

ABORTION IN DENMARK



**MY BODY
MY CHOICE**

An authorisation regime that provides easy access to abortion on request with few restrictive conditions (e.g time limits).

- For minors, an ad hoc committee can override a parental refusal or decide that parental consent is not necessary.
- Local hospitals are obliged to receive women for abortion up to 12 weeks.
- After 12 weeks, the abortion must be performed by a doctor in a regional hospital.



CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Yes, but not for the woman.



COST TO THE WOMAN

Free for residents. Since 2004 accessible to non-residents (but at their expense).



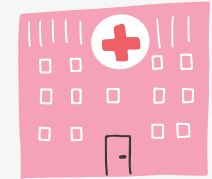
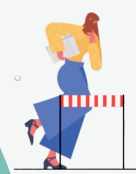
CONDITIONS

> 12 weeks : consultation with a medical commission composed of gynaecologists, social workers and psychologists.



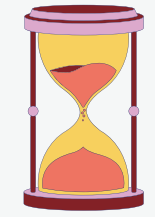
CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Applicable.



WAITING PERIOD

Not applicable.



LEGISLATION

Law of **1973** and law of **1995**, consolidated in **2008**. Health Act of **2014**.



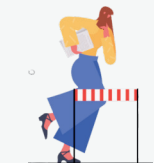
TIME LIMIT

12 weeks on request. May be extended on medical or social grounds, and in cases of rape or other sexual crimes.



PARENTAL CONSENT

needed until **18 years old**.



MEDICAL ABORTION

Available since **April 2000**.



ABORTION IN FINLAND



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An authorisation regime that provides easy access to abortion on request with few restrictive conditions (e.g time limits).

• Illegal abortions are rare. Abortion is allowed up to 20 weeks for patients aged <17, up to 24 weeks if foetal malformation and **with no limit if the woman's life is in danger.**



CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable.



COST TO THE WOMAN

Financial contribution (low) from the woman.



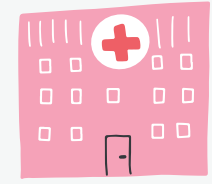
CONDITIONS

Agreement of **two doctors** or only one doctor if patient is aged <17 or >40 or has four children. Mandatory **contraceptive counselling.**



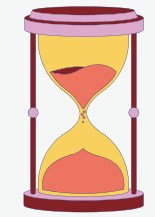
CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Not mentioned in the law.



WAITING PERIOD

Not applicable.



LEGISLATION

Laws of **1970, 1978, 1985** and **2001.**



TIME LIMIT

12 weeks on social grounds and in cases of rape. Can be extended on medical grounds.



PARENTAL CONSENT

Not applicable.



MEDICAL ABORTION

Available since **May 2000.**



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ABORTION IN THE NETHERLANDS



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An authorisation regime that provides easy access to abortion on request with few restrictive conditions (e.g time limits).



- The law is very freely interpreted.
- **Almost no illegal abortions.**
- Most abortions are performed in licensed clinics.
- The woman's state of distress must be established.

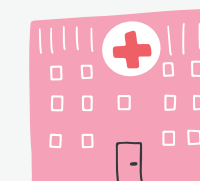
CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Yes, but not for the woman.



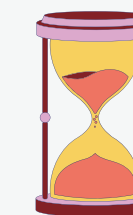
CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Yes, with an obligation to inform the woman.



WAITING PERIOD

Five days unless there is a serious risk to the woman.



CONDITIONS

In hospitals and licensed clinics, and by a doctor only. Must ensure the woman's free choice.



PARENTAL CONSENT

Not applicable.



MEDICAL ABORTION

Available since January 2000.



COST TO THE WOMAN

Reimbursed for residents paid for by non-residents.



LEGISLATION

Law of **1981**. Decree of **1984**. The criminal code defines killing a viable foetus as infanticide.



DATE

TIME LIMIT

No time limit.

In practice, 20 to 22 weeks on social grounds. the legal viability of the foetus is 24 weeks.



ABORTION IN SWEDEN



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An authorisation regime that provides easy access to abortion on request with few restrictive conditions (e.g time limits).



