

THE STATUS OF TRAFFIC SAFETY AND MOBILITY EDUCATION IN EUROPE

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- What is Traffic Safety and Mobility Education?
- The Road Safety Situation for Children and Youngsters in Europe
- The EU's Role in Traffic Safety Education
- The Status of Traffic Safety and Mobility Education in Europe
- Mobility Education: Linking Traffic Safety with Sustainability and Health

DEFINITION



Traffic safety and mobility education covers all measures that aim at positively influencing traffic behaviour patterns, with an emphasis on:

- Gaining knowledge and understanding of traffic rules and situations;
- Developing and improving skills through training and experience;
- Strengthening and/or changing attitudes and intrinsic motivations towards risk awareness, personal safety and the safety of other road users to contribute towards a safety-minded culture;
- Providing the tools necessary for a well-informed choice of transport mode.

ROAD SAFETY SITUATION

1,188 children and youngsters under 18 died in 2016

More than 19,500 have been killed between 2006 and 2016

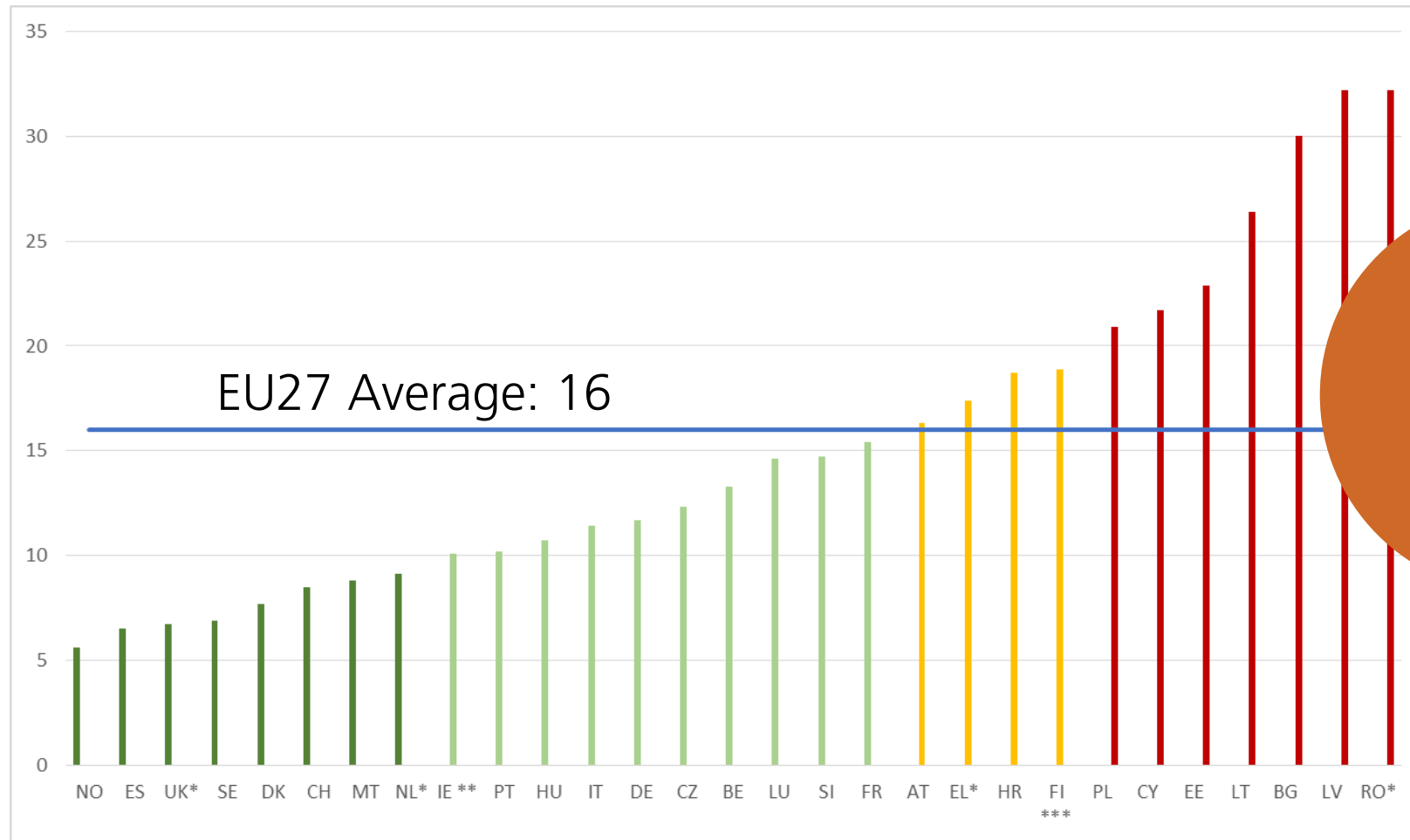
Many more sustained life-changing injuries

ROAD SAFETY SITUATION

Deaths of Children and Youngsters per million of their population.

Average number for 2014-2016 or the last three years available.

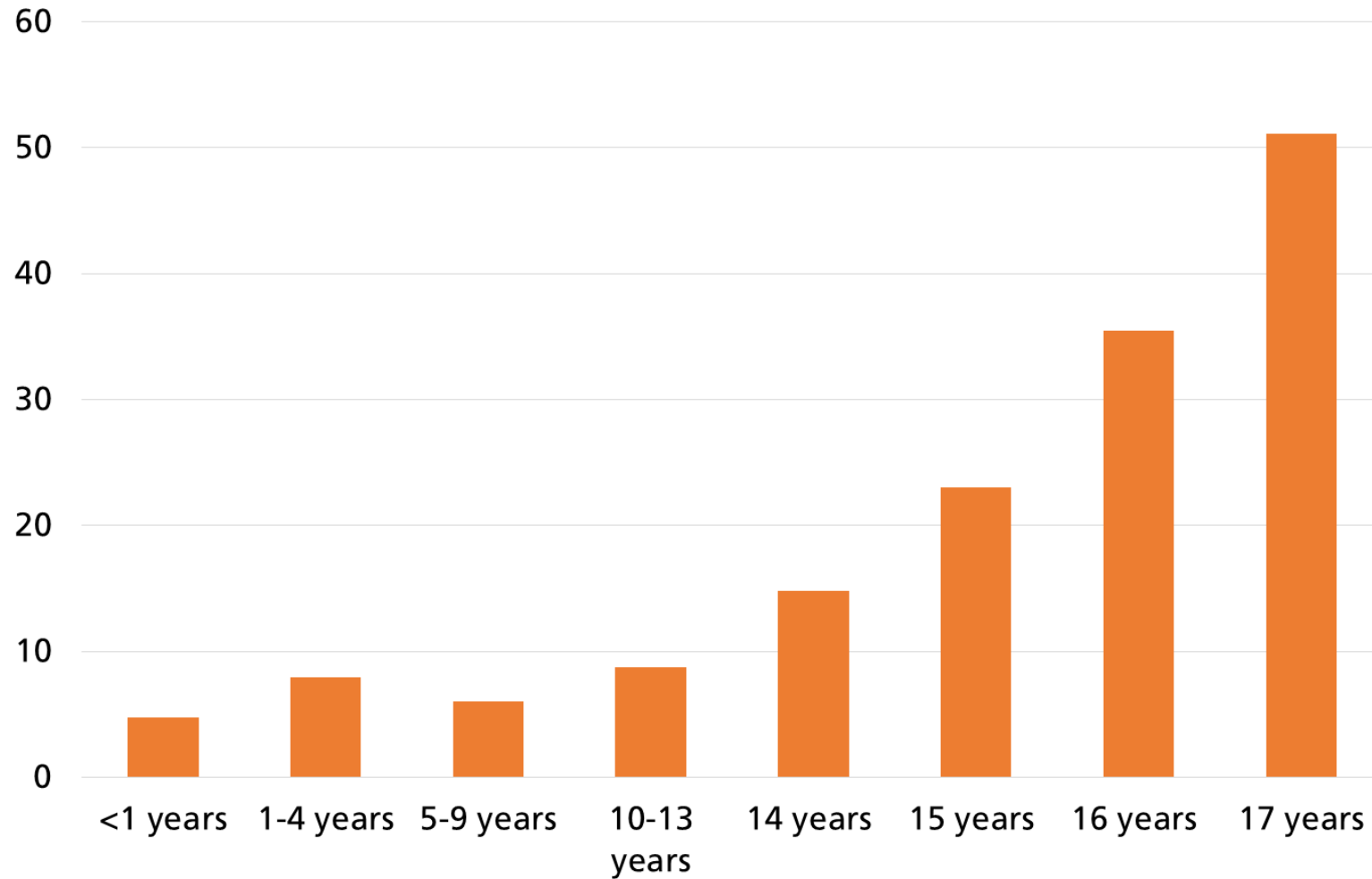
(* EL, NL, RO, and UK – 2013-2015 data; ** IE – provisional data for 2015-2016; *** FI provisional data for 2016. SK is excluded from the figure and average due to insufficient data)



