

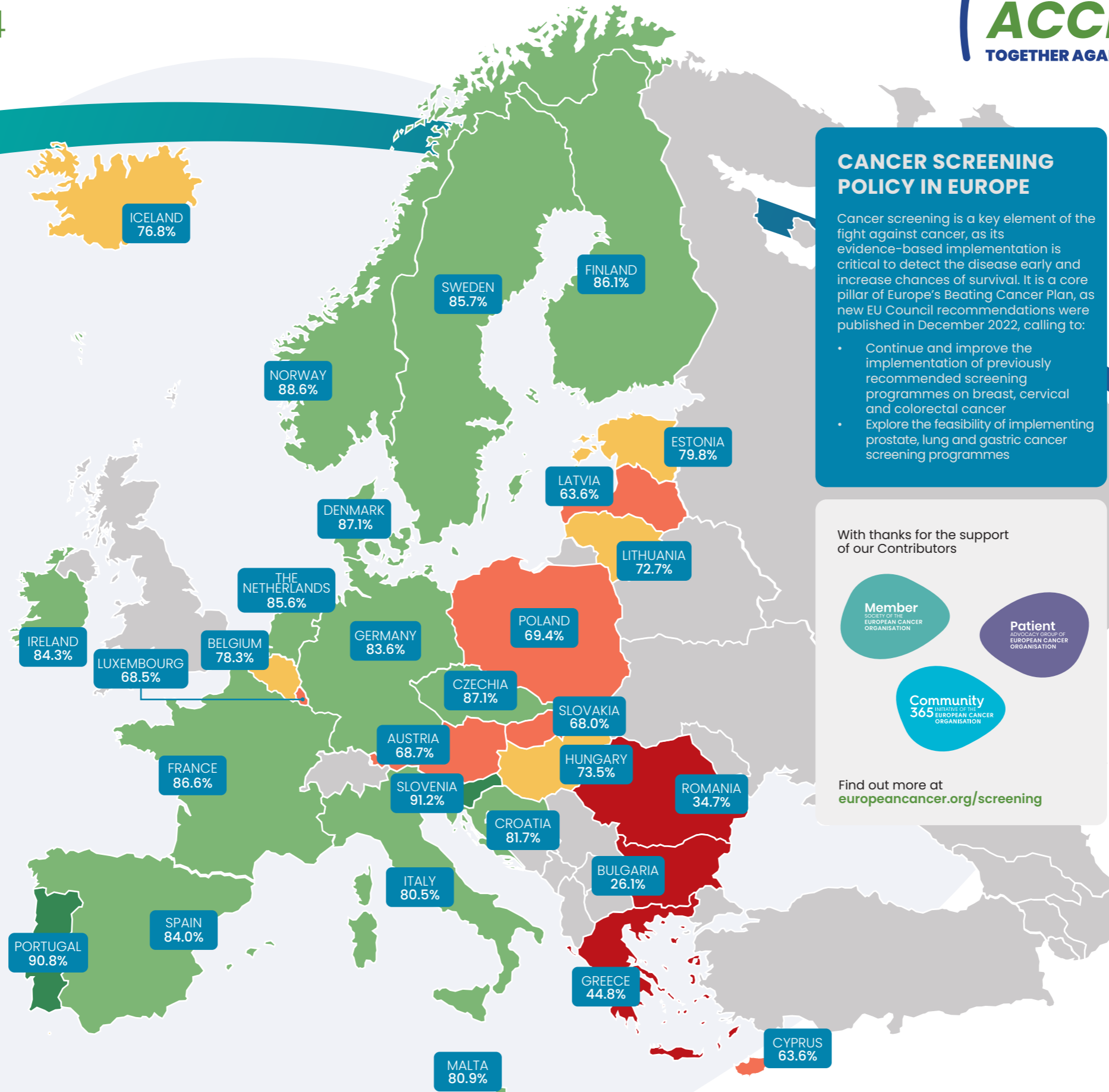
EUROPEAN CANCER SCREENING POLICY INDEX

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RANKING SCALE

Slovenia	91.2 %
Portugal	90.8 %
Norway	88.6 %
Denmark	87.1 %
Czechia	87.1 %
France	86.6 %
Finland	86.1 %
Sweden	85.7 %
The Netherlands	85.6 %
Ireland	84.3 %
Spain	84.0 %
Germany	83.6 %
Croatia	81.7 %
Malta	80.9 %
Italy	80.5 %
Estonia	79.8 %
Belgium	78.3 %
Iceland	76.8 %
Hungary	73.5 %
Lithuania	72.7 %
Poland	69.4 %
Austria	68.7 %
Luxembourg	68.5 %
Slovakia	68.0 %
Latvia	63.6 %
Cyprus	63.6 %
Greece	44.8 %
Romania	34.7 %
Bulgaria	26.1 %



CANCER SCREENING POLICY IN EUROPE

Cancer screening is a key element of the fight against cancer, as its evidence-based implementation is critical to detect the disease early and increase chances of survival. It is a core pillar of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, as new EU Council recommendations were published in December 2022, calling to:

- Continue and improve the implementation of previously recommended screening programmes on breast, cervical and colorectal cancer
- Explore the feasibility of implementing prostate, lung and gastric cancer screening programmes

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TIME TO ACCELERATE FOR CANCER SCREENING CAMPAIGN

The Time To Accelerate for Cancer Screening campaign is an initiative of the European Cancer Organisation aiming to help ensure that all EU Member States play their role in delivering the shared commitments represented by the Council Recommendations on cancer screening, and that all EU citizens benefit from the best policies for early detection of cancer. The campaign works to:

- Use cancer screening data to inform cancer screening policy
- Foster cross-country best practice sharing and learn from testimonies about the reality of cancer screening programmes
- Develop and publicise policy recommendations on the topic

THE EUROPEAN CANCER SCREENING POLICY INDEX

The European Cancer Screening Policy Index is a new policy tool of the Time To Accelerate for Cancer Screening campaign. Based on existing data from leading initiatives in the field and on a selection of key cancer screening policy indicators by leading experts, the Index aims to:

- Capture the current state of cancer screening policies across European countries
- Provide a single measurement benchmarking countries' advancement in cancer screening policy
- Highlight actionable policy insights to assist decision-makers

The European Cancer Screening Policy Index will be a living tool, growing and evolving as new sources of data intelligence on cancer screening become available.

KEY FINDINGS

- Few European countries include all recommended cancer screening programmes in their National Cancer Plans although progress is ongoing in many cases
- Harmonised registration of cancer screening data remains a significant challenge across Europe
- Implementation of population-based cancer screening across European countries is still incomplete: three countries lack organised programmes screening for breast cancer, eight for cervical cancer, and six for colorectal cancer
- Social inequalities, including disparities according to income, education, and urbanisation, continue to hinder equal access to cancer screening
- Overall performance scores reveal that Slovenia, Portugal, and Norway demonstrate the best alignment with the latest EU recommendations

0-50% 50-60% 60-70% 70-80% 80-90% 90-100%

