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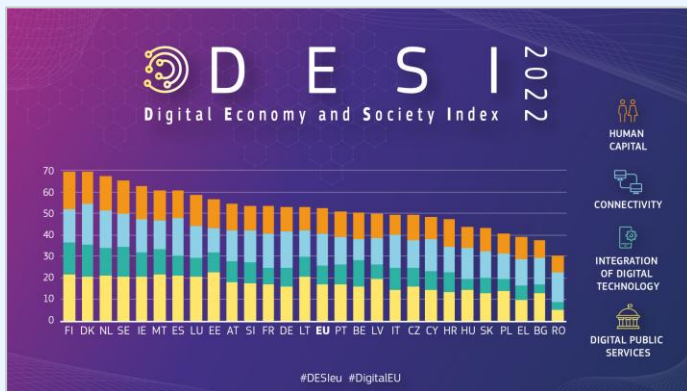
An index comparing digital progress
across the EU

July 2026

The Bitkom DESI compares digital progress across the EU Member States

The Digital Economy & Society Index

of the European Commission provided a comparative overview of digitalisation levels across all EU Member States until 2022.



Uses an indexing methodology to generate individual, category, and overall rankings.

The »2030 Digital Decade Report«

of the European Commission replaces the DESI and ranks the EU Member States only by individual indicators.



In 2023, it aligned the indicator set with the 2030 Digital Decade targets.

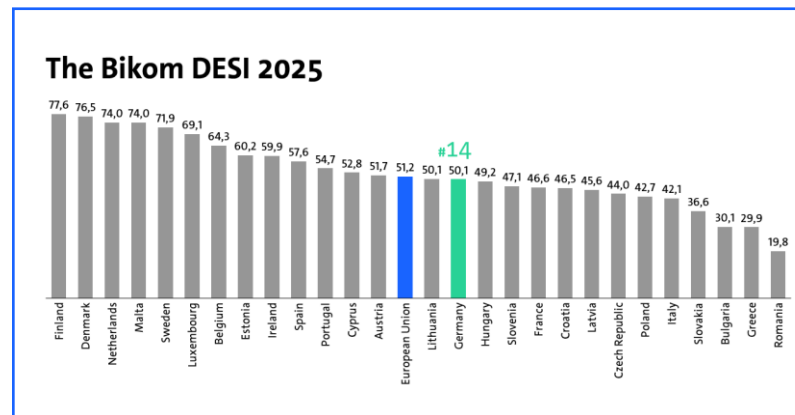
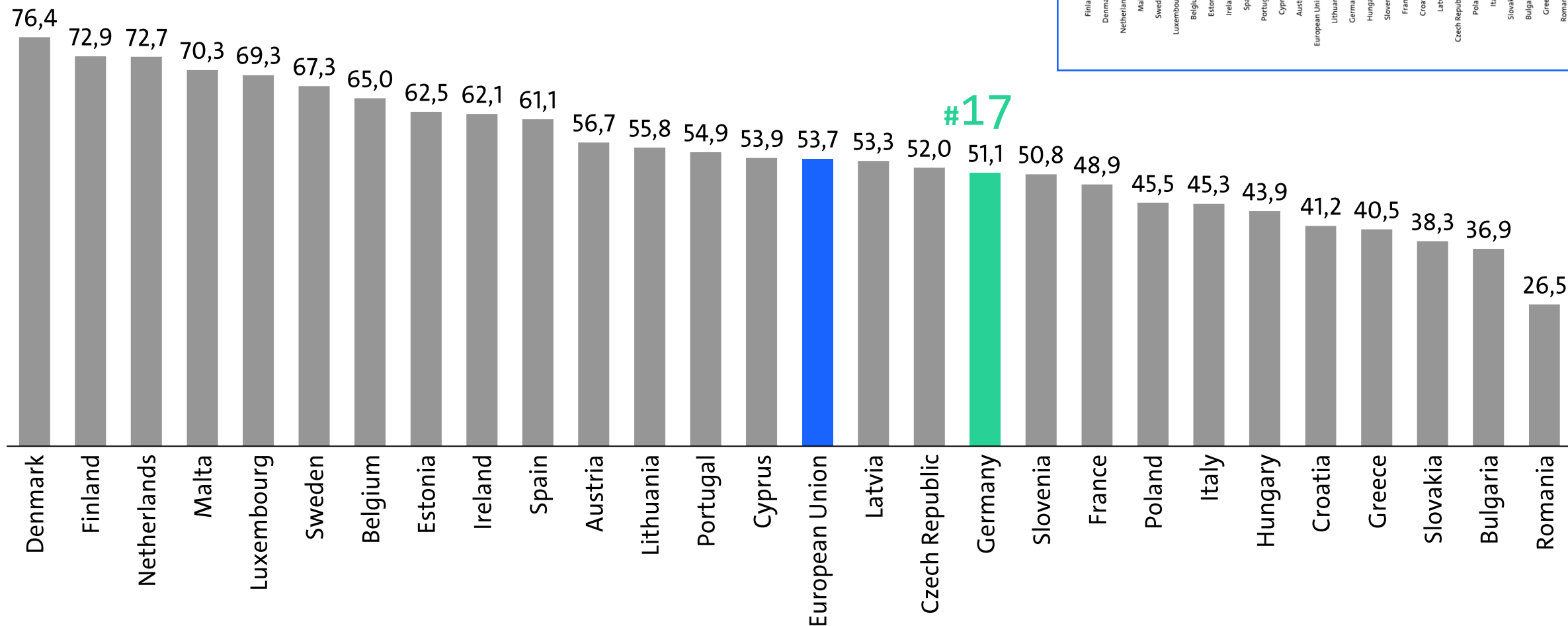
The Bitkom DESI

combines the new EU indicators with the established indexing methodology, thereby continuing the EU DESI.