- Foetal viability set at 22 weeks. This **limit can be crossed if the woman's life is in danger.**
- Since January 2008, abortion is **allowed for non-nationals.**

CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Yes.



COST TO THE WOMAN

Financial contribution (very low) from the woman.



CONDITIONS

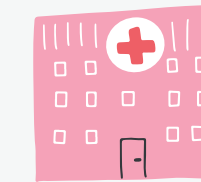
< 18 weeks:
interview.

> 18 weeks:
National Health Board.



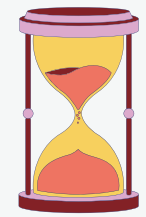
CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Not applicable.
(confirmed in January 2017).



WAITING PERIOD

Not applicable.



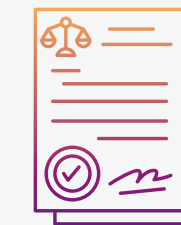
MEDICAL ABORTION

Available since 1992.



PARENTAL CONSENT

Not applicable.



TIME LIMIT

Up to 18 weeks on request.

Beyond that, for "special reasons" (including the woman's physical and psychological health).



LEGISLATION

Abortion Act of 1974, amended in 2007 and 2013.

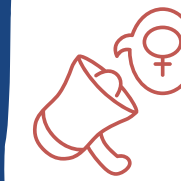


ABORTION IN BELGIUM



An authorisation regime that allows abortion with partial or total decriminalisation, subject to criteria, but where standards of access to abortion remain high.

MY BODY
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- The law is **interpreted quite freely**. Has an offence of obstruction. Removed the notion of a state of distress.
- For abortion outside the legal time limit, abortion centres refer women to the Netherlands.

CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Maintained despite its removal from the criminal code.



COST TO THE WOMAN

Virtually **free** for women, as covered by social security. Otherwise, expensive.



CONDITIONS

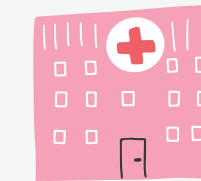
Mandatory interview.

Counselling and procedure must be in the same place. The abortion must be performed in an outpatient centre or in a hospital, and by a doctor.



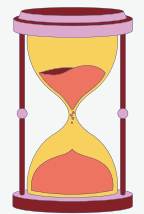
CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Applicable but with an obligation to refer the woman to a doctor who performs abortions.



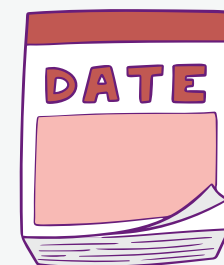
WAITING PERIOD

6 days.



LEGISLATION

The **1990** law **partially** decriminalised abortion. The law of October **2018** removed abortion from the criminal code.

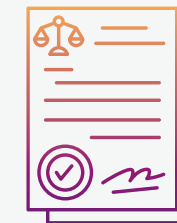


TIME LIMIT

12 weeks on request. May be extended if there is danger to the health of the woman or malformation of the foetus.

PARENTAL CONSENT

Presence of a trusted person or interview.



MEDICAL ABORTION

Available **since July 2000**, but abolished since 2017 for family planning centres.

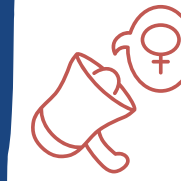


ABORTION IN FRANCE



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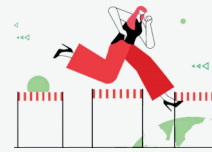
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- Removed the notion of a state of distress in 2014. Since February 2017, has the **offence of obstruction** (sanctions for websites spreading disinformation).
- Abortion is not performed in many hospitals. Among the new generation of doctors, **fewer and fewer are willing to perform abortions.**

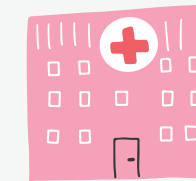
CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable but not for the woman.



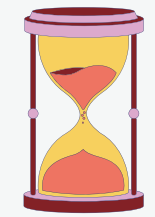
CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Applicable but obligation to refer the woman to another doctor.



WAITING PERIOD

Abolished since January 2016.



COST TO THE WOMAN

Completely **free** for all women since March 2013.



