# Rainbow Europe Map and Index 2019

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ILGA-Europe's annual benchmarking tool, which ranks 49 countries in Europe on their LGBTI equality laws and policies, reveals not only a standstill but a visible backslide on laws and policies safeguarding equality and human rights of LGBTI people.

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Decline is indeed clearly noticeable on this year's Rainbow Map. For the first time in the Index's ten-year history, **countries are moving backwards** as existing laws and policies disappeared: **Poland** no longer provides access to medically assisted reproduction for single women, while **Bulgaria** removed all their administrative and legal procedures for changing name or gender marker in the official documents for trans people.

**Serbia** and **Kosovo** did not renew their equality action plans. **Bulgaria, Hungary** and **Turkey** are countries which slide back on the ranking because of their governments' failure to uphold fundamental civil and political rights such as freedom of assembly, freedom of association and protection of human rights defenders over the past year.

The result is **an increasingly unsafe and unsustainable environment for LGBTI organisations and human rights defenders** in a growing number of countries.
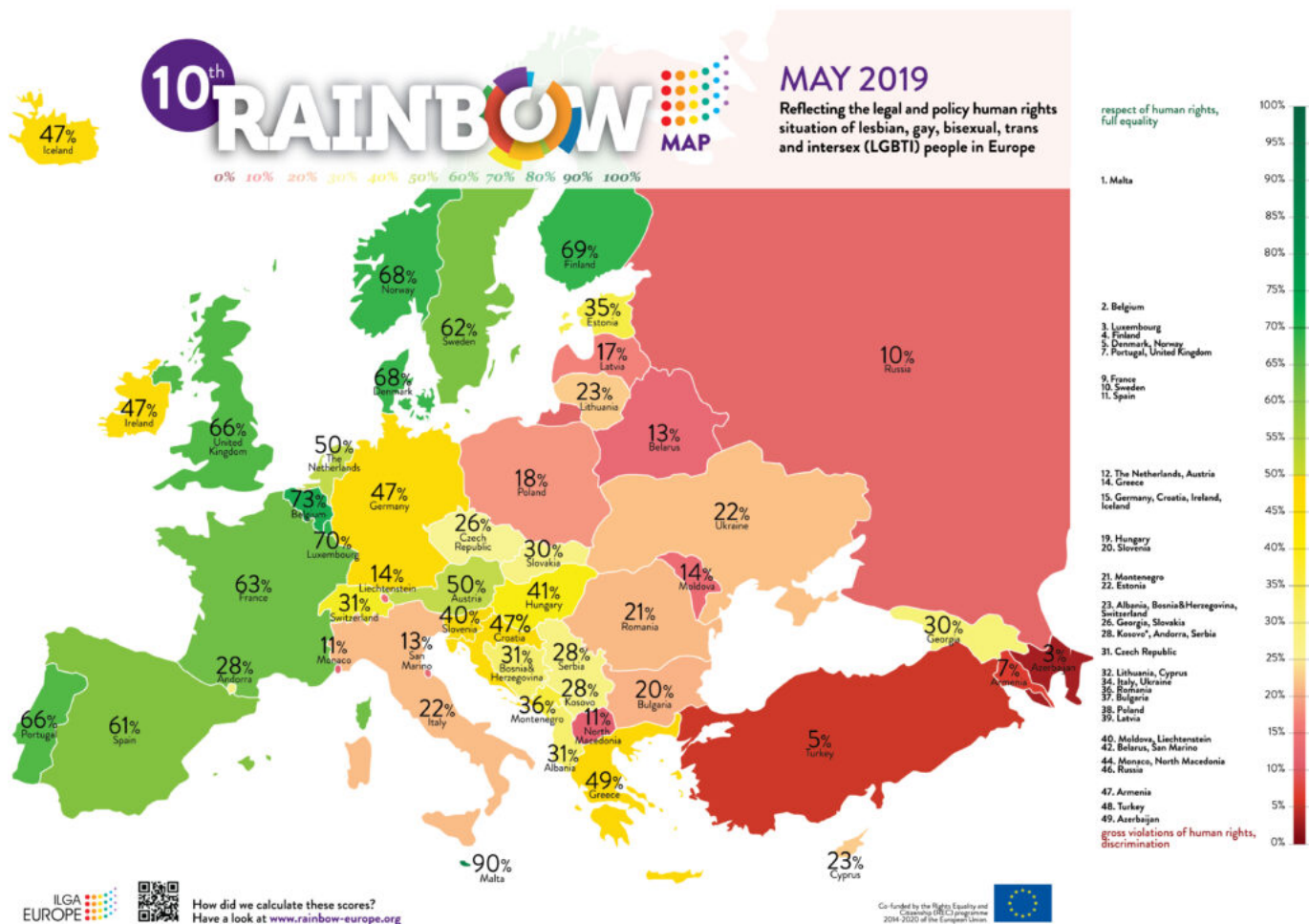
The 2019 Rainbow Europe also tells the story of an evolving movement. The 10th edition of the Index introduces **changes in the weight** given to different issues it captures. The message is clear: for our movement in Europe, equality and non-discrimination laws, legal gender recognition, bodily integrity, protection from hatred and violence, and family rights are **all interconnected** and equally essential for the full enjoyment of human rights for LGBTI people.

