

Choosing the place of birth: All European, all equal?





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- European Convention on Human Rights
- ECtHR rullings
- Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine

- Recommendations from European institutions
- Guidelines from European associations

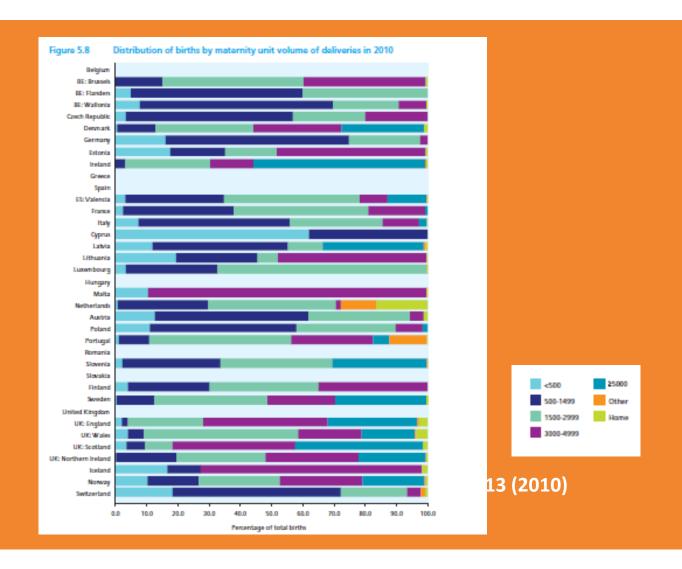
European Court of Human Rights



Ternovsky vs. Hungary

• Dubská & Krejzová vs. Czech Republic







Portugal vs.
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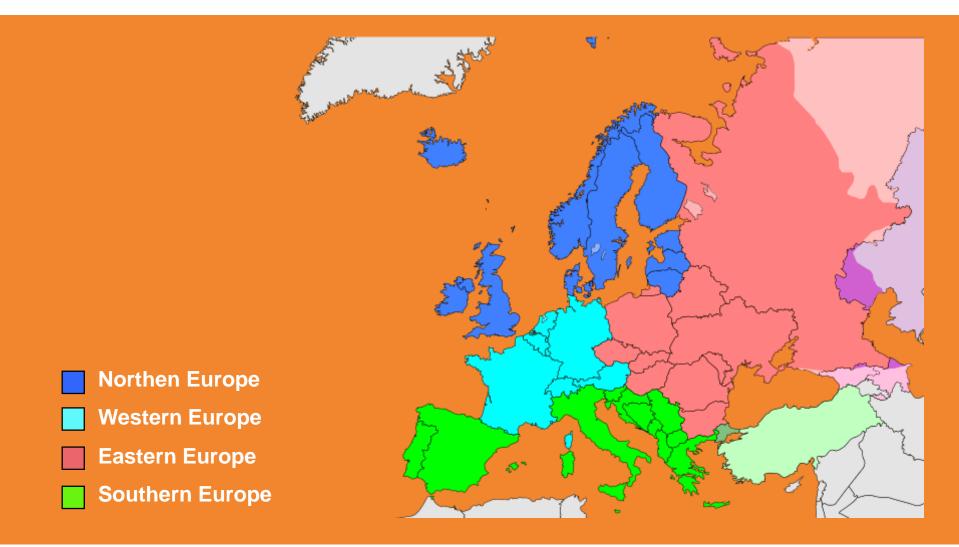
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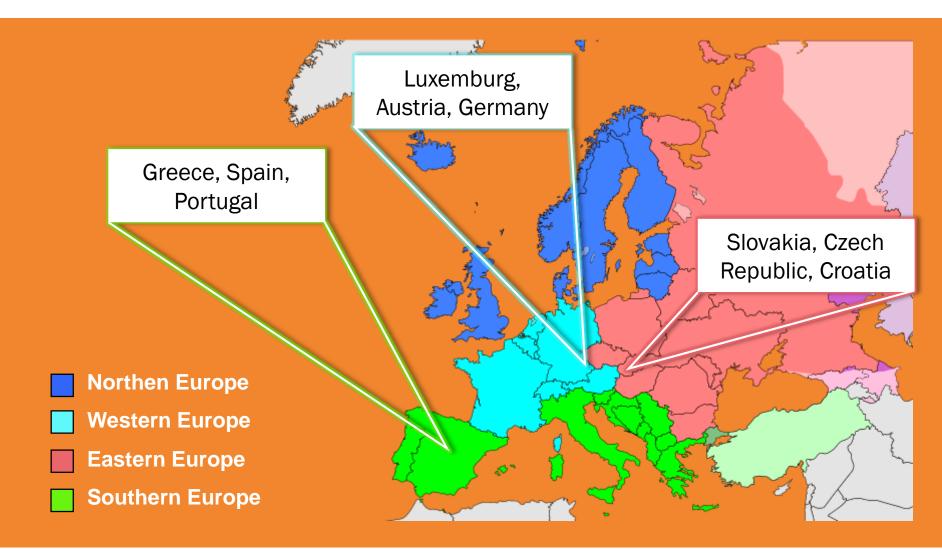
Denmark