Mortality differs widely across Europe

Fatality rate in Norway is over 5.5 times lower than in Latvia and Romania

ROAD SAFETY SITUATION



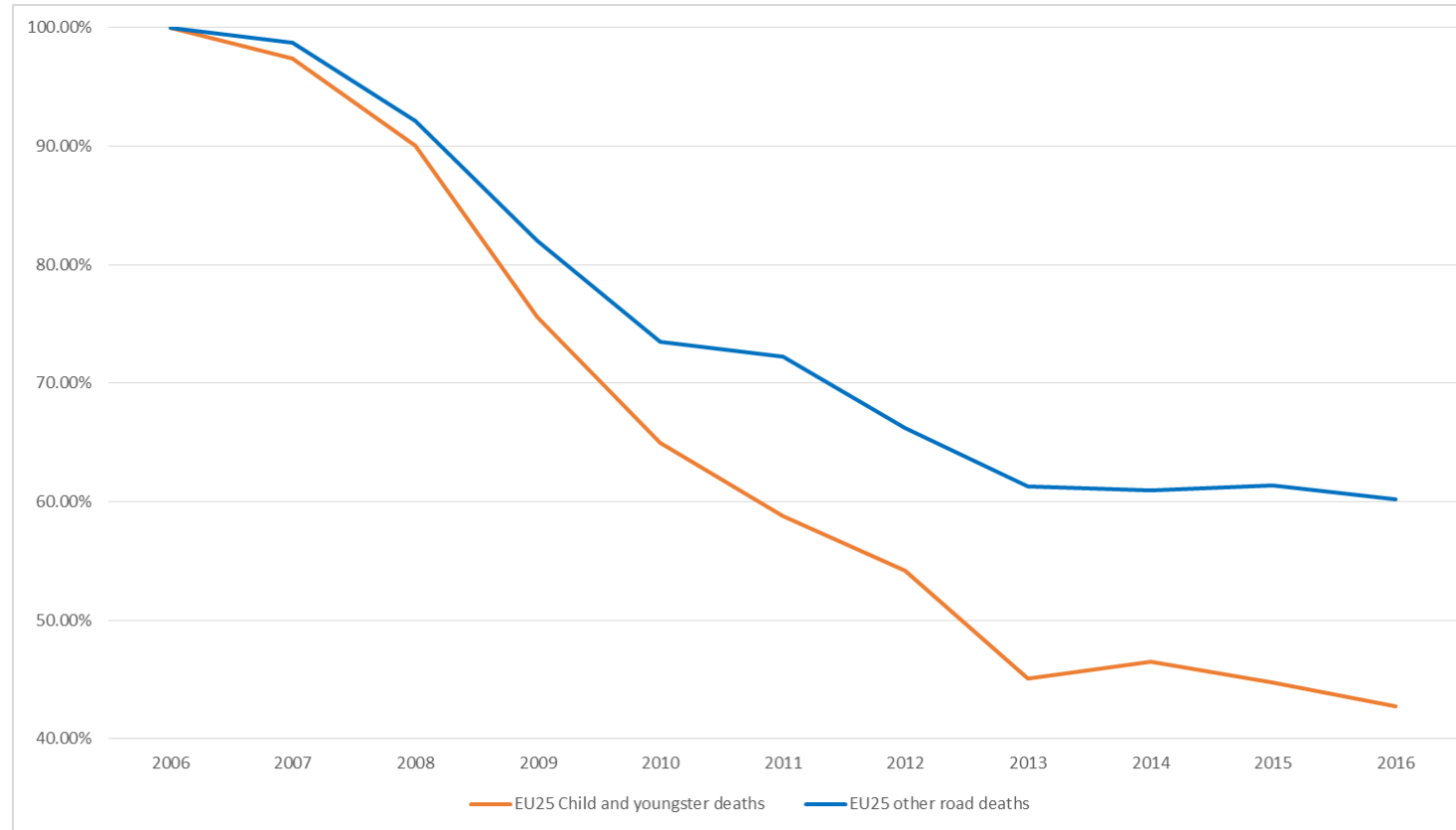
Road deaths by age group per million population of each age group, averages 2014-2016 for the EU27.

(SK excluded due to insufficient data).

ROAD SAFETY SITUATION

Relative development
in the number of
road deaths for
persons under 18
years old and other
road deaths in EU 25
over the period
2006-2016.

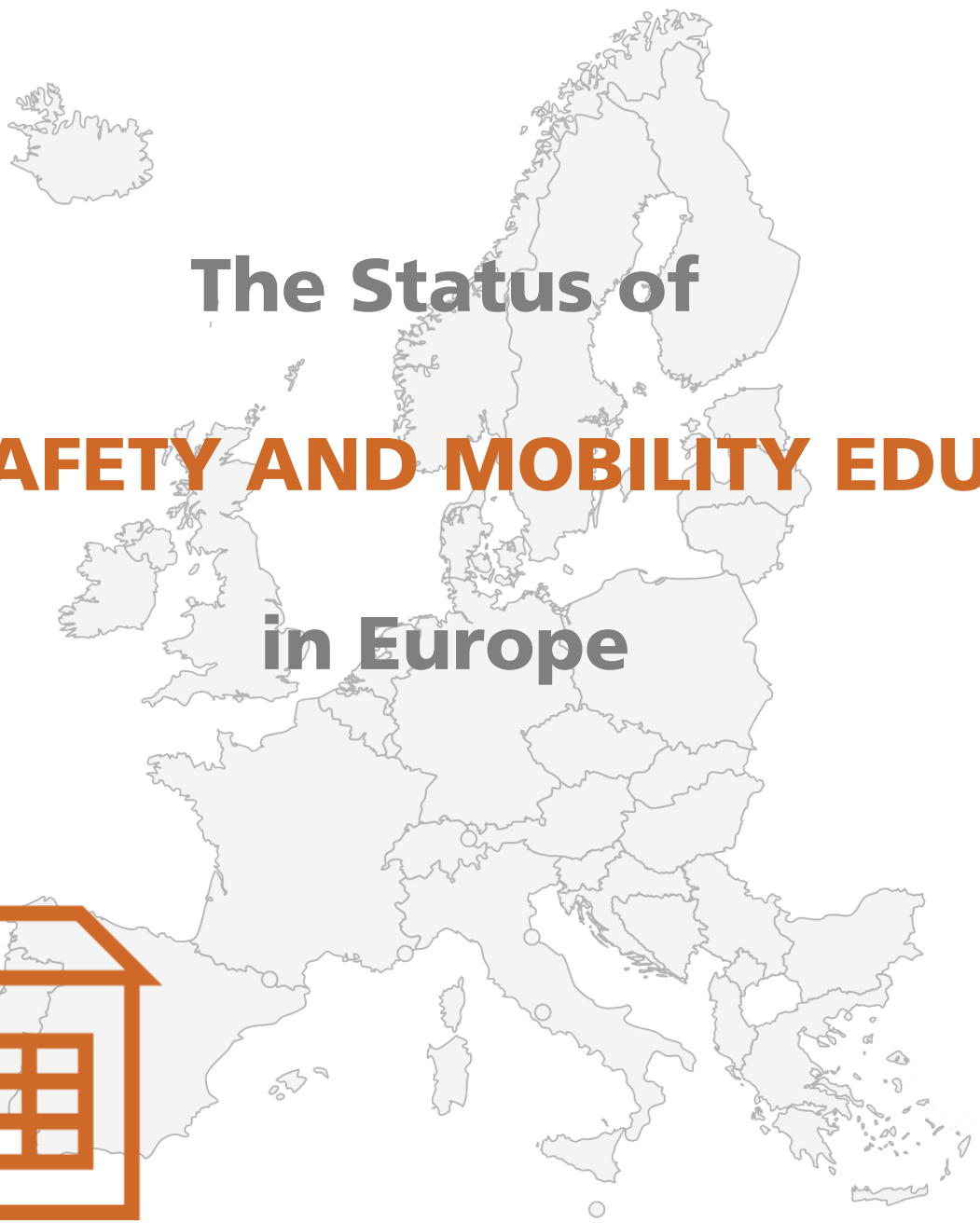
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THE EU'S ROLE



