

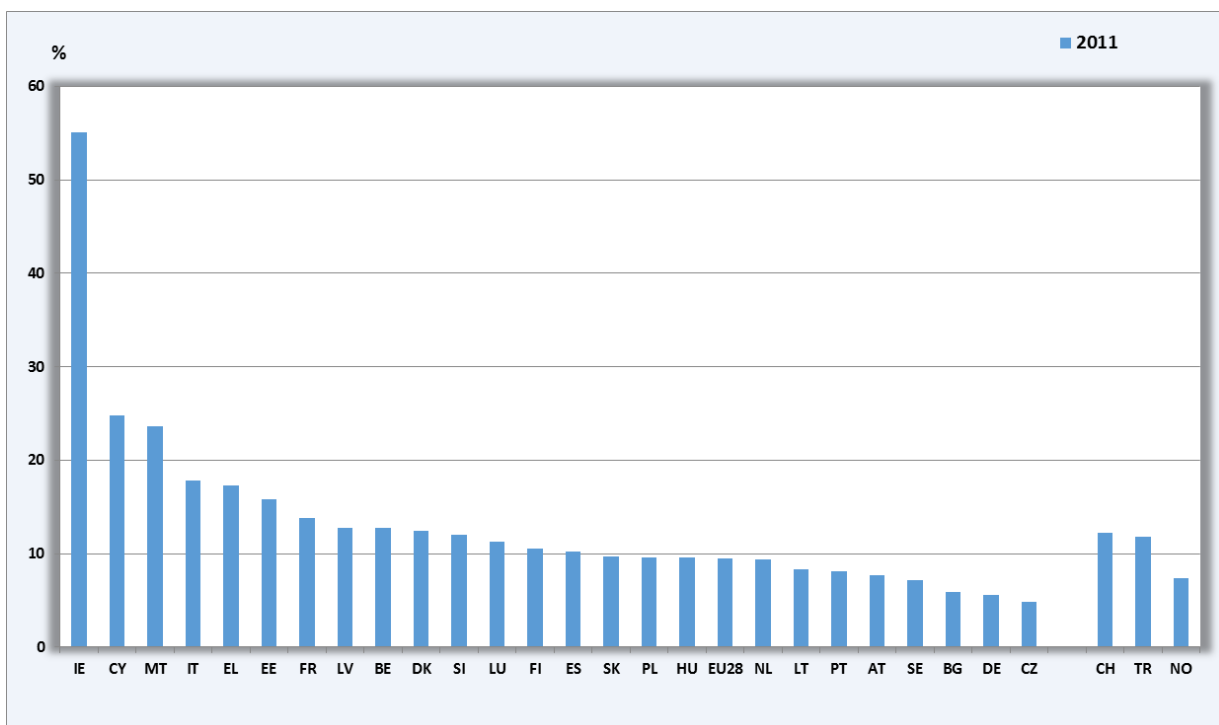
## 14. How many adults did not participate in lifelong learning, even if interested in doing so?

Indicator 1120: individuals who wanted to participate in training, but did not

Adult learning policies should aim to remove barriers to participation in continuing education and training. There is a large share of adults who do not participate, even though they are potentially interested in doing so.

The indicator below is defined as the share of adults (aged 25-64) who wanted to participate in training but did not do so.

**Figure 1** Individuals who wanted to participate in training but did not (%)



Source: Eurostat, adult education survey.

### Key points

In 2011, 9.5% of individuals aged 25-64 across the EU wanted to participate in education or training but did not do so. Apart from a remarkably high share in Ireland (55.1%), the percentage was particularly high in Cyprus (24.8%), followed by Malta (23.6%). The percentage of adults who wanted to participate in lifelong learning but did not do so was the lowest in the Czech Republic (4.8%). It was also below the EU average in Germany (5.6%), Bulgaria (5.9%), Sweden (7.2%), Austria (7.7%), Portugal (8.1%), Lithuania (8.3%), and the Netherlands (9.4%).

In Switzerland (at 12.2%) and Turkey (at 11.8%) the share of adults who wanted to participate in education and training but did not do so was higher than in the EU, in Norway (at 7.4%) it was lower.

**Table 1 Individuals who wanted to participate in training but did not (%)**

Country code	Country	2011	
		Value	Flag
EU28	European Union (28)	9.5	e
BE	Belgium	12.8	
BG	Bulgaria	5.9	
CZ	Czech Republic	4.8	
DK	Denmark	12.5	
DE	Germany	5.6	
EE	Estonia	15.8	
IE	Ireland	55.1	
EL	Greece	17.3	
ES	Spain	10.2	
FR	France	13.8	
HR	Croatia		
IT	Italy	17.8	
CY	Cyprus	24.8	
LV	Latvia	12.8	
LT	Lithuania	8.3	
LU	Luxembourg	11.3	
HU	Hungary	9.6	
MT	Malta	23.6	
NL	Netherlands	9.4	
AT	Austria	7.7	
PL	Poland	9.6	
PT	Portugal	8.1	
RO	Romania		u
SI	Slovenia	12.0	
SK	Slovakia	9.7	
FI	Finland	10.6	
SE	Sweden	7.2	
UK	United Kingdom		
MK	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		
IS	Iceland		
NO	Norway	7.4	
CH	Switzerland	12.2	
TR	Turkey	11.8	

Information from the 2011 adult education survey is used to approximate the situation in the 2010 baseline year.

(u) Eurostat: "low reliability". (e) Eurostat: "estimated".

Source: Eurostat, adult education survey.

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