CONDITIONS

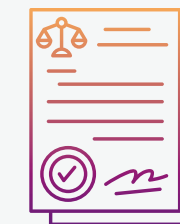
> 14 weeks:

advisory opinion from a multidisciplinary team.



PARENTAL CONSENT

Not applicable. Compulsory interview and support from an adult chosen by the minor.



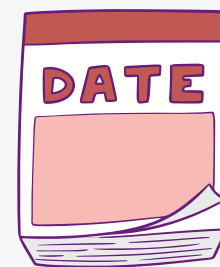
MEDICAL ABORTION

Available **since 1987**, Up to seven weeks by a midwife, nine weeks in a hospital.



LEGISLATION

Laws of **1975** (the Veil Act) and **2001**. In **2016**, removed from the criminal code and introduced in the **health code**.



TIME LIMIT

Since 2022, **14 weeks** on request. Can be extended on medical grounds.



ABORTION IN LUXEMBOURG



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An authorisation regime that allows abortion with partial or total decriminalisation, subject to criteria, but where standards of access to abortion remain high.

- Removed the state of distress condition.
- Compulsory psychological interview for minors.
- **No time limit if the life of the woman or the foetus is threatened.**

CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable.

CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Yes, even for paramedics.

WAITING PERIOD

3 days.

COST TO THE WOMAN

Reimbursed for women covered by social security. Otherwise, rather expensive.

CONDITIONS

< 12 weeks: consultation with a doctor.
> 12 weeks: opinion of two doctors.

PARENTAL CONSENT

Yes, but possibility of secrecy if the minor is accompanied by an adult.

MEDICAL ABORTION

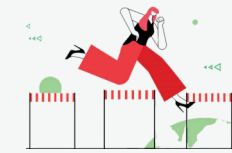
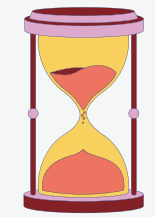
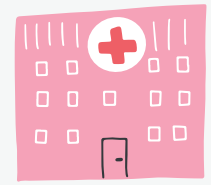
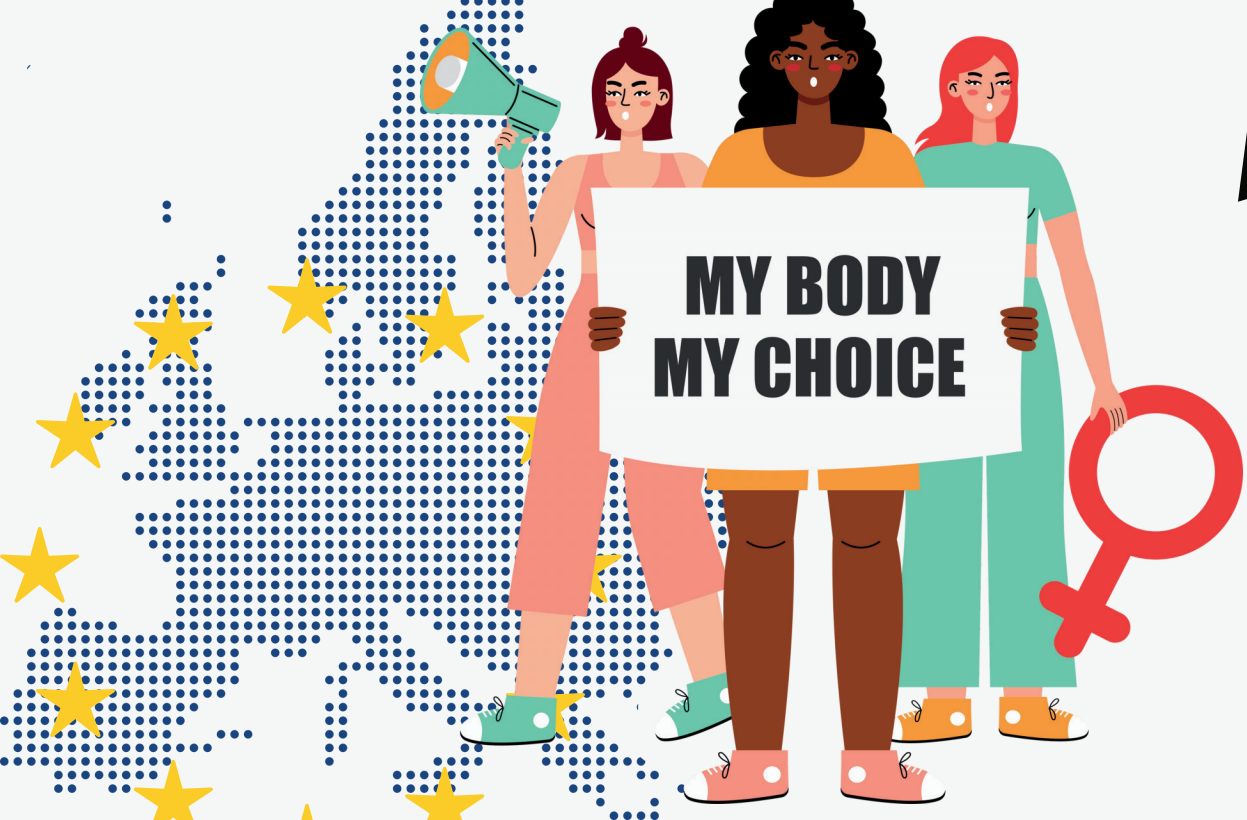
Available Since January 2001. Since 2009, up to 7 weeks in a family planning centre.