- No EU competence for traffic safety education
 - Only supporting, coordinating or supplementing actions
- Indirect educational targets
 - e.g. Driving Licence Directive
- Funding projects:
 - ROSE25
 - AVENUE for Traffic Safety
- Reflected in the Commission's Strategic Action Plan for Road Safety
 - Only voluntary commitments



The Status of **TRAFFIC SAFETY AND MOBILITY EDUCATION** **in Europe**



1968 VIENNA CONVENTION

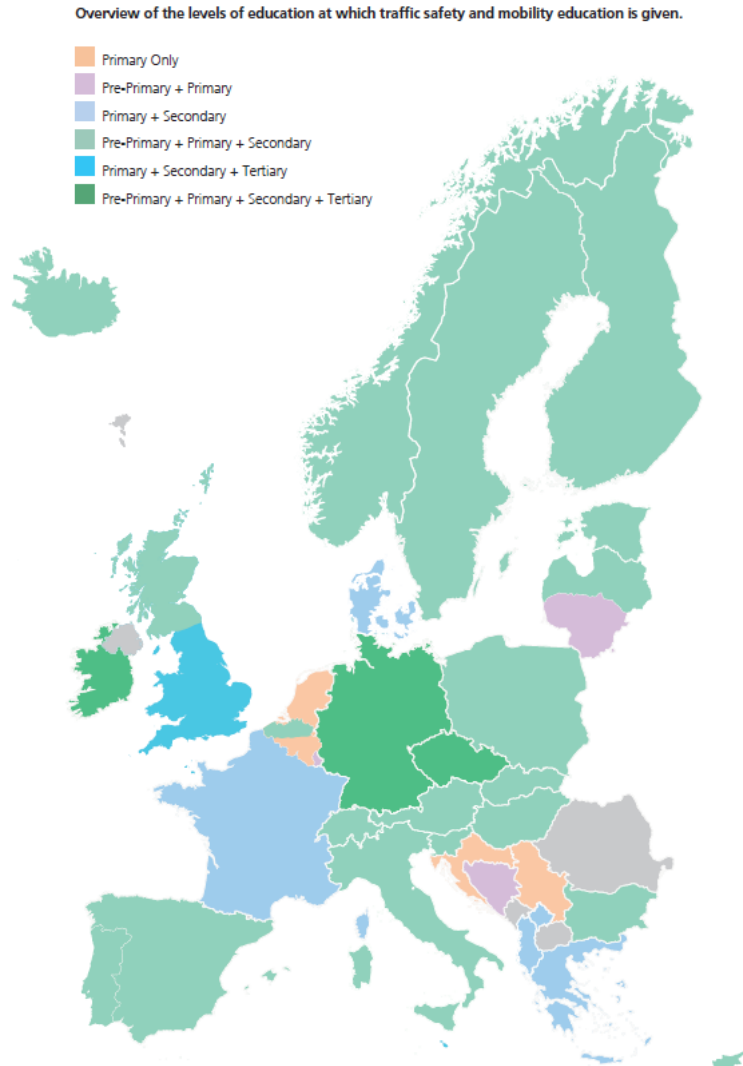


UNECE's "1968 Vienna" Convention on Road Traffic

"Article 3(5bis). Contracting Parties will take the necessary measures to ensure that road safety education be provided on a systematic and continuous basis, **particularly in schools at all levels.**"

Cyprus, Iceland, Ireland, Kosovo and Malta have not signed the Convention on Road Traffic

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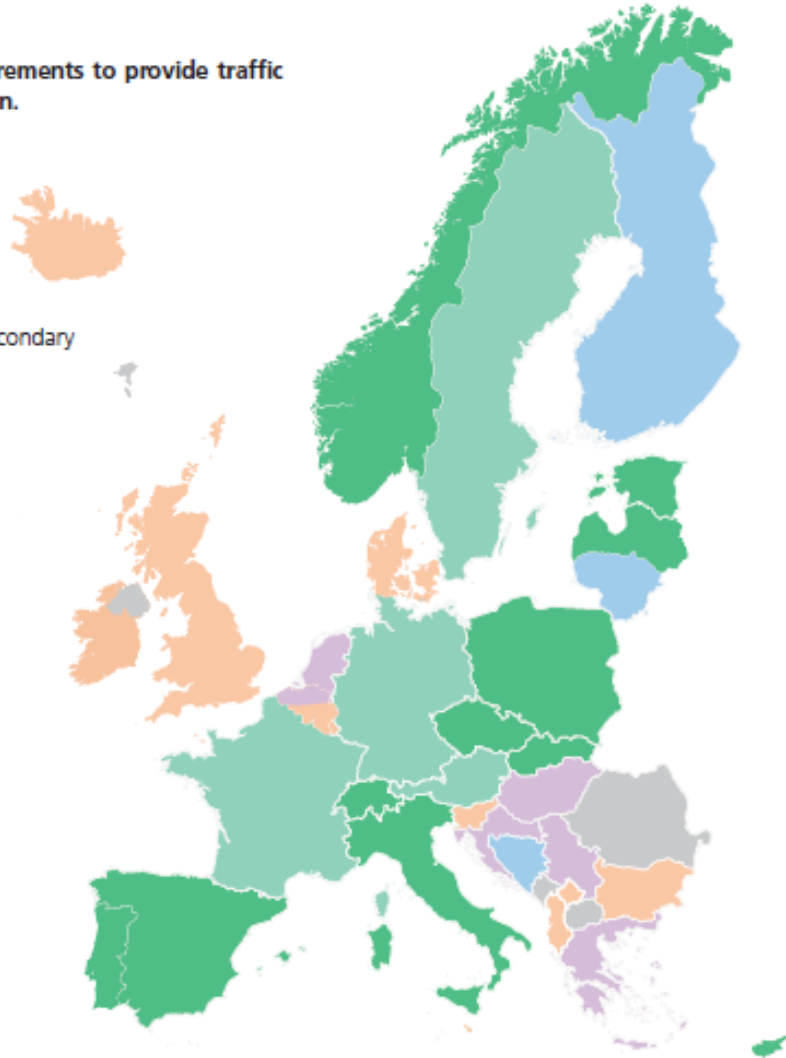
Traffic Safety and Mobility Education is **given** at:

- Primary level in **all** states
- Pre-primary in **69%** of the states
- Secondary level in **81%** of the states
- Tertiary level in **5** states
- **All four levels** of education in
 - the Czech Republic
 - Germany
 - Ireland
- Three levels in **21** states
 - With Pre-Primary, Primary and Secondary most frequently used (**19** states)

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Overview of the legal requirements to provide traffic safety and mobility education.