- Uninterrupted history of supporting the rights of women
- 1-2% in 2013, and rising
- Legal and regulated
- National guidelines
- Transfers are mainly non urgent and in private vehicles
- Publicly funded
- Formal and clear access to health professionals



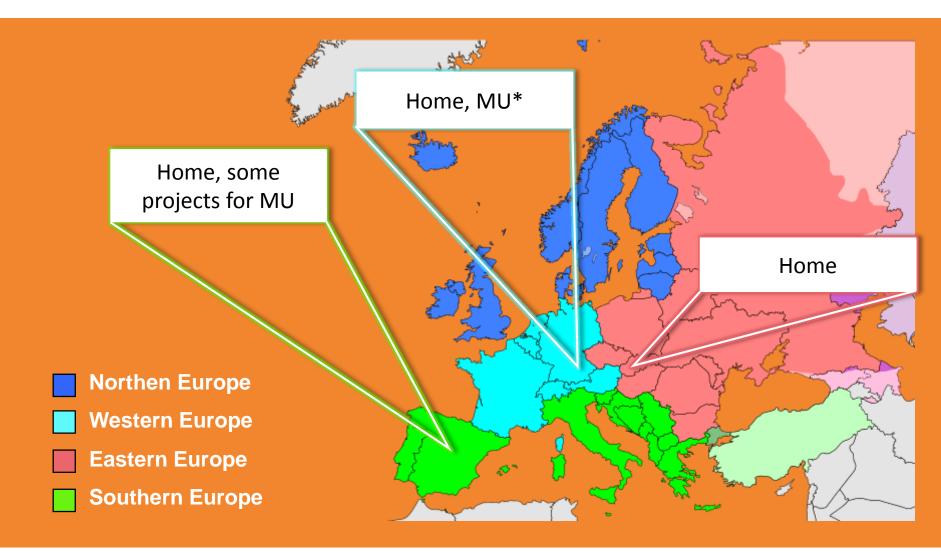