LEGISLATION

Laws of 1978 and 2012. Law of 2014 removed abortion from the criminal code.

TIME LIMIT

12 weeks on request. Can be extended on medical grounds.



ABORTION IN UNITED KINGDOM

(excluding Northern Ireland)



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- Increasing use of the **conscience clause** among young obstetricians.

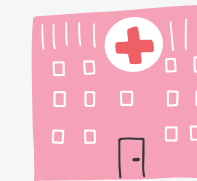
CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Not applicable anymore since 2017.



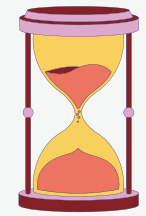
CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Applicable but its use is prohibited if the woman's life is in danger.



WAITING PERIOD

Not applicable.



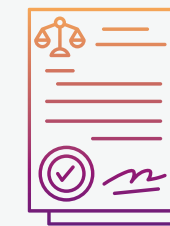
CONDITIONS

> 24 weeks :
certificate from two doctors.



PARENTAL CONSENT

Applicable. Doctors can override the authorisation.



MEDICAL ABORTION

Available since 1991.



LEGISLATION

The Abortion Act of **1967** legalises abortion under certain conditions. Amended in **1990**.



COST TO THE WOMAN

Free of charge through the National Health Service. Very expensive in the private sector.



TIME LIMIT

24 weeks on social or medical indications. Can be extended on medical grounds.



ABORTION IN GERMANY



An authorisation regime that permits abortion, but where access is hampered (sometimes severely) by restrictive procedures.

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- For a doctor, the mere fact of giving public information on abortion is punishable in criminal law.
- Since March 2022, **Article 219 of the criminal code, which prohibited all advertising, has been repealed.**
- In some Länder, there is no choice between counselling centres run by local or federal authorities and those linked to the Church.

CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable.



COST TO THE WOMAN



Abortion on demand **at the woman's expense** (rather expensive to expensive). Except for women with low incomes.



LEGISLATION

Federal law prohibits abortion but, in practice, it is no longer punishable below 12 weeks of pregnancy since the **1995** law. Abortion falls under the **criminal code**.



Interview (plus certificate) required except in cases of rape. Second medical opinion if > 12 weeks.



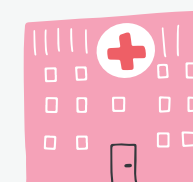
TIME LIMIT

12 weeks on request and in cases of rape and other sexual crimes. Can be extended on medical or social grounds.



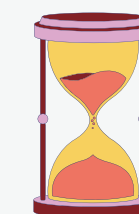
CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Yes, but guaranteed right of access.

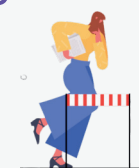


WAITING PERIOD

Three days, even on medical grounds.



PARENTAL CONSENT needed until **16 years old**.



