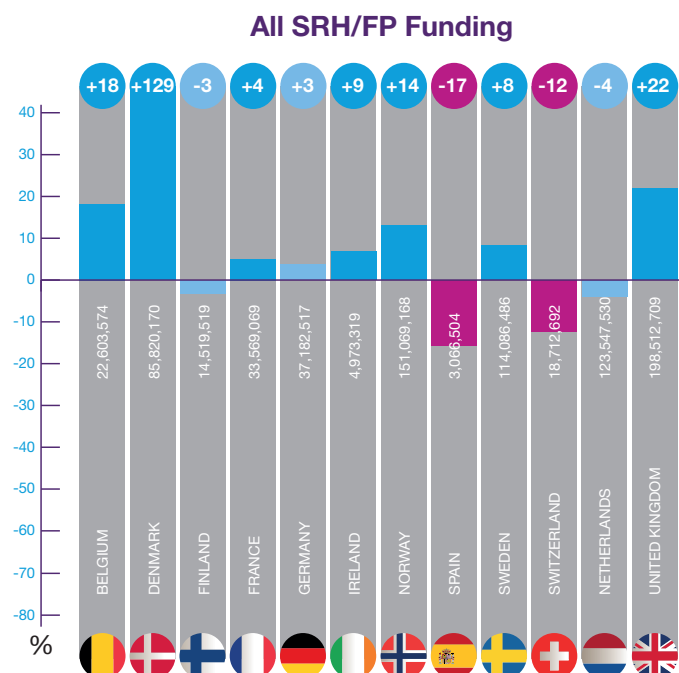
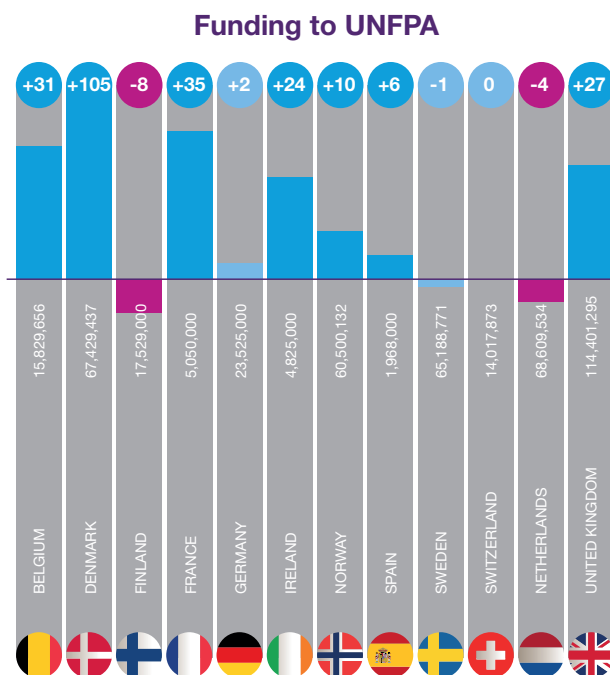


European Donor Support to Sexual & Reproductive Health & Family Planning

Countdown 2030 Europe (C2030E) is a consortium of European NGOs who advocate for universal access to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and family planning (FP) worldwide. We make sure SRH and 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. This report presents the outcomes of the policy and financial tracking for the year (financial data for 2017, policy updates for 2018).

Snapshot view of European trends in SRH/FP financing (2017)*:

Funding trends:



Overall, Population Assistance has seen an increase in 2017:



increase
+17%

Despite the global backlash against SRHR and an increasing anti-women's rights sentiment entering European decision-making spaces, the past year saw financial and political commitments of European donors being solidified.

SRH/FP funding largely remained protected, even where cuts to Official Development Assistance were made.

*Funding for UNFPA (Core UNFPA funding + UNFPA funding to SRH/FP projects + funding to the UNFPA Supplies Programme); Multilateral funding for SRH/FP (Core funding + earmarked funding for SRH/FP); all SRH/FP funding (through all streams except country to country bilateral funding).
Percentage variance of 2017 compared to reporting for 2016

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.

The UK:

DFID's Strategic Vision for Gender Equality: Her Potential, Our Future, which positions SRH/FP as one of the five main pillars to achieve gender equality.

The Netherlands:

'Investing in Global Prospects', a new policy document of the Minister for International Trade and Development Cooperation, in which SRH/FP in general as well as SRH/FP in humanitarian settings has been included.

Norway:

'Norway's Humanitarian Strategy: An effective and integrated approach', placing high priority on measures that promote women's and girls' reproductive health in humanitarian crises.

France:

'International strategy on gender equality (2018-2022)', with increasing access to SRH/FP as one of the main sectoral priorities.

Spain:

'Development Cooperation Policy 2018-2021', with a chapter prioritising SRH/FP, and including four cross-cutting development principles, among which gender equality.

POLITICAL CHANGE:



2018 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. Further, the UK is set to leave the EU in 2019, and the impacts remain unknown.

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.



CHALLENGES

- Further cuts to Official Development Assistance ;
- At global level, multilateralism is under threat.
- An increasingly vocal conservative voice is challenging SRH/FP achievements, and the Global Gag Rule (GGR), reinstated by the US President, is continuing to affect global health funding, including SRH/FP.



SUCCESSES

- Vocal European government representatives placing SRH/FP at the centre of their strategies for development overseas.
- European governments championing support for SRH/FP in many global fora.



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

European countries and institutions were important advocates for SRH/FP inclusion within the SDGs and its prominence is testament to their success. Three C2030E countries (Ireland, Spain and Switzerland) 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.

Looking Forward:

With 2020 fast approaching, Countdown 2030 Europe will hold government's feet to the fire to ensure SRH and FP remains on top of the international development agenda and funding commitments are translated into action. C2030E will continue to remind governments that reproductive freedom and contraceptive care should not depend on where you live and how much money you have.

2019 will bring:



- There will be some significant changes at the political level across Europe in 2019, not the least with the upcoming European Parliament Elections and the impact of a possible Brexit.
- The commitments from governments, including as part of FP2020 and the SheDecides initiative, have been encouraging in 2018. Continued accountability will be needed to fully track pledged funds, and implementation of the new policies.
- 2019 will mark the 25th anniversary of the ground-breaking International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and its Programme of Action, a key opportunity for European governments to reaffirm their commitment to SRH/FP.