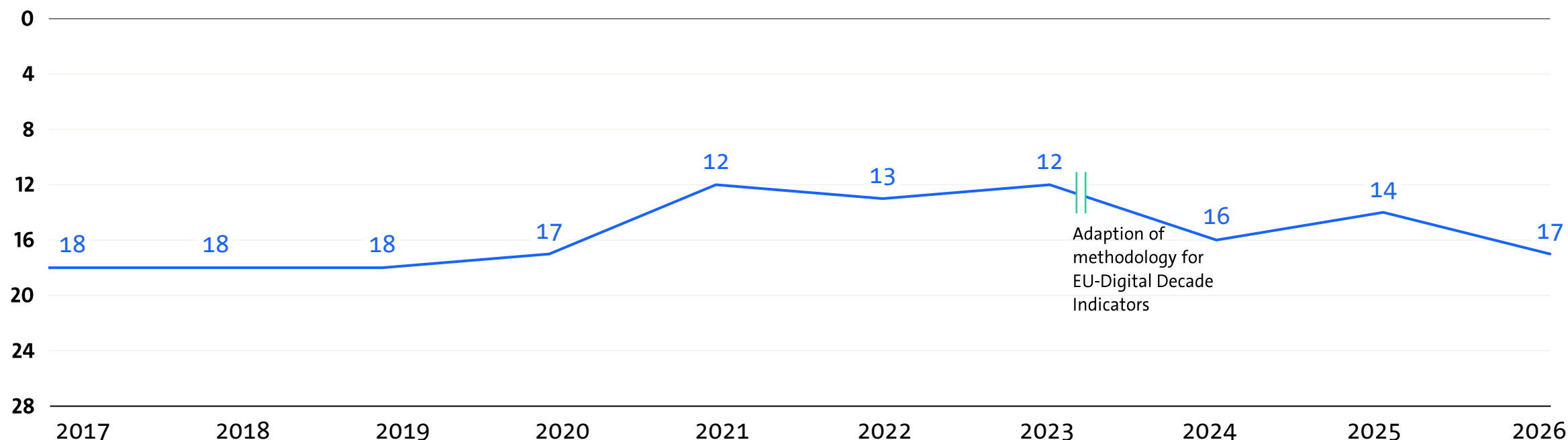
Provides category-specific and overall rankings for 2023 onwards.

The Bitkom DESI 2026



Germany Remains in the Middle of the EU-Ranking

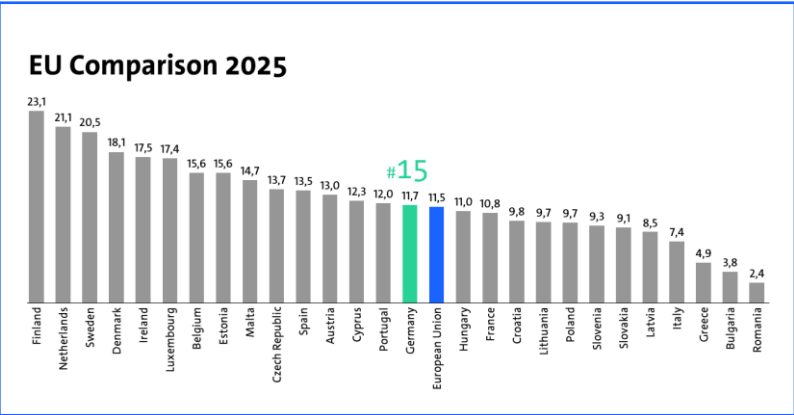
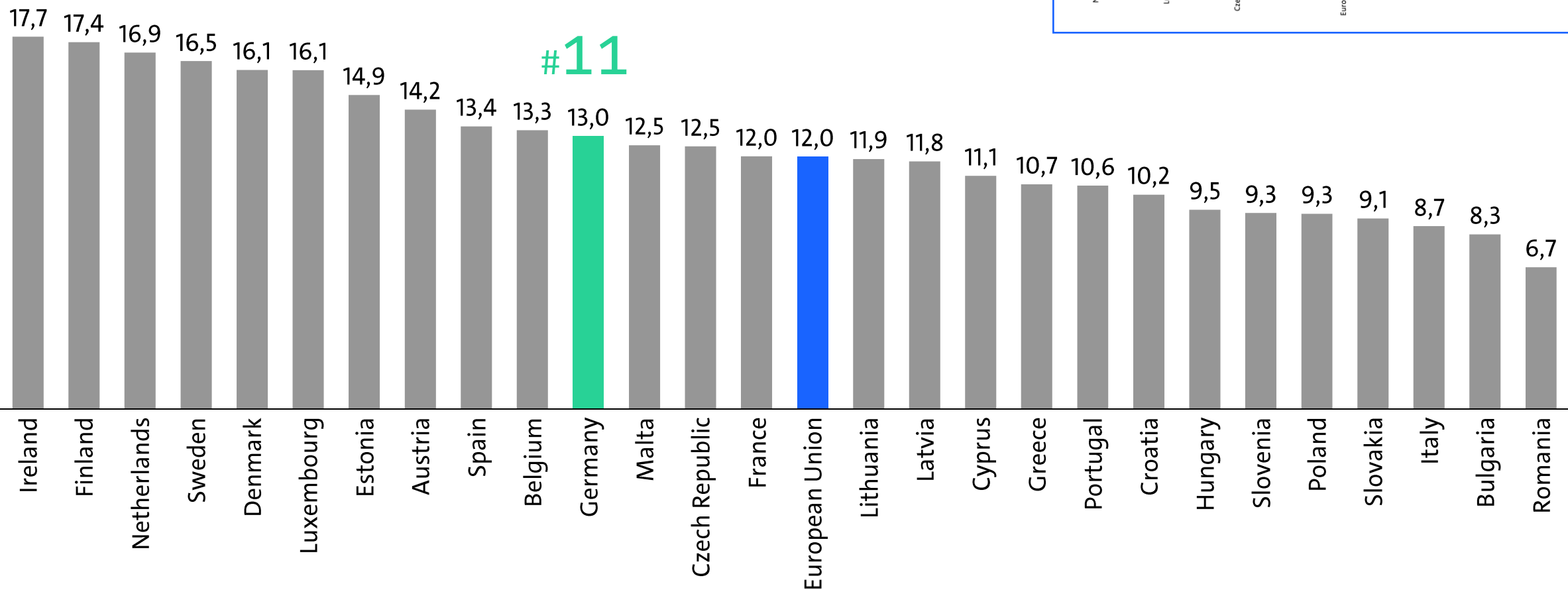
Germany's DESI Rankings 2017–2026



Note: Rankings up to 2022 are based on the EU's assessment using the 2022 methodology; rankings from 2023 onwards are based on Bitkom analysis. Values for the years before 2022 may differ from those published in the respective annual reports due to the EU's recalculation in 2022.