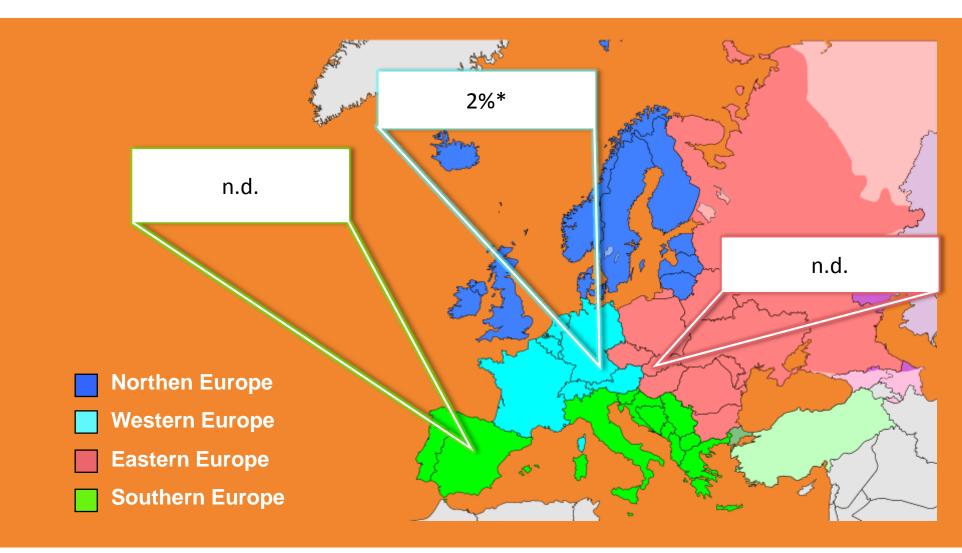
Other places available





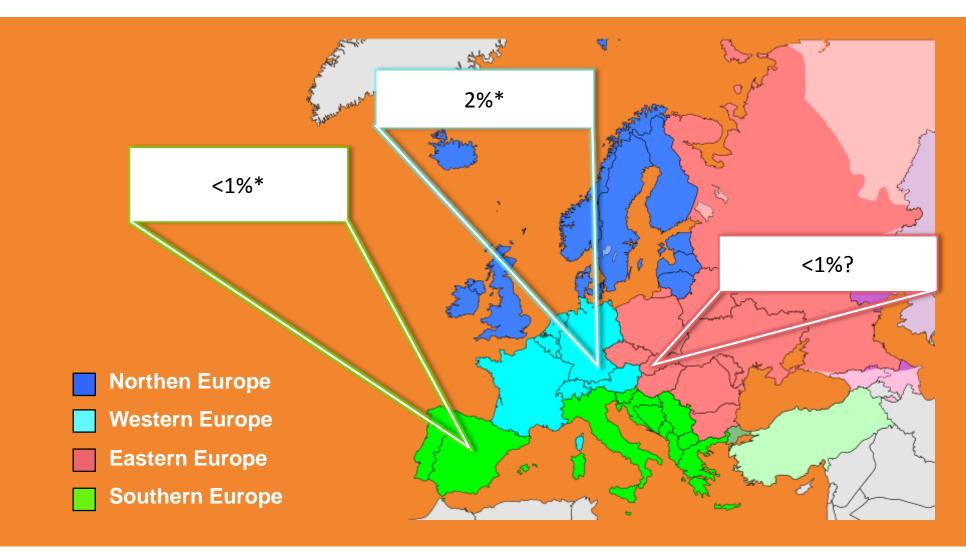
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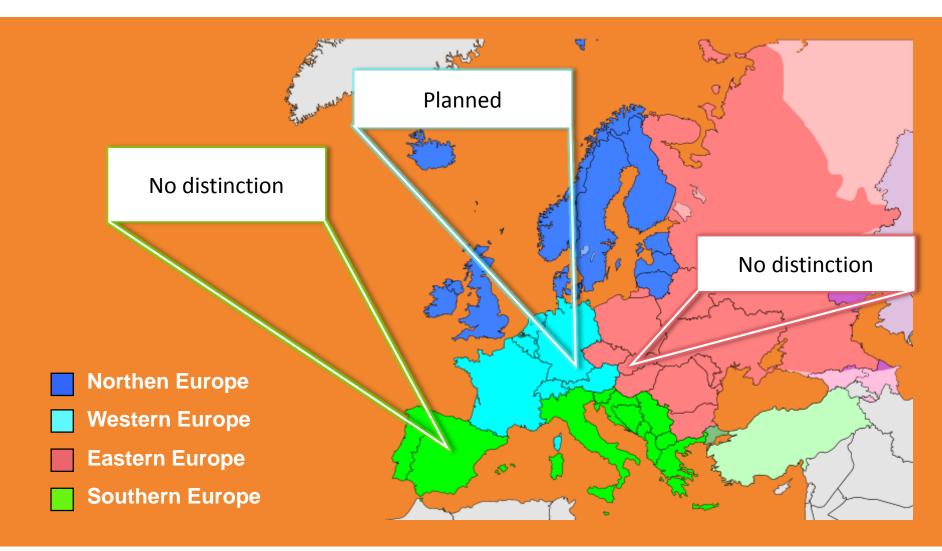
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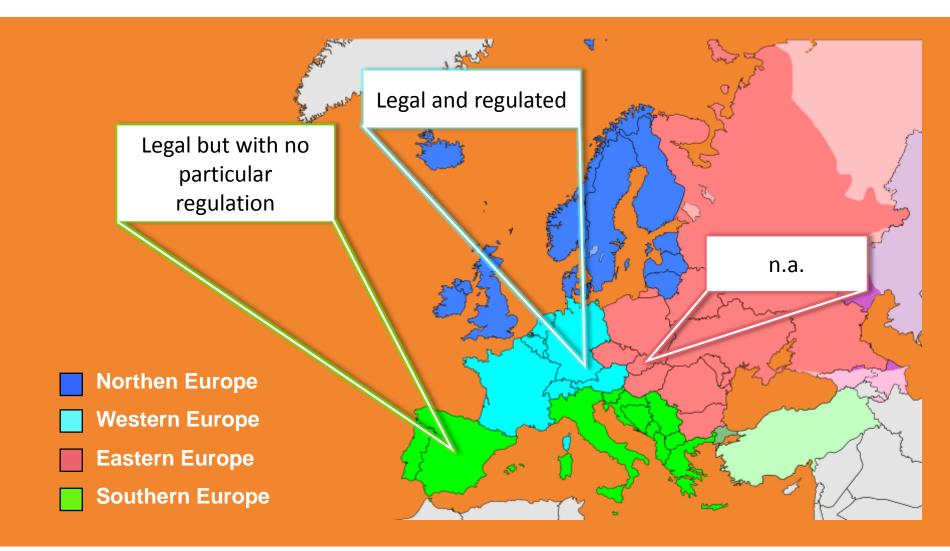
Planned and unplanned home births