MEDICAL ABORTION

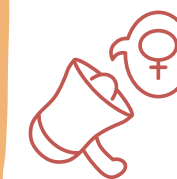
Available **since November 1999**, up to nine weeks.



ABORTION IN AUSTRIA

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An authorisation regime that permits abortion, but where access is hampered (sometimes severely) by restrictive procedures.



- **Difficult to obtain outside the main urban centres.**
- **Misuse of the conscience clause.**
- 3 provinces don't offer abortion in public hospitals.

CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable.



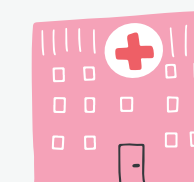
COST TO THE WOMAN

Free of charge on medical grounds. Otherwise, very expensive.



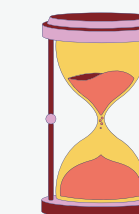
CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Applicable, but its use is prohibited if there is imminent danger of death to the woman.



WAITING PERIOD

Not applicable.



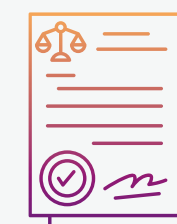
CONDITIONS

< 3 months: interview.
> 3 months: medical opinion. Abortion must be performed in a public hospital by a doctor.



PARENTAL CONSENT

needed until 13 years old.



MEDICAL ABORTION

Available since December 1999.



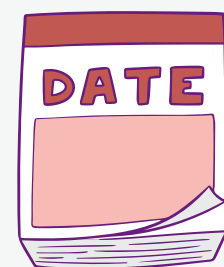
LEGISLATION

Federal law of 1974. Abortion falls under the criminal code.



TIME LIMIT

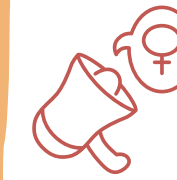
3 months on request. In practice, up to 16 weeks. Can be extended on medical grounds and for patients aged < 14.



ABORTION IN CYPRUS



An authorisation regime that permits abortion, but where access is hampered (sometimes severely) by restrictive procedures.



- The Orthodox Church is very influential and is opposed to abortion. The new situation created by the law of March 2018 remains to be analysed. Information on the new Cypriot legislation seems to be difficult to find. The Cypriot family planning organisation's website could not be found at the address given by IPPF EN (www.cyfamplan.org).

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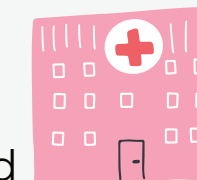
CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Information could not be found.



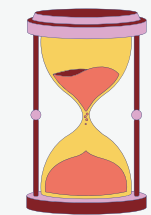
CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Information could not be found.



WAITING PERIOD

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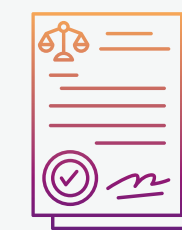
CONDITIONS

Mandatory medical and psychological consultation and written authorisation from two doctors.



PARENTAL CONSENT

Applicable.



MEDICAL ABORTION

Information could not be found.



COST TO THE WOMAN

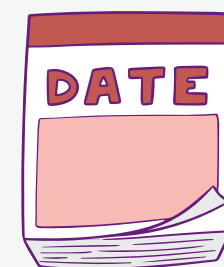
Free of charge for patients receiving free medical care. Otherwise expensive (often performed in private clinics)



LEGISLATION

Abortion is allowed by law since March **2018**.*

* The 1974 law (amended in 1986 and 1995) tolerated abortion only in cases of rape or incest, or if the pregnancy posed a major health risk to the woman and the "unborn child".



TIME LIMIT

12 weeks on request
Extended to 19 weeks in the case of rape or incest



ABORTION IN SPAIN



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An authorisation regime that permits abortion, but where access is hampered (sometimes severely) by restrictive procedures.



- Use of the conscience clause is increasing in public hospitals, forcing many women to resort to abortion in private clinics.
- The new law adopted in 2023, however, enshrines the **right to have an abortion in a public hospital**. Judicial practice opens the door to complaints from ex-spouses and partners, as well as anti-abortion groups.

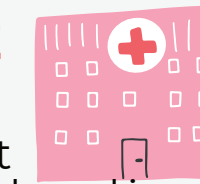
CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable.