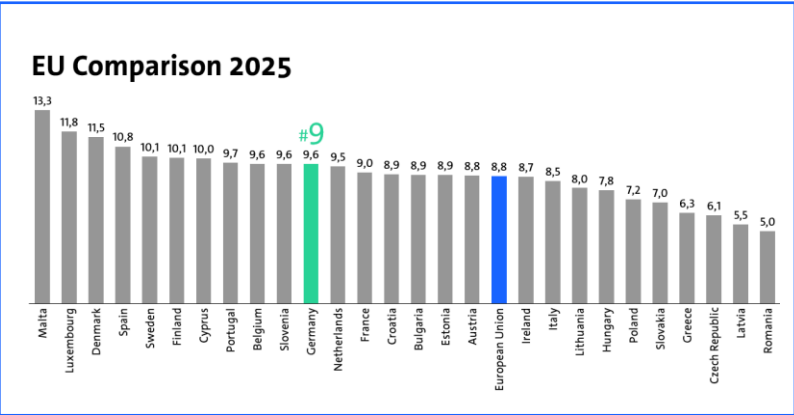
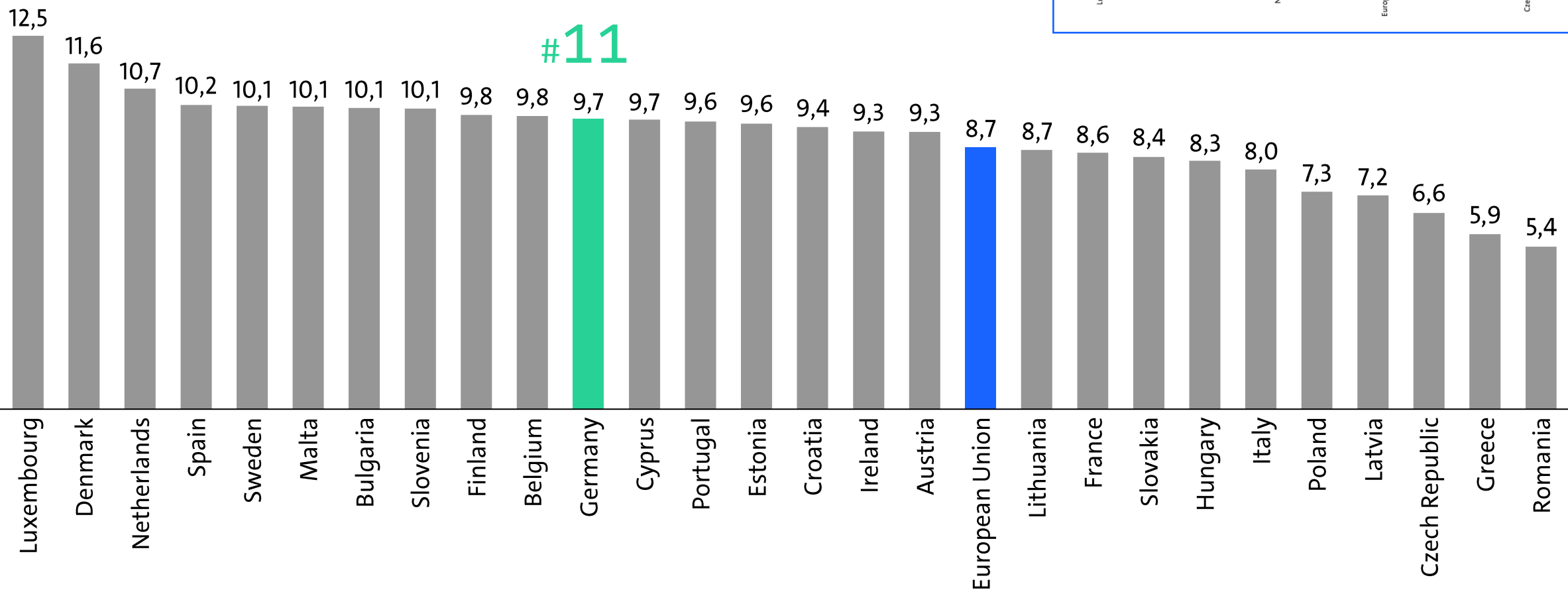
Digital Skills Among the Population