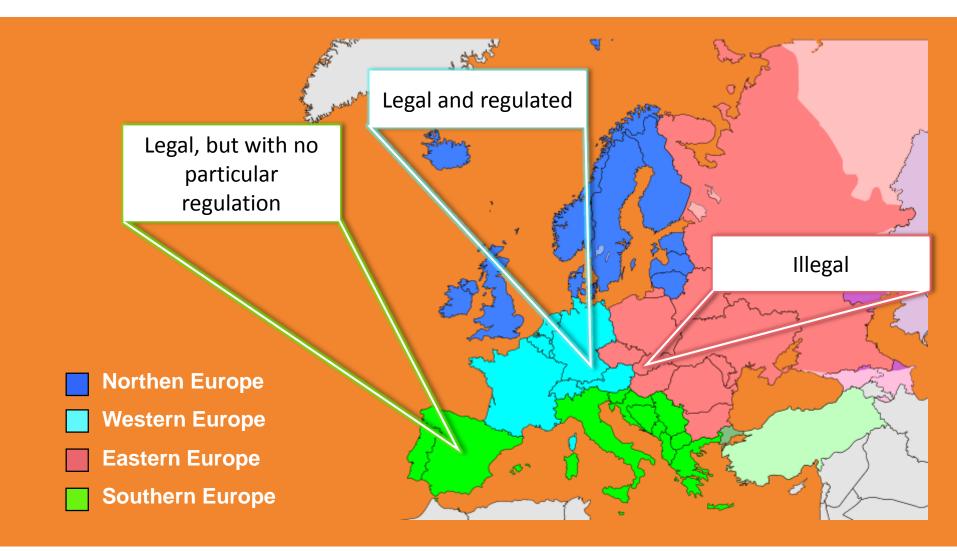
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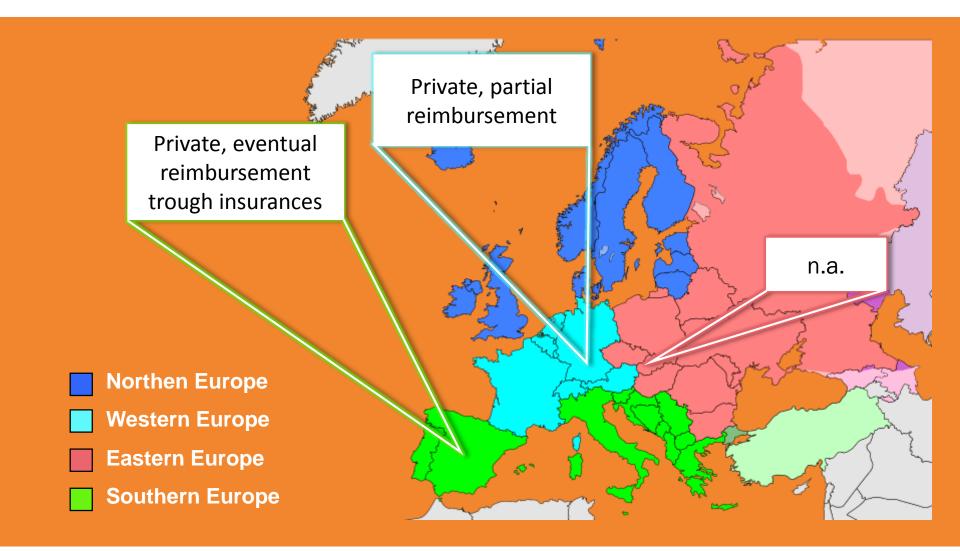
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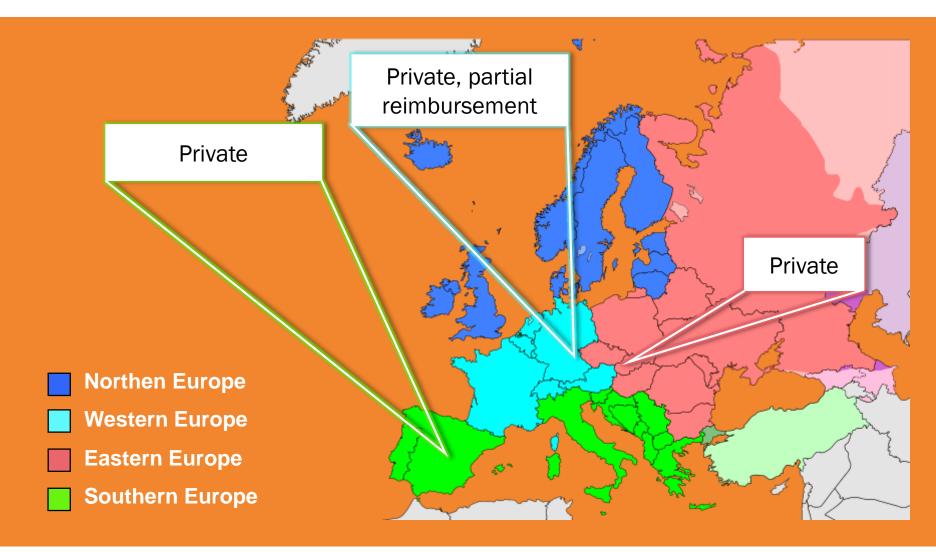
Funding – midwifery units