- No legal requirement
- Primary
- Pre-Primary + Primary
- Primary + Secondary
- Pre-Primary + Primary + Secondary



Traffic Safety and Mobility Education is **required by law** at:

- Pre-Primary level in **14** states
- Primary level in **24** states
- Secondary level in **15** states
- Tertiary level in **none** of the states

There is **no** legal requirement in **12** states.

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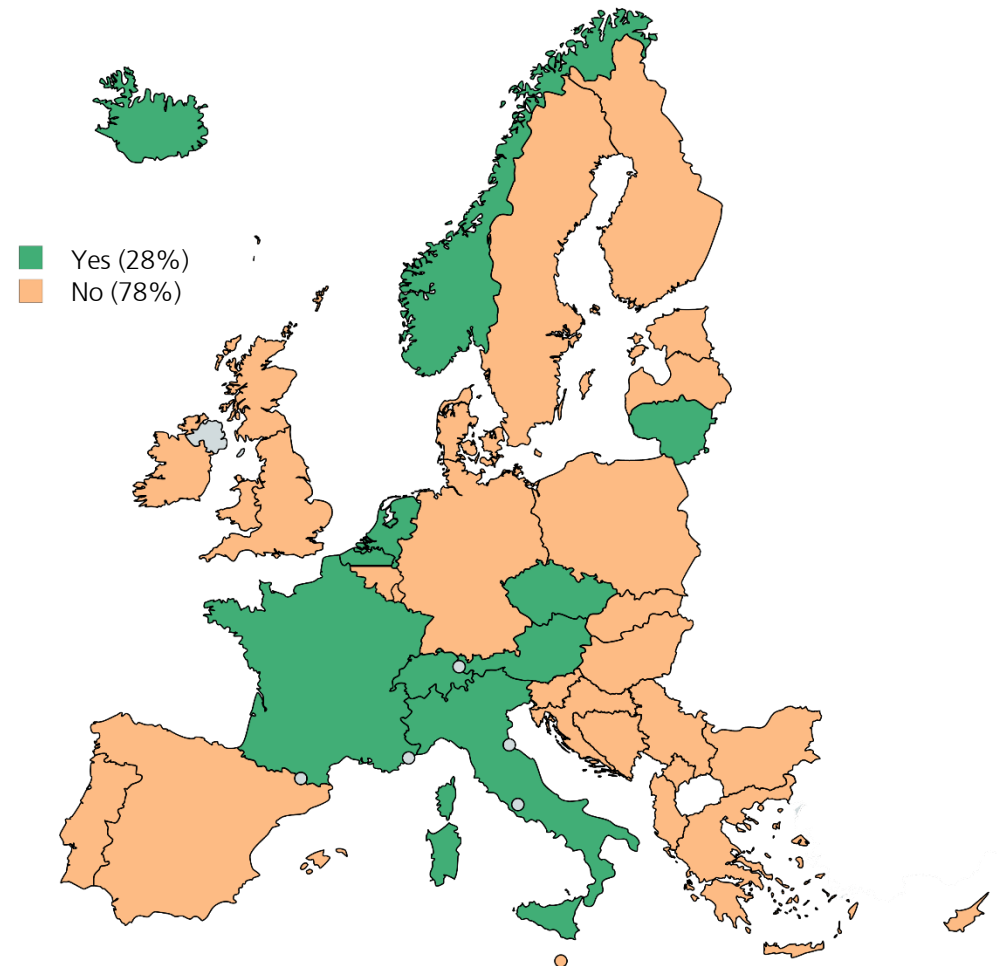
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in Europe



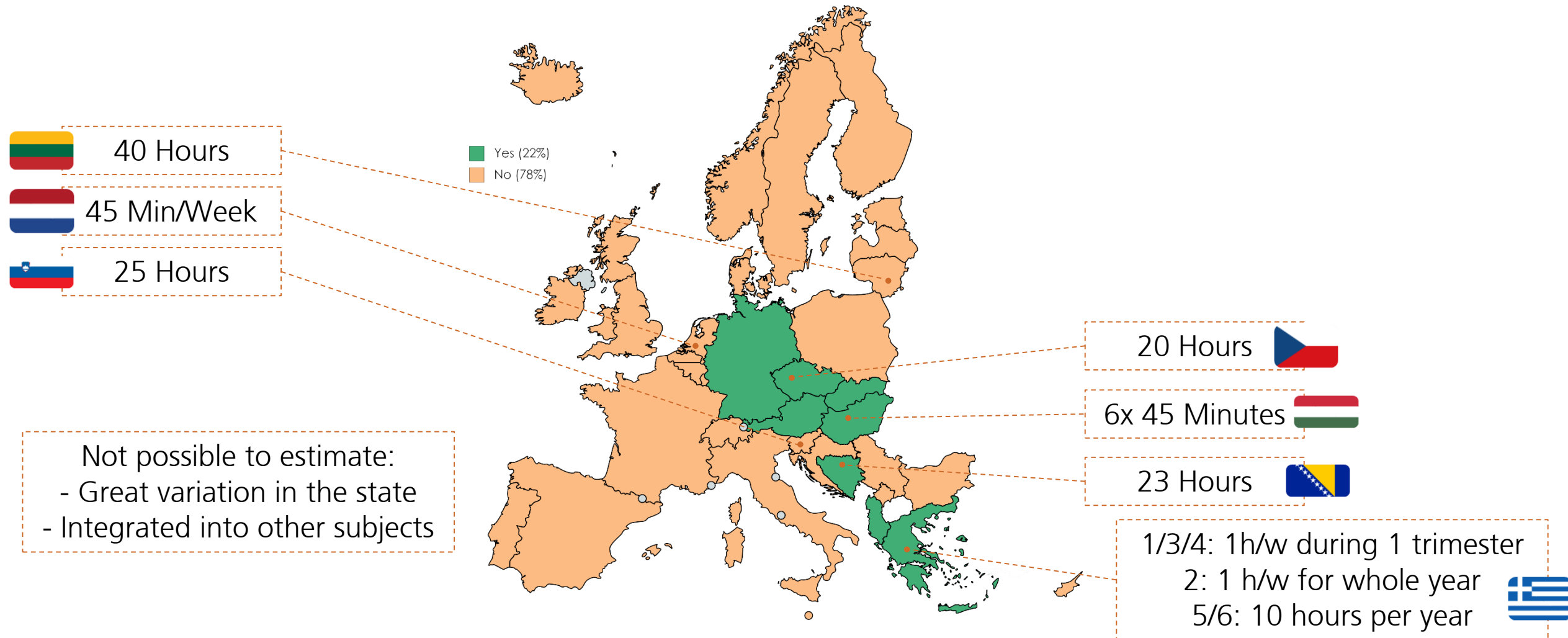
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Is there a minimum number of teaching hours mandated?