EU Comparison 2026



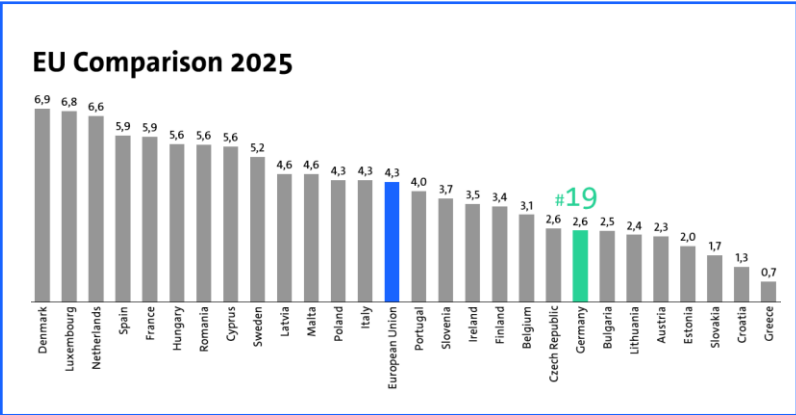
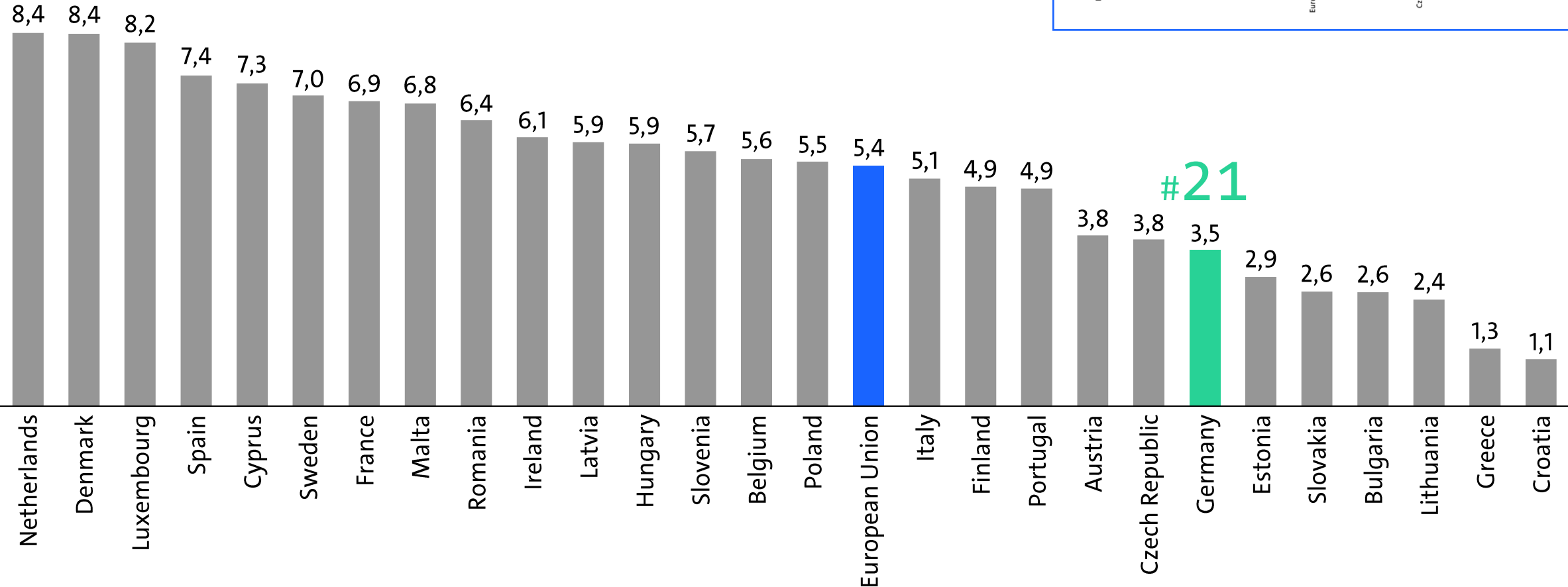
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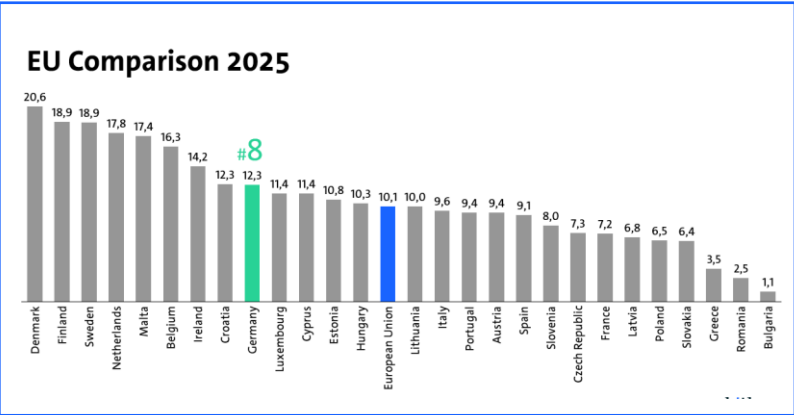
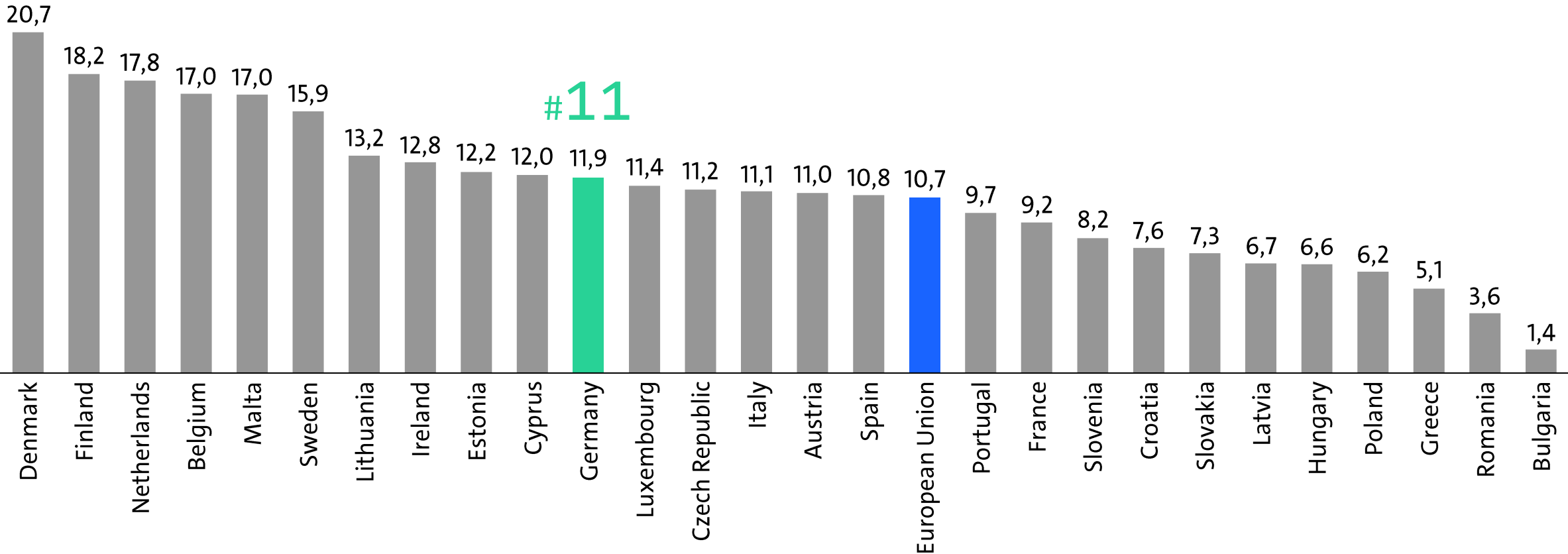
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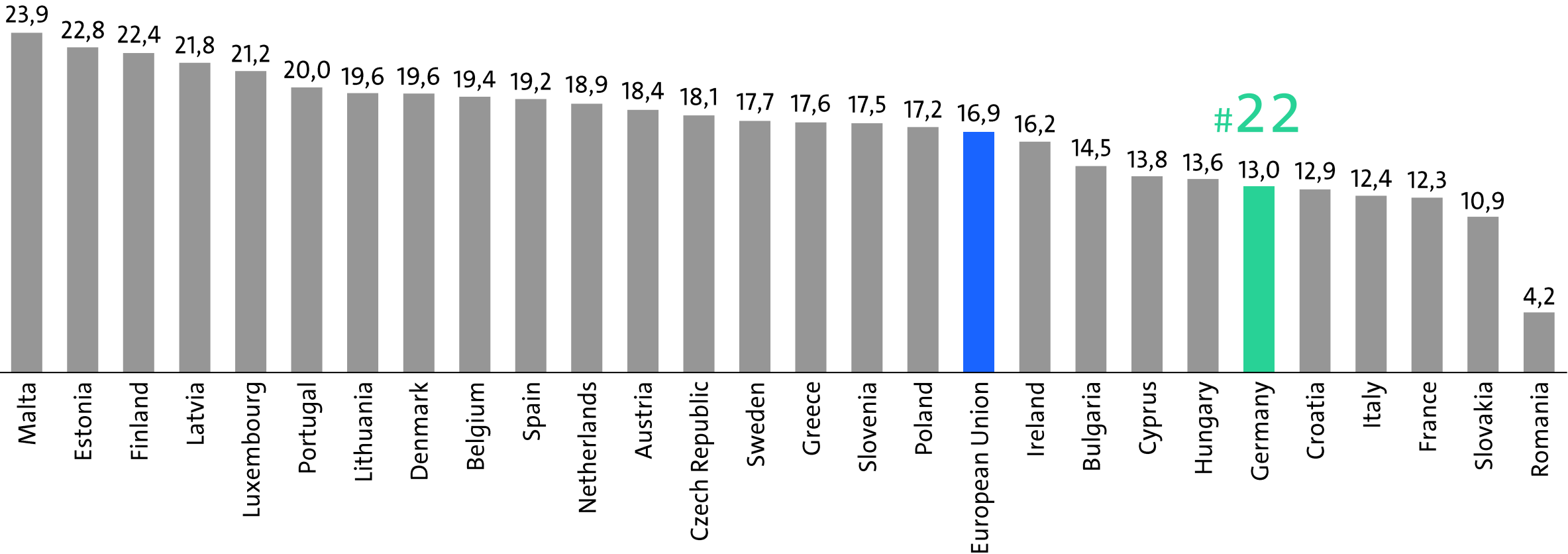
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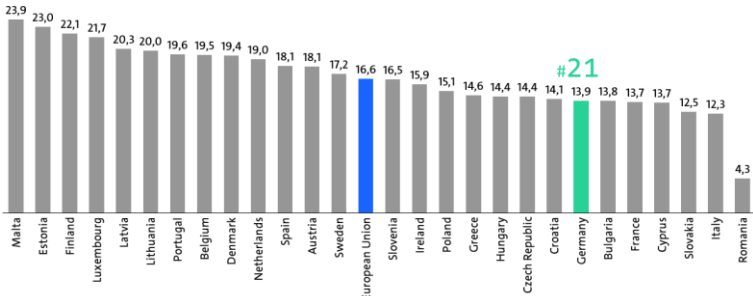


