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Colorectal Cancer Screening: Lessons Learned from Covid-19 The Way Forward

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CRC Screening Before COVID-19

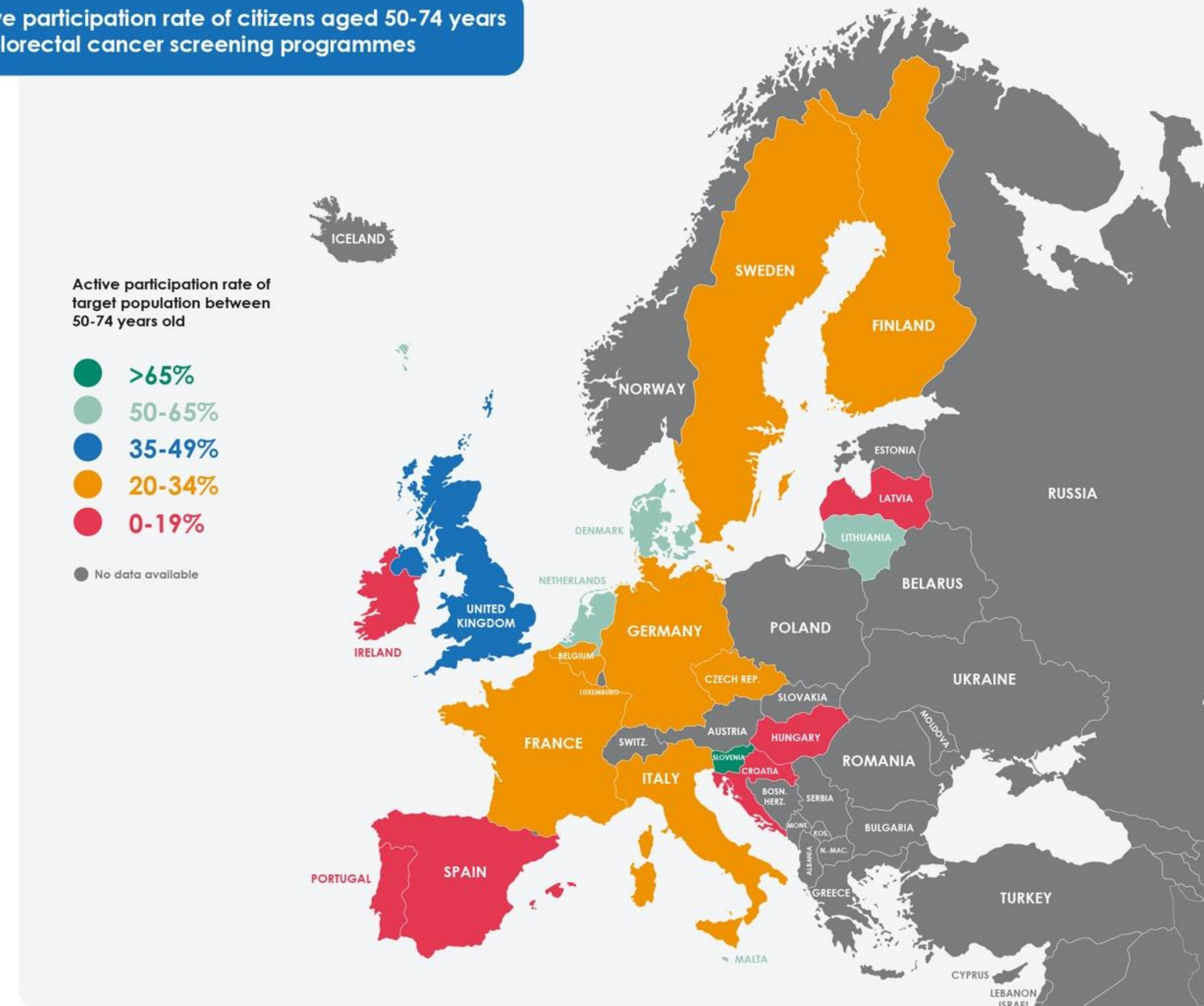
Formal population screening programmes performed well in few countries / regions, e.g.:

- Slovenia
- The Netherlands
- Basque region (Spain)

But, for many countries there was no data

Only 14% of EU citizens 50–74 years old have the opportunity to participate in a formal population-based CRC screening programme

Active participation rate of citizens aged 50-74 years in colorectal cancer screening programmes



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The pandemic highlighted the importance of:

- **Having accurate data**
- **Effective communication – reaching out to the target population**
- **Working together**

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We urge the EC to closely involve all stakeholders including patients organisations in identifying current gaps and to provide support, insights and expertise based on every stakeholder's competencies and possibilities.

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We hope to see you at
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