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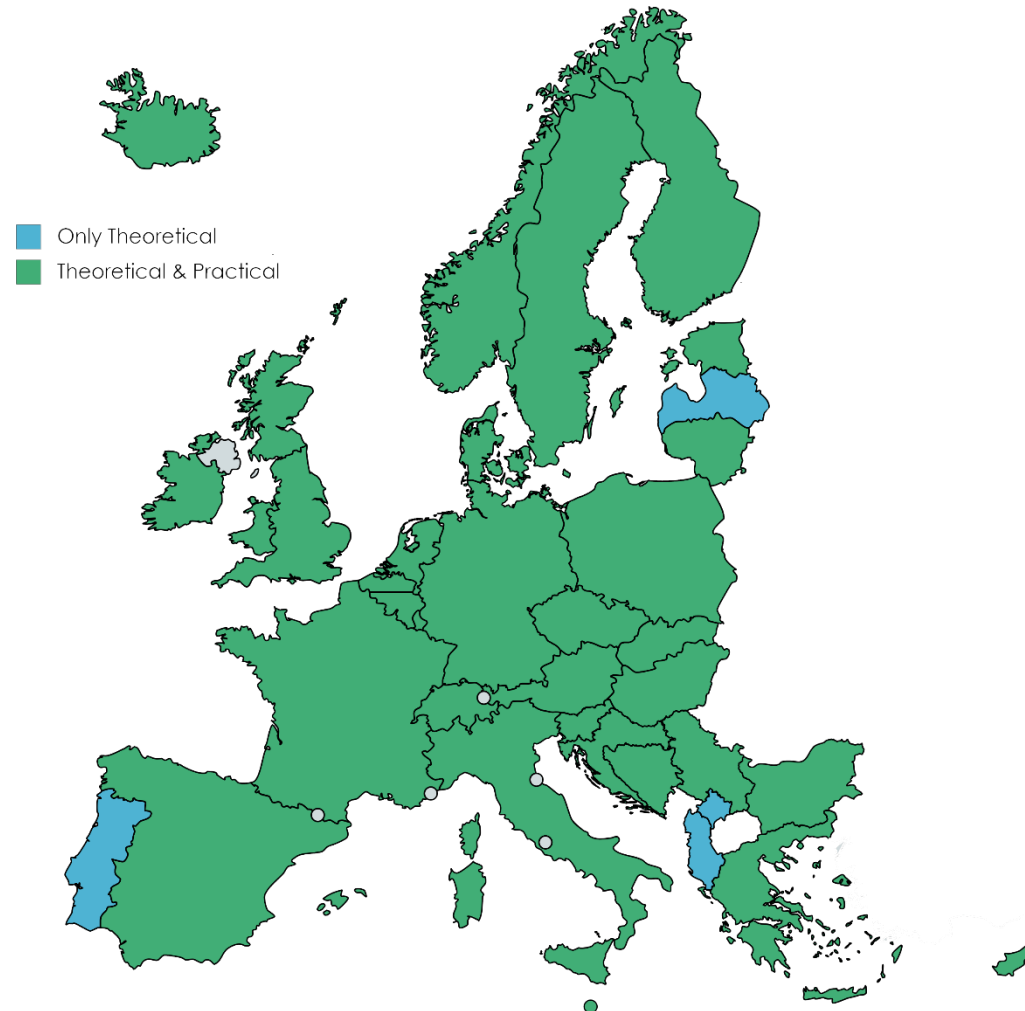


What do children learn?

- Traffic Rules
- Safe behavior
- Getting safely from home to school
 - Risk perception
 - Using safety equipment
 - Mobility education

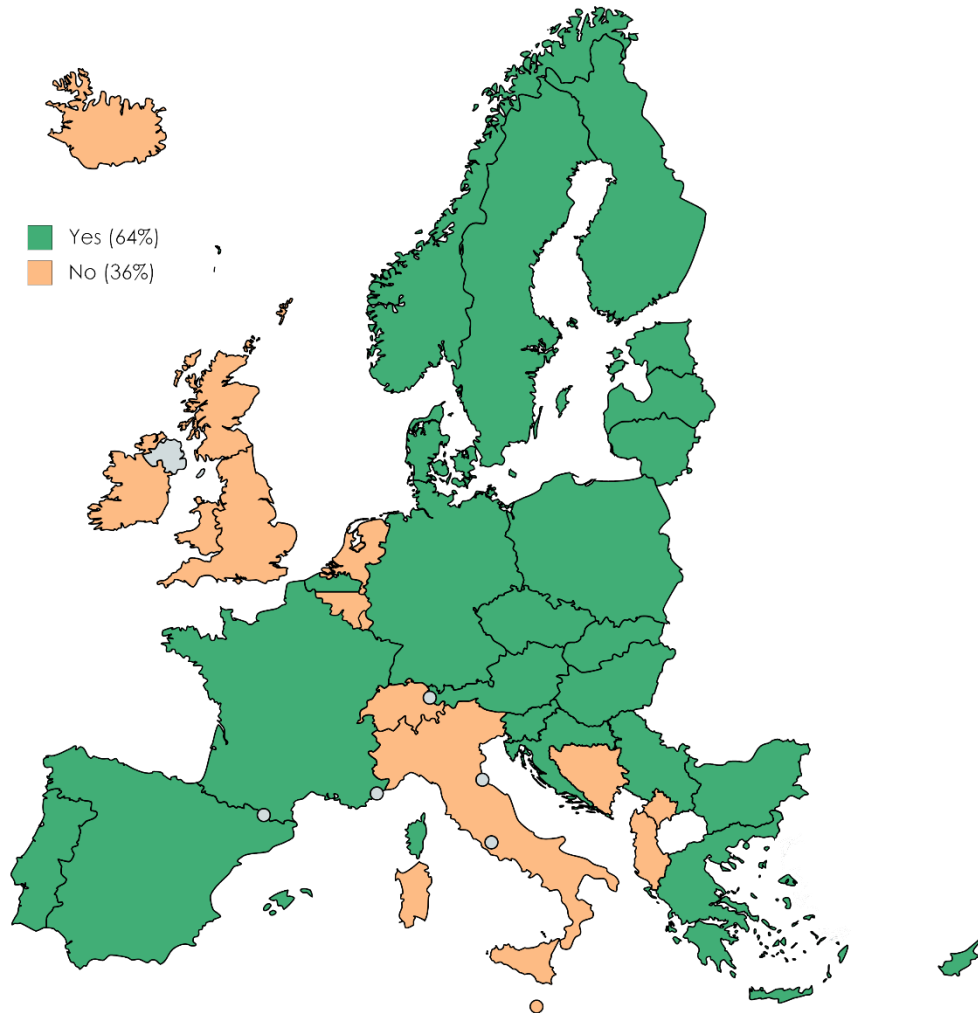
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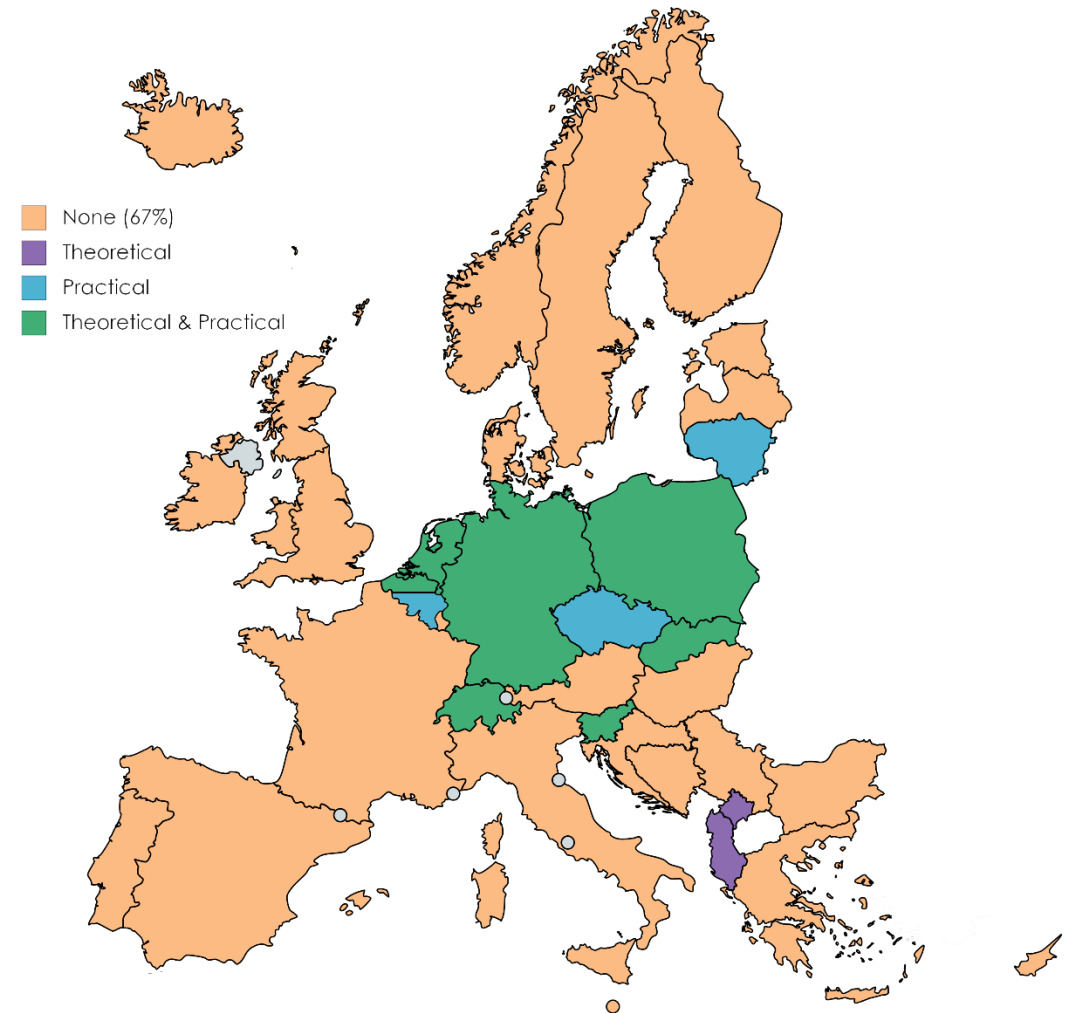