Digitalisation of the Public Sector

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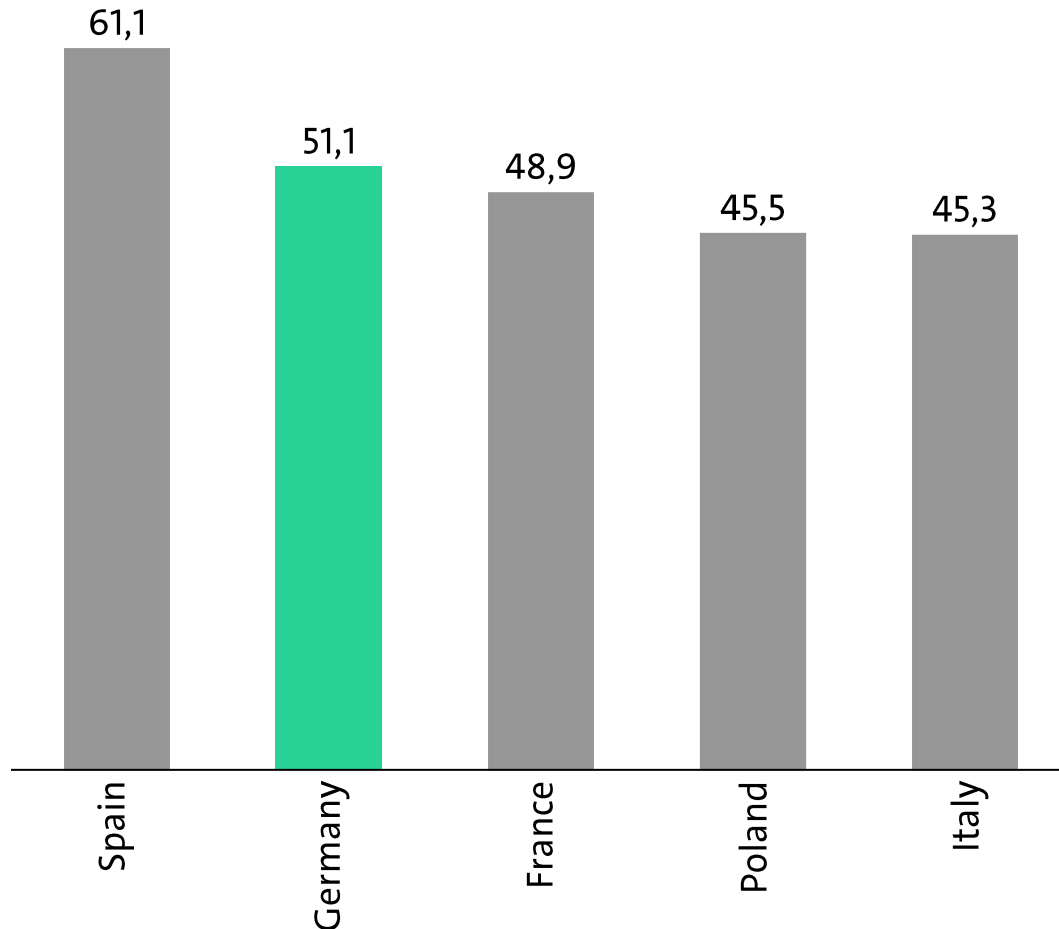