The Rainbow Map&Index presents a picture of what the policy landscape is like right now, while our **Recommendations** attempt to answer the question **"what's next?"** These country-spesific recommendations for national policymakers are intended to encourage policymakers to address the most pressing legal and policy priorities within the framework of our Rainbow Map&Index.

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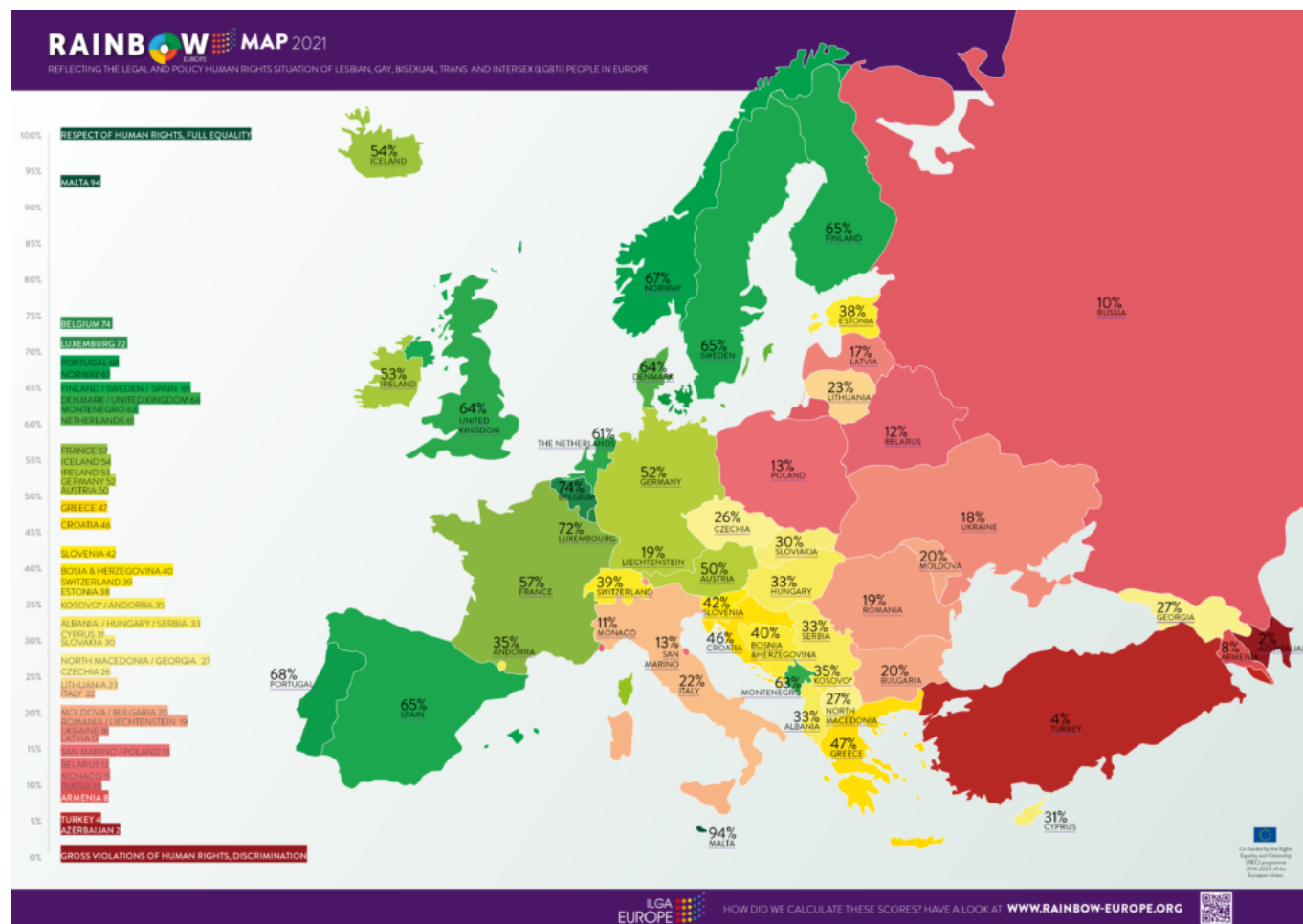