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Are educational objectives set?



Are exams held?



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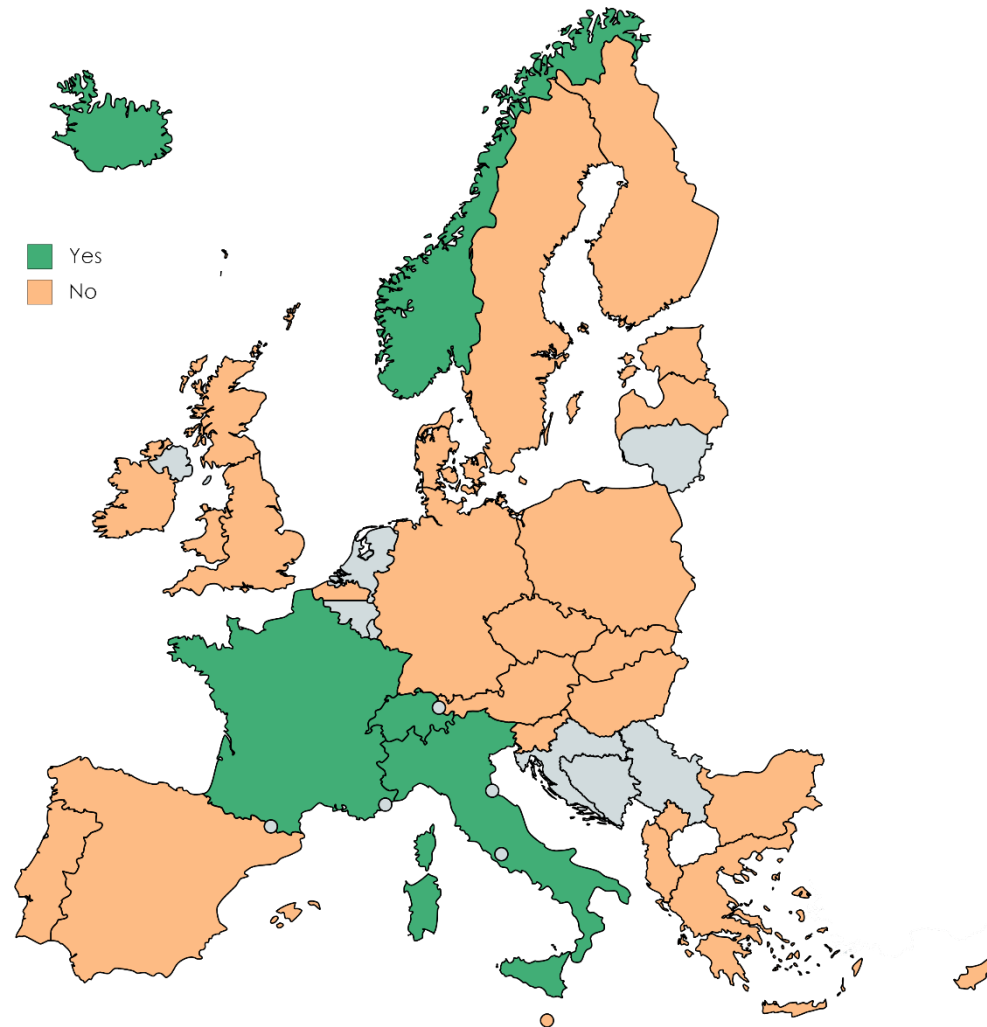
SECONDARY EDUCATION