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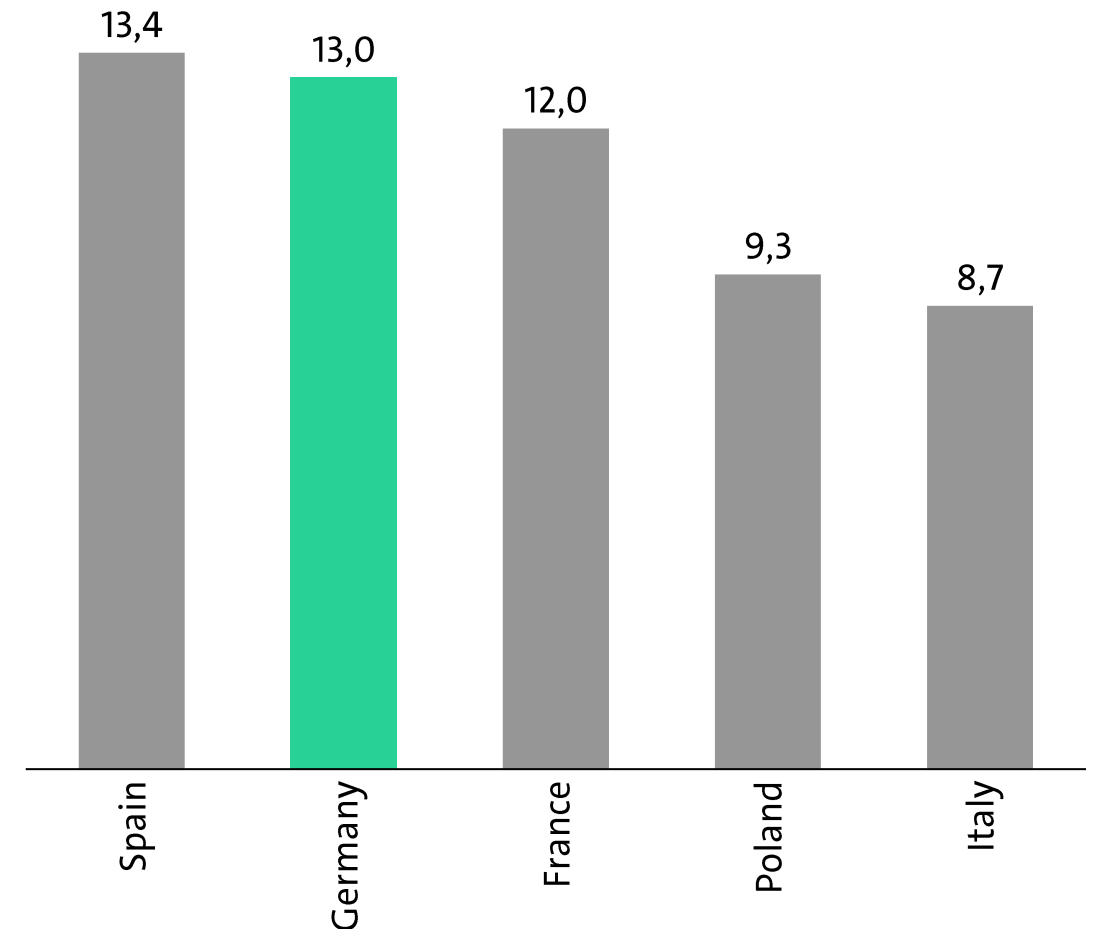


The Five Largest EU Member States¹

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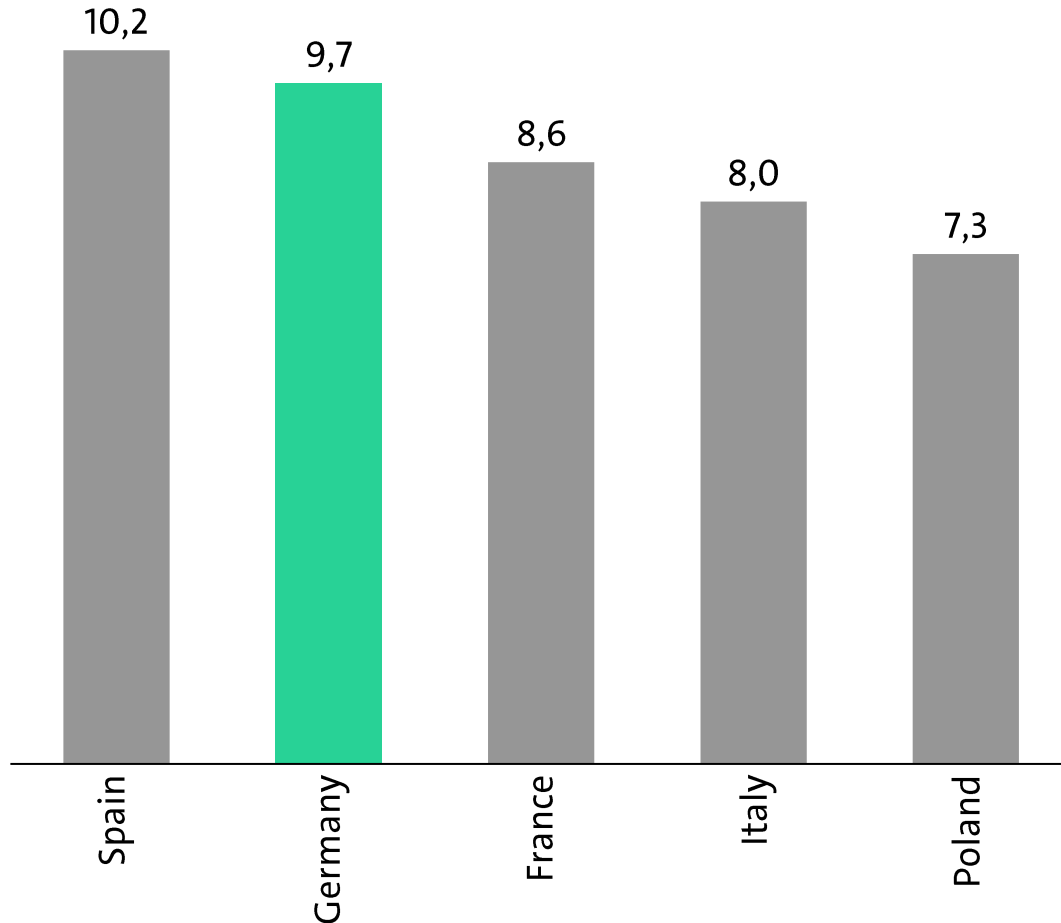