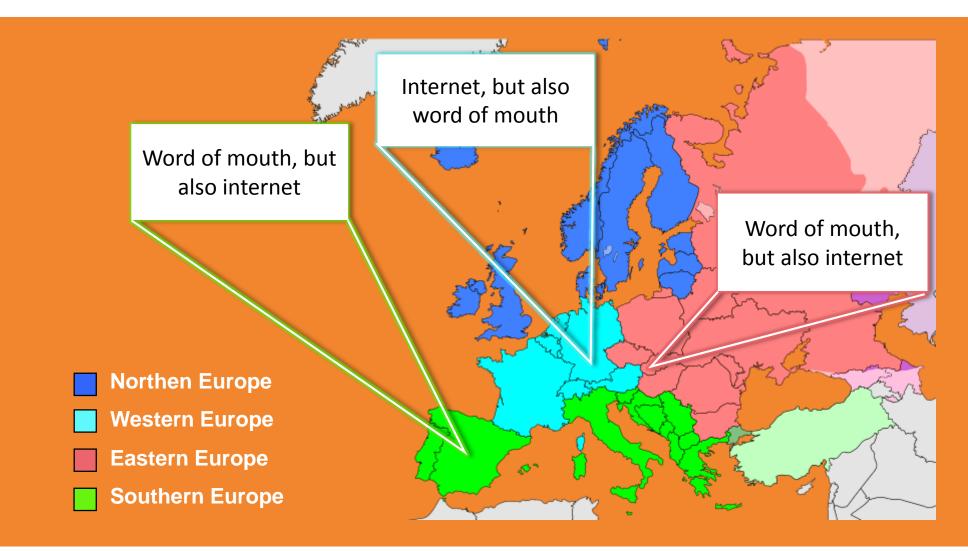
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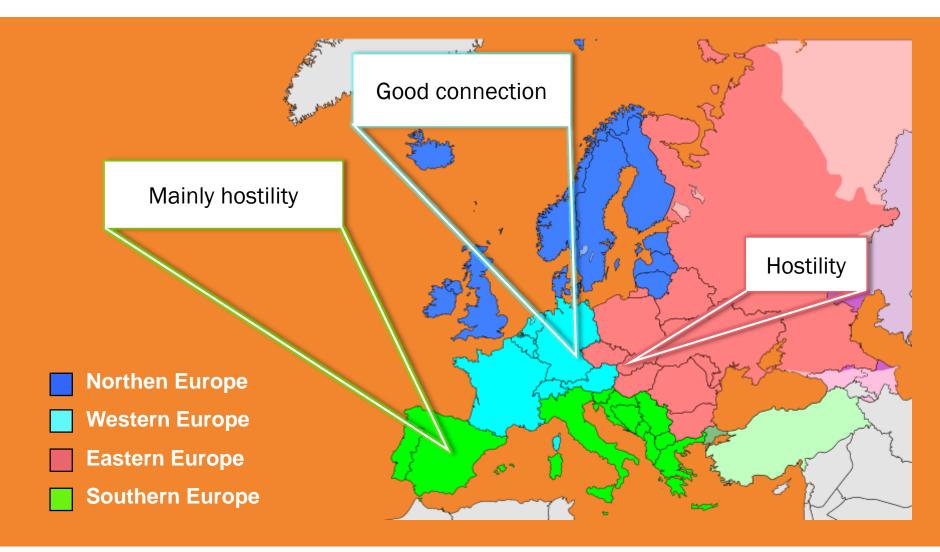
Finding birth attendant – home birth





Home to hospital transfers





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