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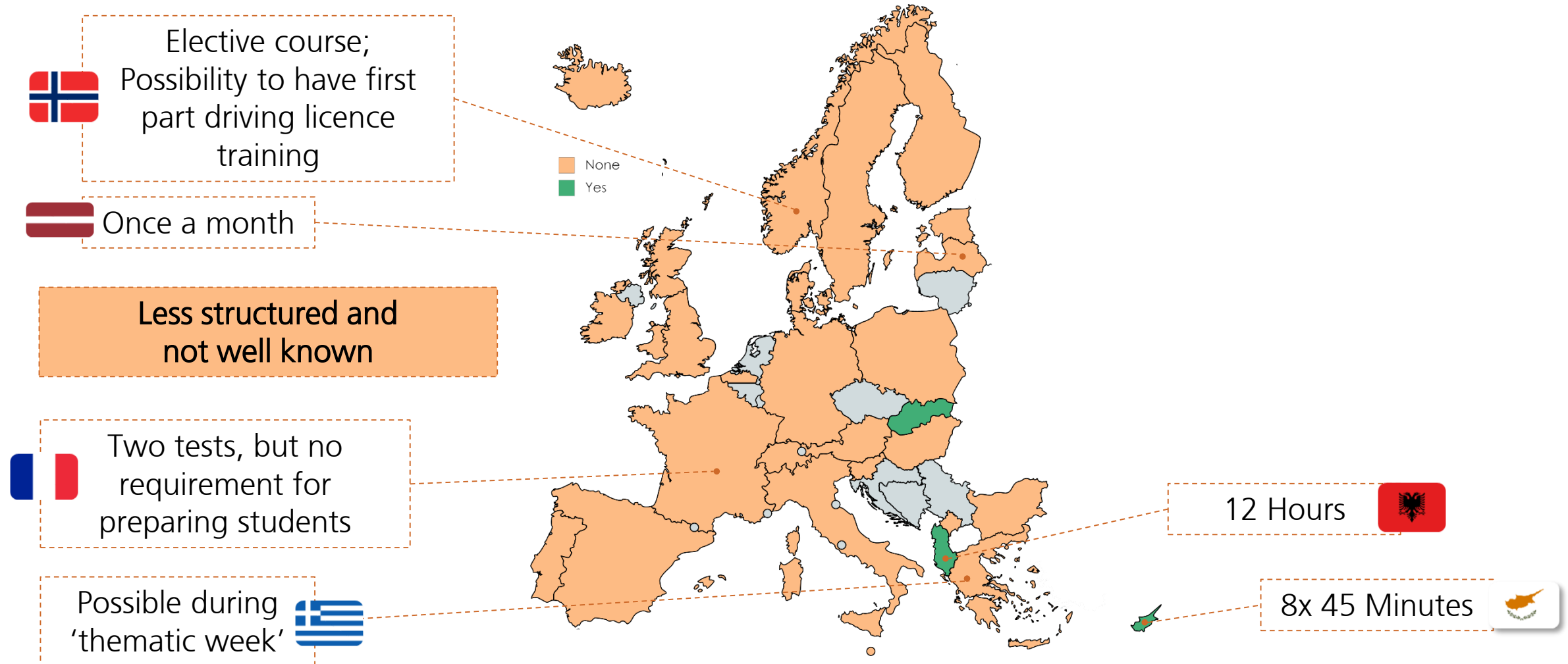
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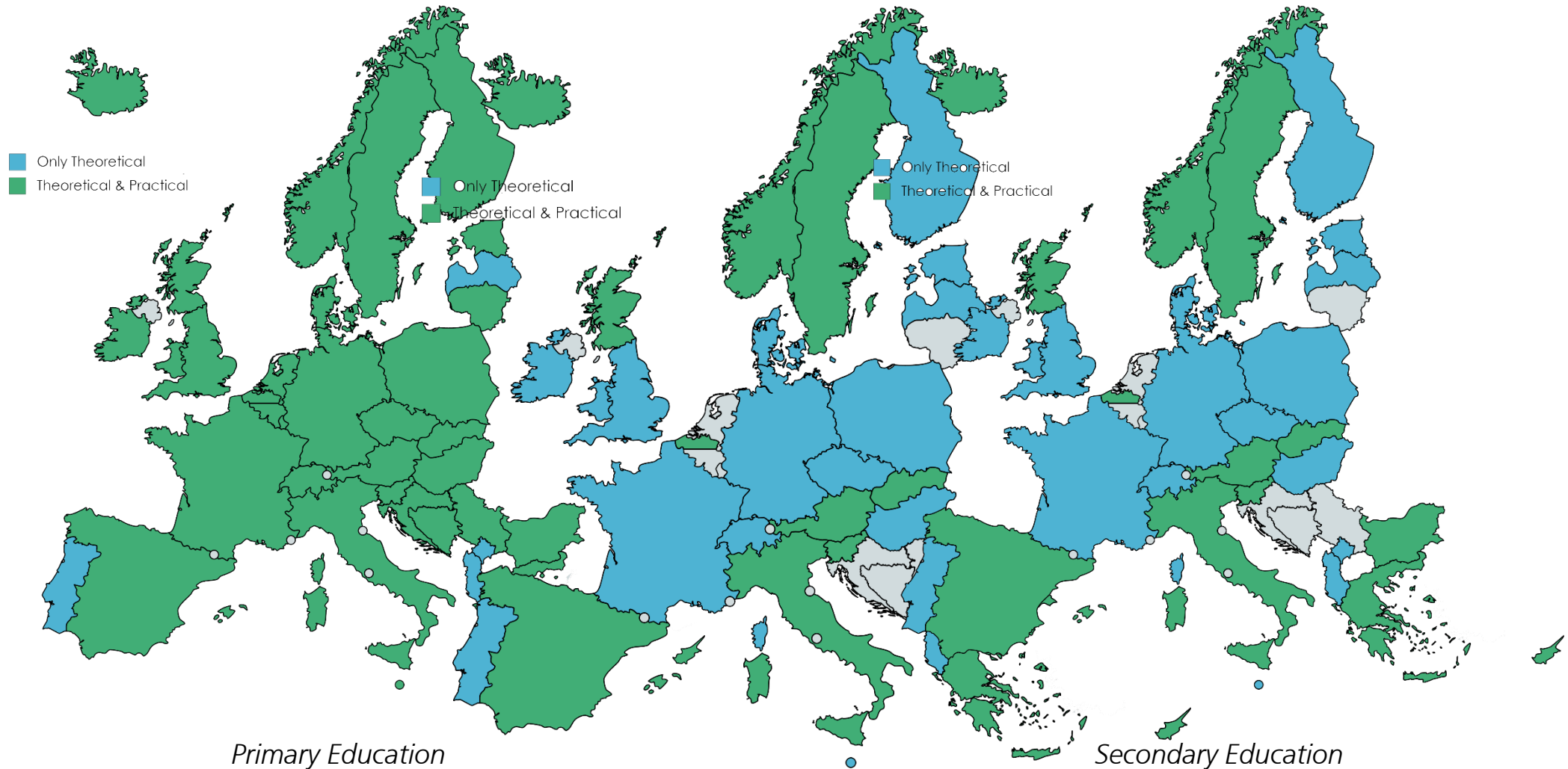


What do youngsters learn?

- Traffic Rules
- Safe behavior
- Risks as a young driver
(speeding, intoxication, distraction)
- Driving mopeds safely
- Dealing with peer pressure