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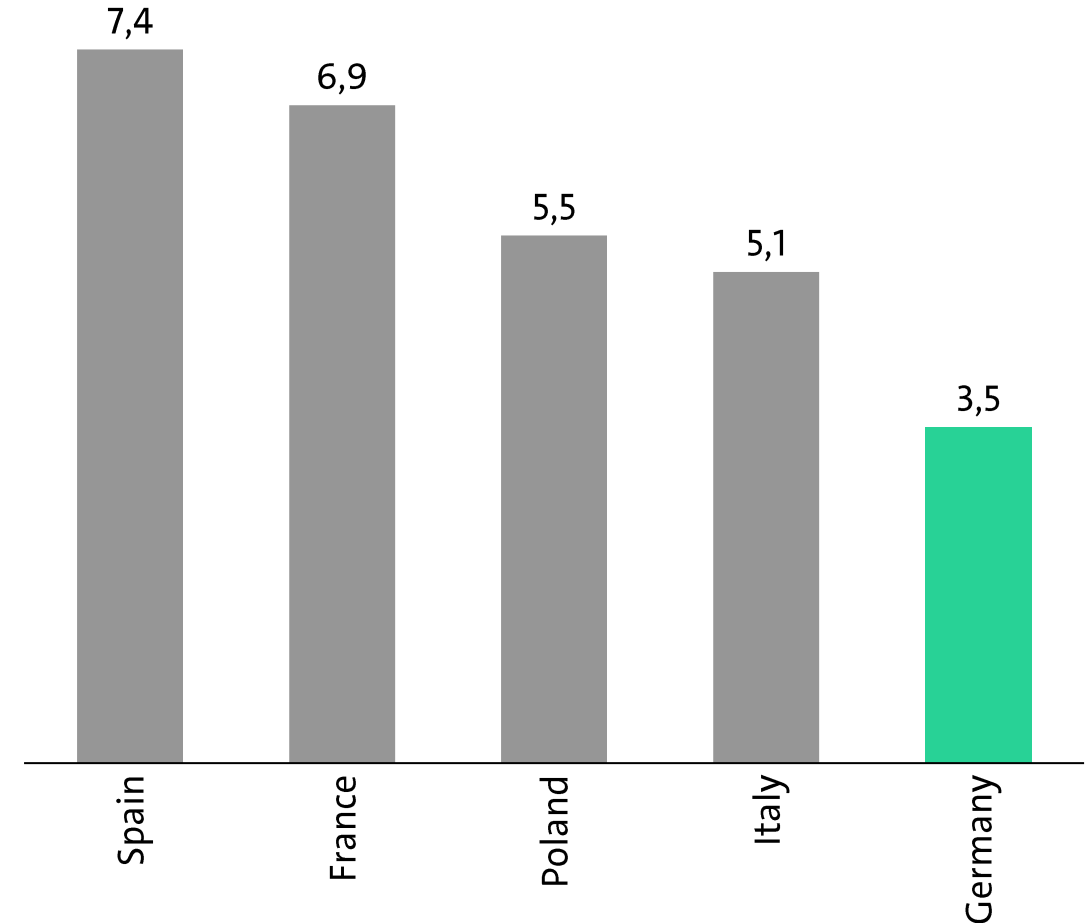


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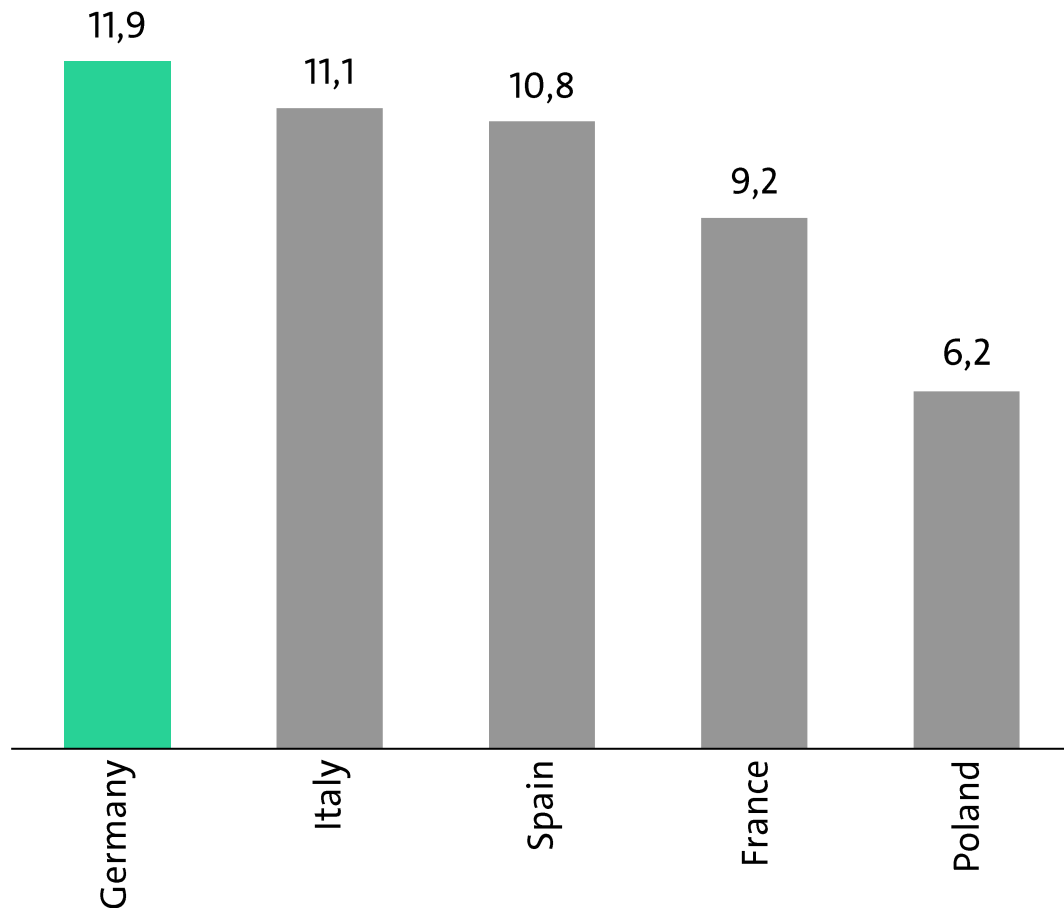