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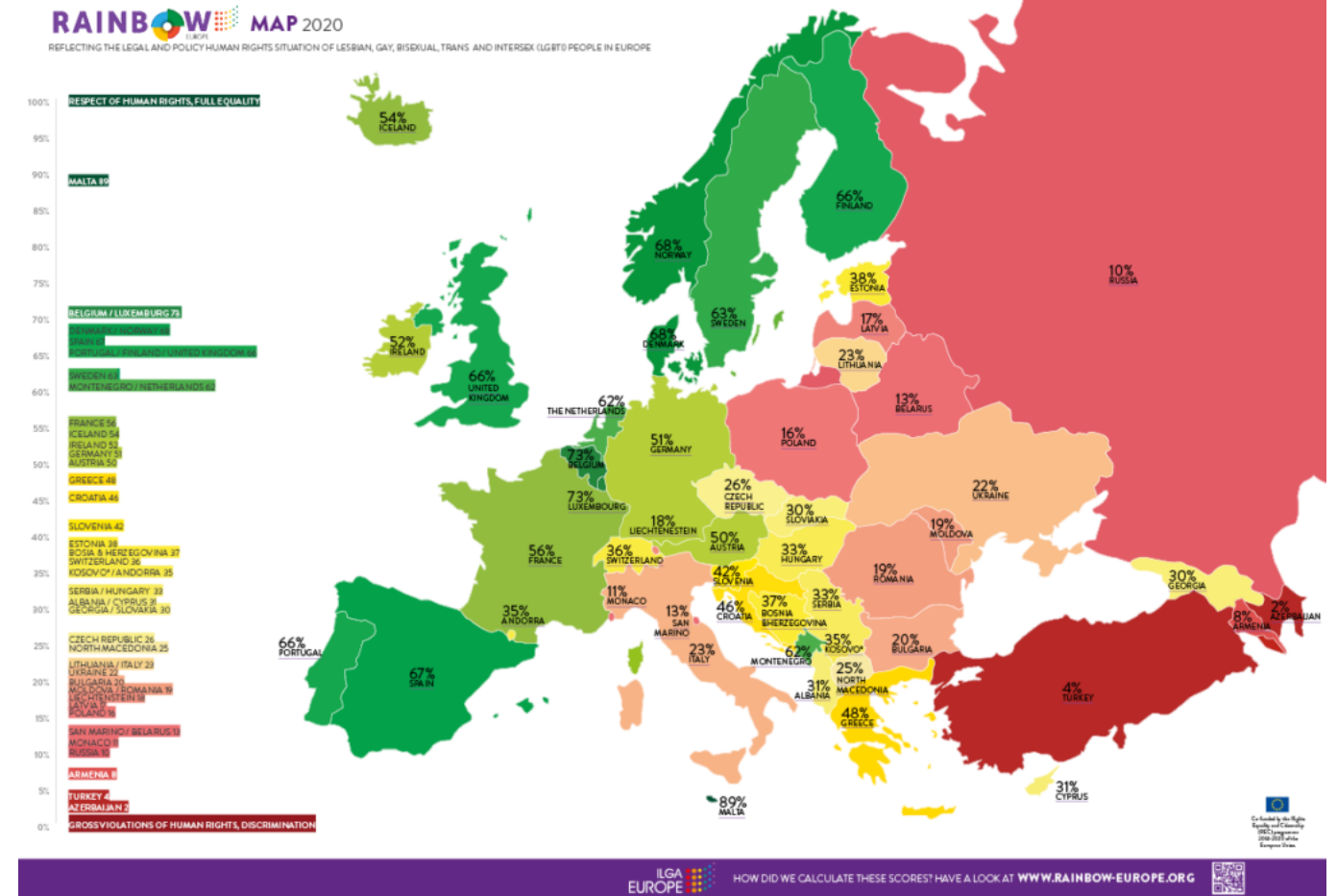
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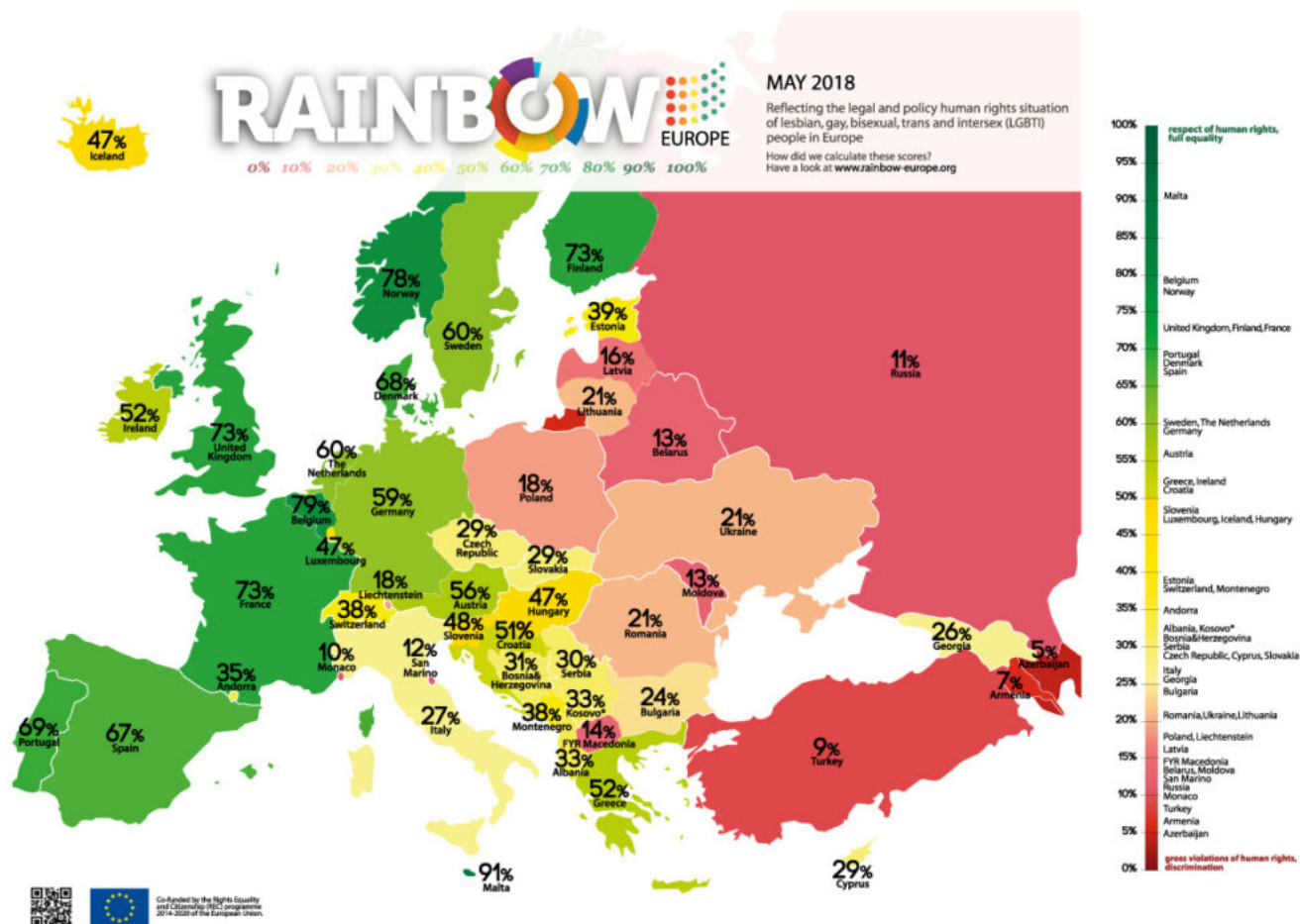
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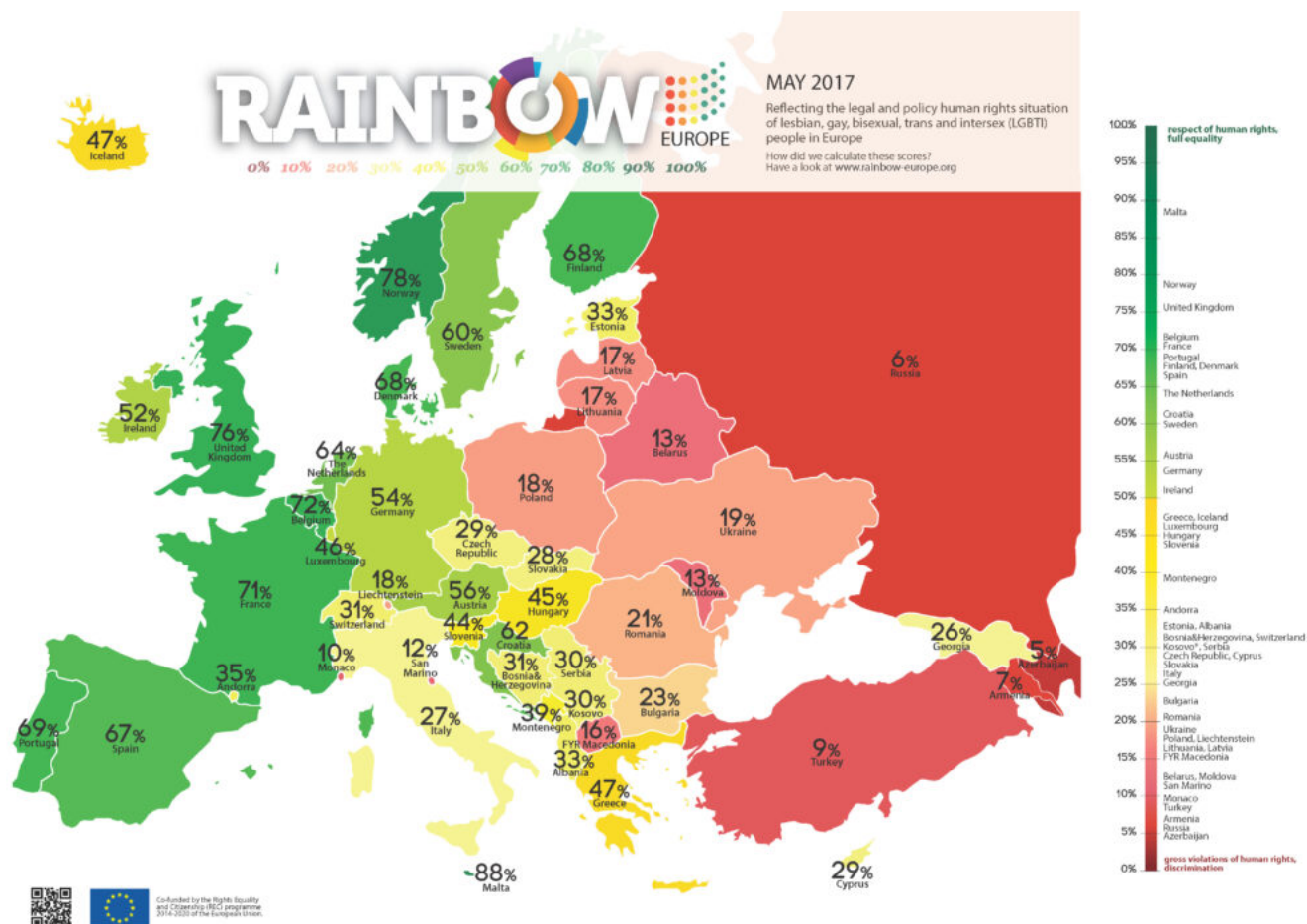