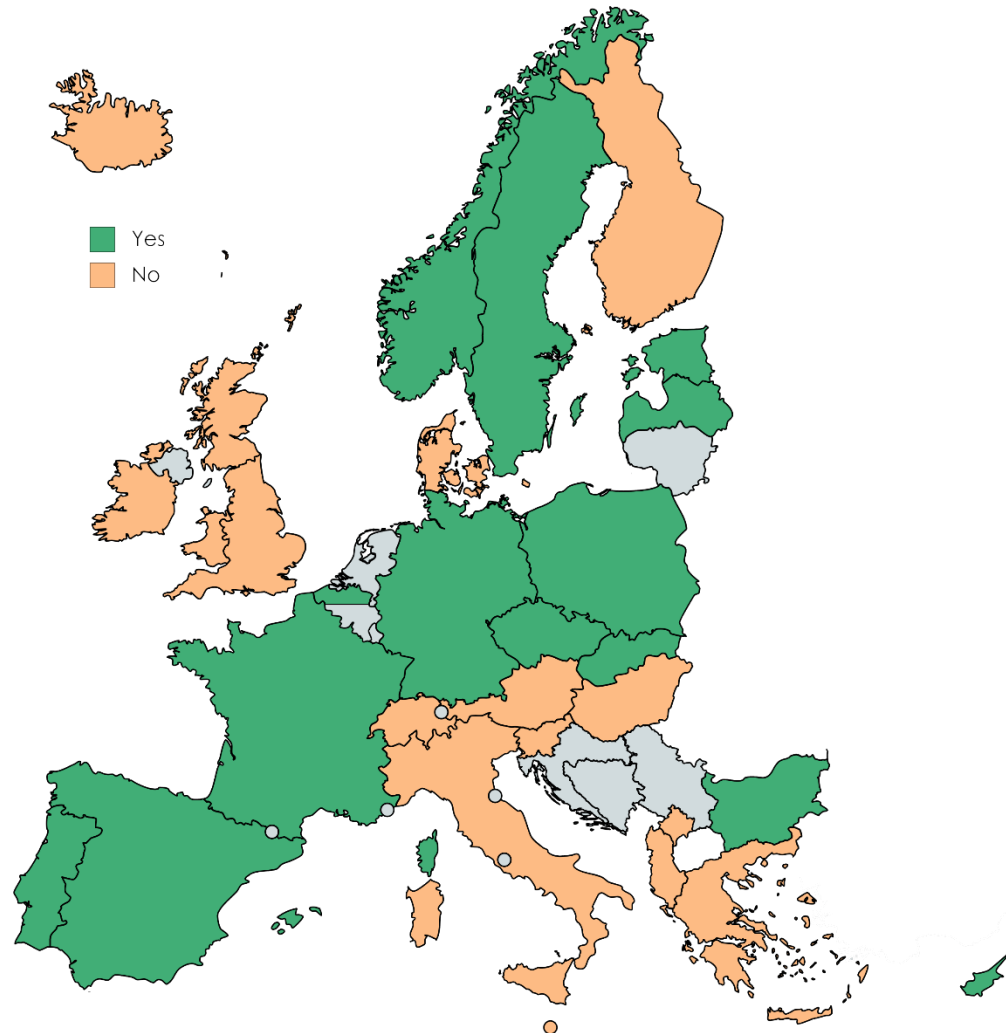
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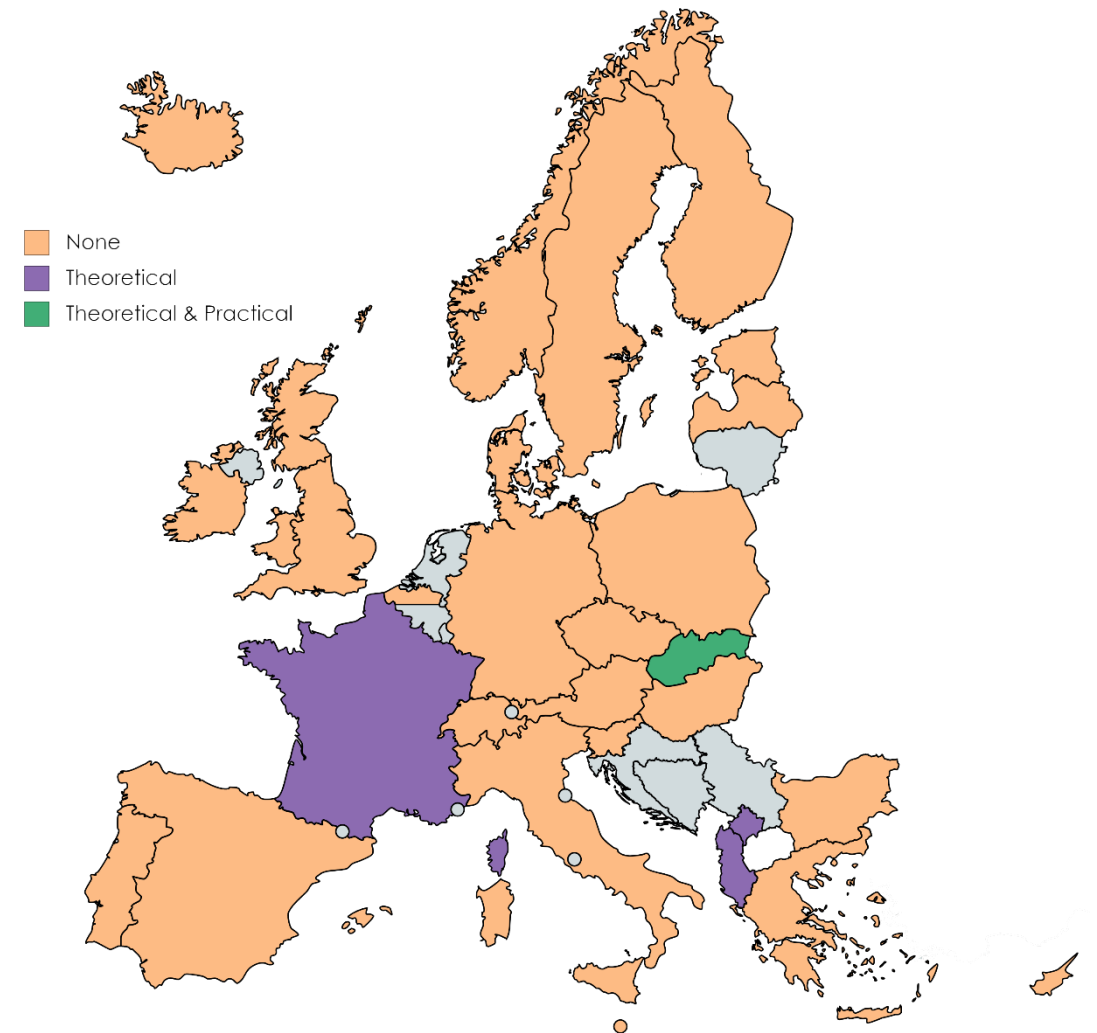


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- **Responsibility:** Ministry of Education in 81 % of the states
- **Providing the lessons:**
 - Teacher responsible for the class
 - Teacher responsible for a subject
 - External experts, such as police officers
- **Supply:** more than one supplier in the vast majority of countries
- **Teacher training:** differs greatly across Europe
 - Only addressed to a very limited extend and/or
 - Not addressed structurally



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Dedicated
18-month
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course

MOBILITY EDUCATION

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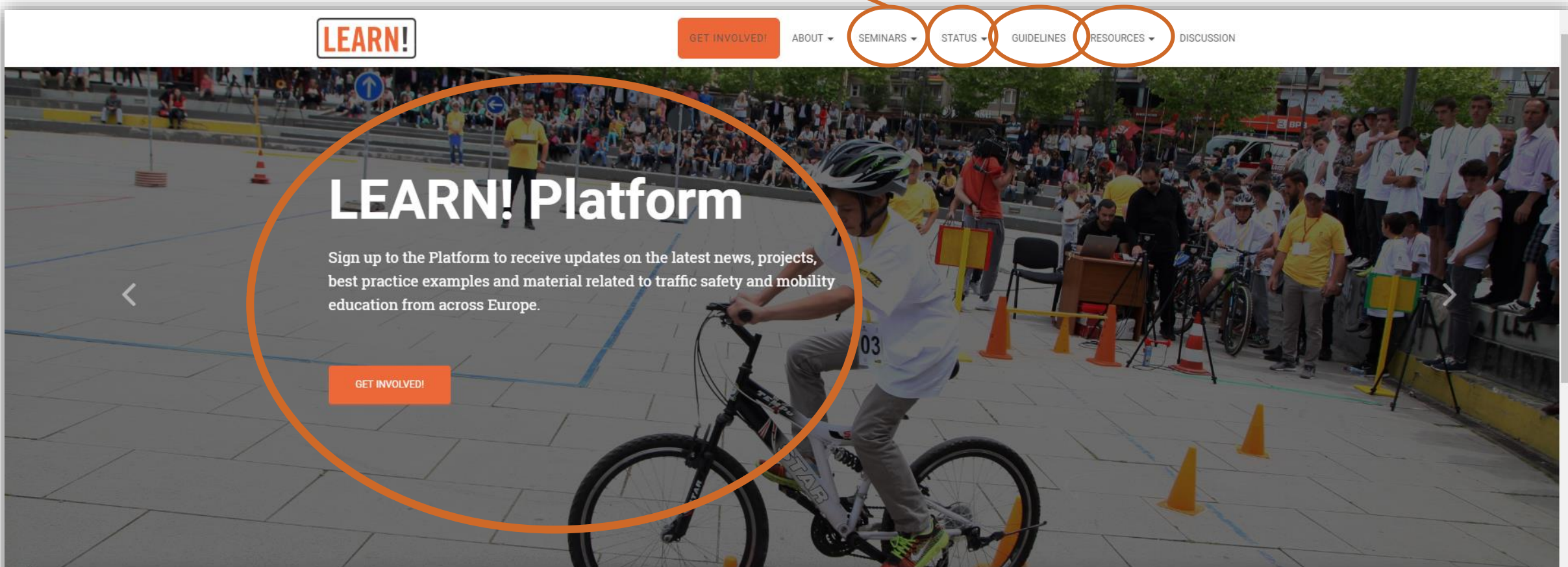
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Responsibility:

Ministry of Education in 81 % of the states, sometimes shared

Governmental agency in Finland and the Netherlands as well as Scotland

Local highway authorities in England & Wales

Ministry of Transport in Ireland

Denmark and Sweden respectively the school and the headmaster