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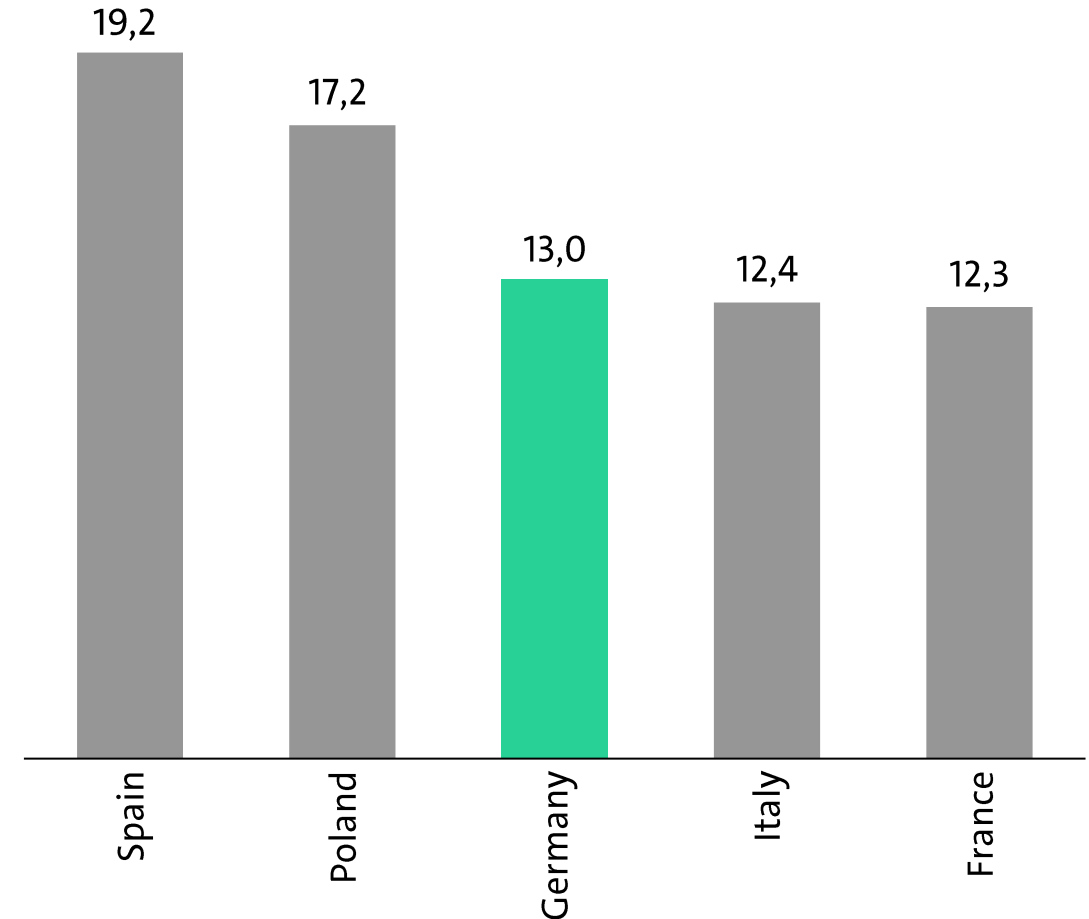


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Digital Transformation of Businesses



Digitalisation of the Public Sector



List of all DESI Indicators by Dimension

Digital Skills	Network Quality	Digital Transformation of Businesses	Digital Transformation of Businesses	Digitalisation of Public Services
Internet use	Fixed Very High Capacity Network (VHCN) coverage	SMEs with at least a basic level of digital intensity	Balance of international trade in ICT services inside the EU	e-Government users
At least basic digital skills	Overall 5G coverage	SMEs with very high level of digital intensity	Balance of international trade in ICT goods inside the EU	Digital public services for citizens
Above basic digital skills	5G spectrum	Data analytics	Enterprises with ICT web sales to other EU countries	Digital public services for businesses
ICT specialists	Edge nodes	Cloud	Balance of international trade in ICT services outside the EU	Pre-filled Forms
ICT Graduates	Network Usage	Artificial intelligence	Balance of international trade in ICT goods outside the EU	Transparency of service delivery, design and personal data
Use of generative AI	Overall internet take-up	AI or Cloud or Data analytics	Enterprises with ICT web sales to rest of the world	User support
Online exposure to untrue or doubtful content	Mobile broadband take-up	Unicorns		Mobile friendliness
Online verification of information	Share of fixed broadband subscriptions ≥ 100 Mbps	Enterprises using social media		Access to e-health records
Online exposure to hostile or degrading messages	Share of fixed broadband subscriptions ≥ 1 Gbps	Electronic information sharing		
	5G SIM cards share of population	SMEs selling online		
		e-Commerce turnover		
		Enterprises using at least 5 ICT security measures		

Bitkom represents more than 2,200 companies from the digital economy. Collectively, they generate over €200 billion in revenue from digital technologies and solutions in Germany and employ more than two million people. Bitkom's members include more than 1,000 small and medium-sized enterprises, over 700 start-ups, and nearly all major global technology companies.

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