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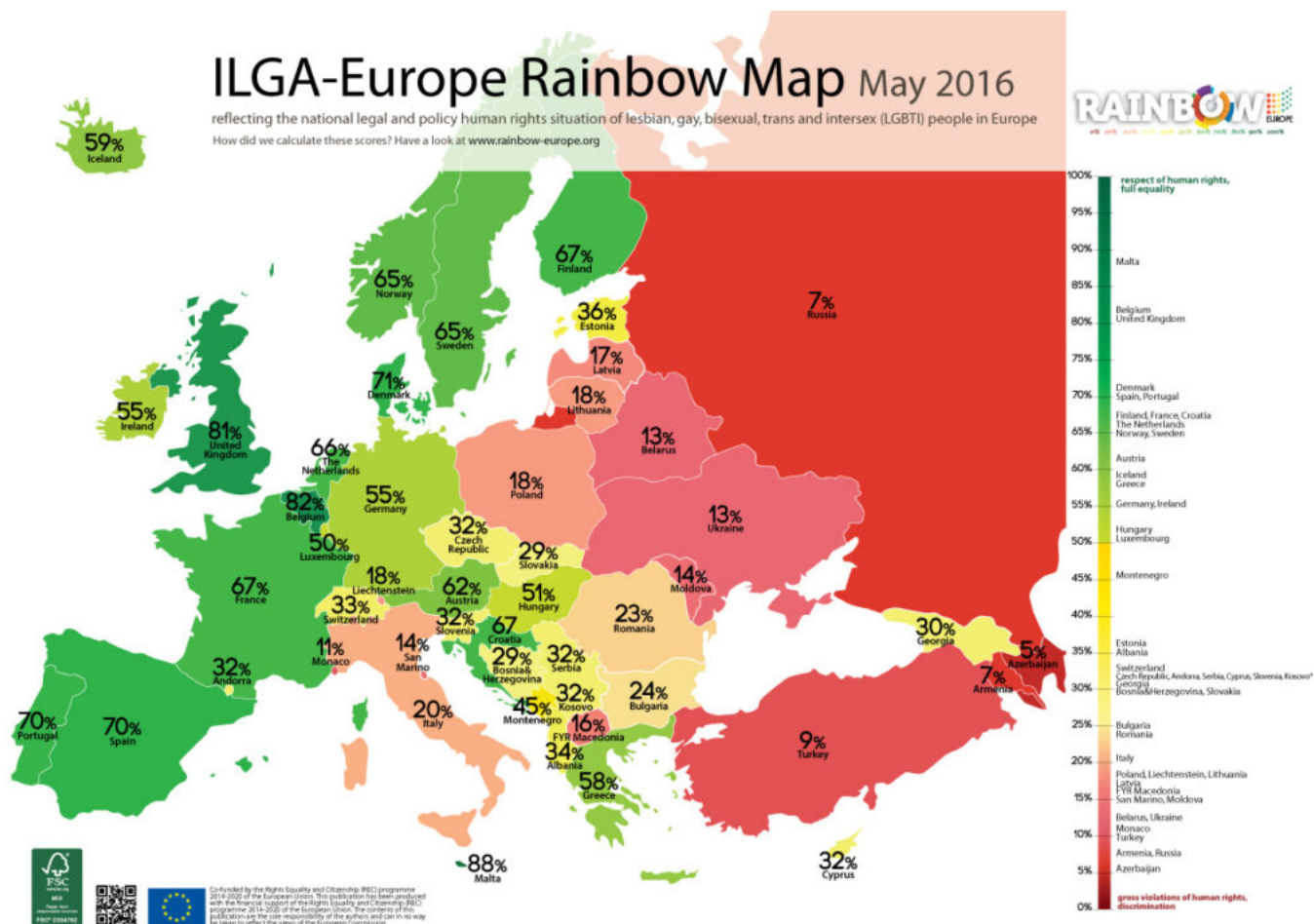
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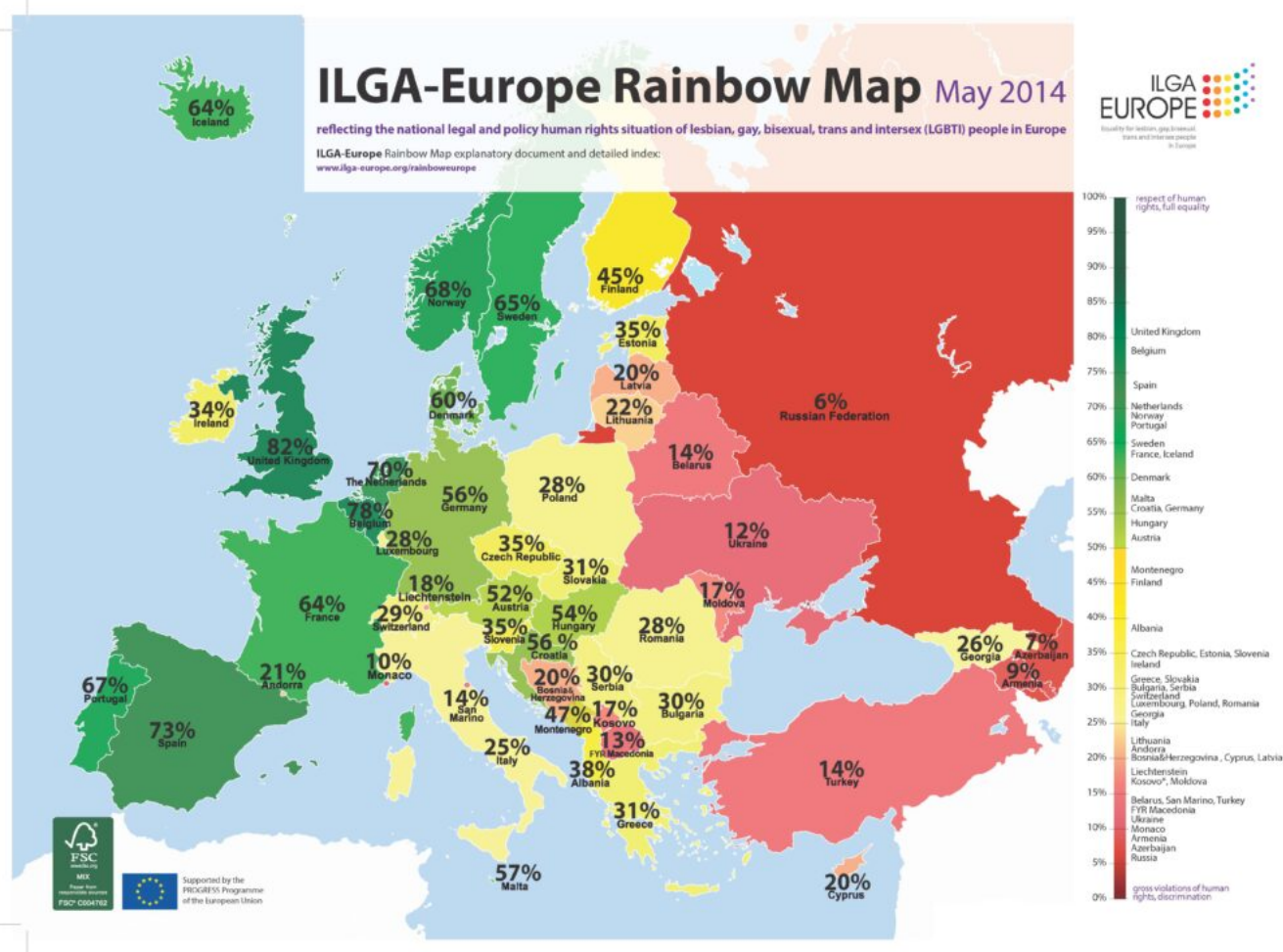
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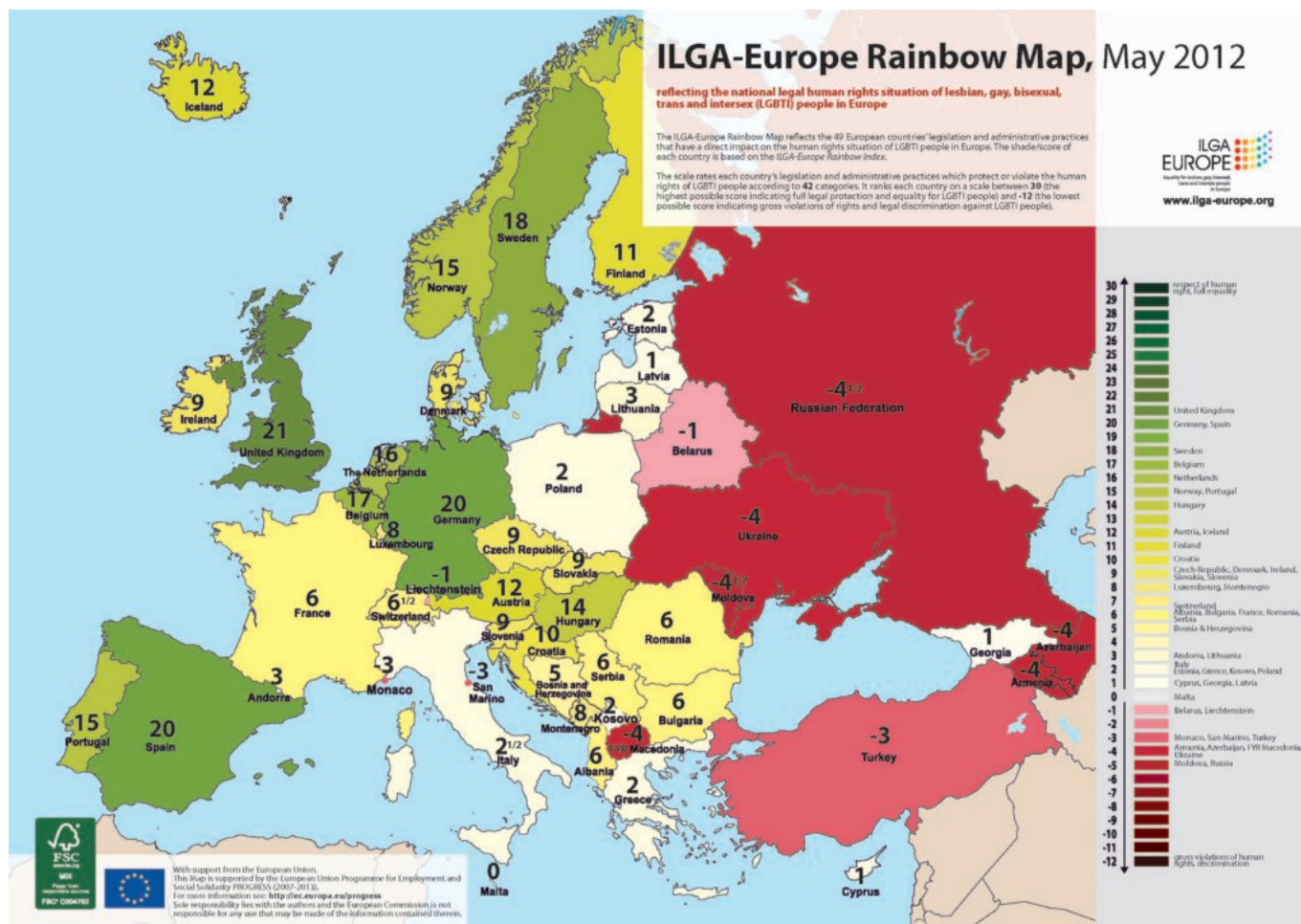
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9 Iceland
12 Sweden
10 Norway
6 Finland
-2 Russian Federation
2 Estonia
0 Latvia
1 Lithuania
9 Denmark
5 Ireland
12,5 United Kingdom
10 The Netherlands
10 Belgium
10 Germany
4 Luxembourg
-3 Belarus
1 Poland
3 Czech Republic
1 Slovakia
-4 Ukraine
-2 Liechtenstein
6 Austria
5 Slovenia
7 Hungary
-3 Moldova
4 Switzerland
5 France
6 Croatia
2 Romania
-2 Monaco
4 Andorra
-2 San Marino
1 Bosnia and Herzegovina
2 Serbia
2 Bulgaria
-1 Georgia
-2 Azerbaijan
-2 Armenia
1 Kosovo
-2 Montenegro
-2 FYR Macedonia
-2 Turkey
10 Portugal
12 Spain
-2 Vatican City
0 Italy
2 Albania
2 Greece
0 Malta
-2 Cyprus

17 respect of human right, full equality
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