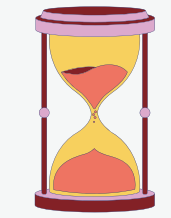
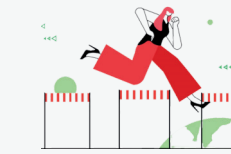
CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Applicable but the new system introduced in 2023 establishes that public hospital doctors cannot be forced to carry out an abortion **provided that** they have already registered their objection in writing.



WAITING PERIOD

Three days, unless the abortion is performed on medical grounds or in an emergency.



COST TO THE WOMAN

Reimbursed for women covered by social security. Expensive to very expensive for others.



LEGISLATION

Law of March **2010** and law of September **2015**.



CONDITIONS

Prior interview if < 14 weeks. Opinion of two doctors if there is foetal malformation or one if there is a risk to the woman's health.



PARENTAL CONSENT

Not applicable anymore as of the 2023 law expanding abortion rights, which allows 16- and 17-year-olds to undergo abortion without parental consent. (Earlier provisions introduced in 2015 required parental consent up to the age of 18.)"



MEDICAL ABORTION

Available since February 2000.



TIME LIMIT

14 weeks on request 22 weeks in cases of foetal malformation or danger to the woman's health. Unlimited in serious cases.



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ABORTION IN GREECE



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An authorisation regime that permits abortion, but where access is hampered (sometimes severely) by restrictive procedures.



- In practice, women resort to abortion in secret due to public moral disapproval.

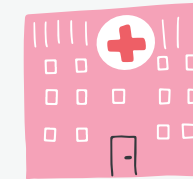
CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable.



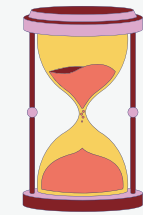
CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Applicable, unless there is a danger to the woman.



WAITING PERIOD

Not applicable.



COST TO THE WOMAN

Free of charge since 2013. Support for women without social security.



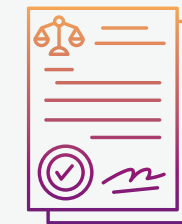
CONDITIONS

< 12 weeks : must be performed by a doctor and an anaesthetist.



PARENTAL CONSENT

needed until 18 years old.



MEDICAL ABORTION

Available since 2001.



LEGISLATION

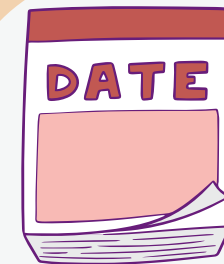
Law of 1986.



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TIME LIMIT

12 weeks on request
19 in the case of rape, 24 in cases of foetal anomaly.
Unlimited if there is a danger to the woman's physical or mental health.



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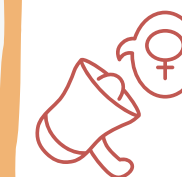
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ABORTION IN ITALY



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MY CHOICE

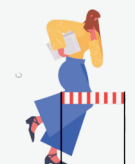
An authorisation regime that permits abortion, but where access is hampered (sometimes severely) by restrictive procedures.



- Increasing use of conscientious objection by doctors or hospitals. In some regions, no abortion is performed.

CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable.



COST TO THE WOMAN

Free of charge.



CONDITIONS

Prior consultation with a doctor.



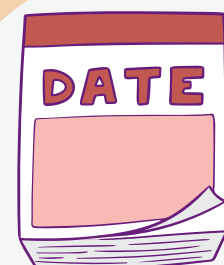
LEGISLATION

Law of 1978.



DATE

13 weeks on social or medical indications. Can be extended on medical grounds. **Rape and incest are not accepted grounds.**

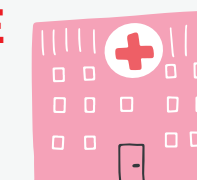


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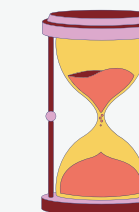
CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Applicable. Its use is prohibited if the woman's life is in danger.



WAITING PERIOD

Seven days except in emergencies.



PARENTAL CONSENT

needed until 18 years old recourse to the guardianship judge is possible.



MEDICAL ABORTION

Available since 2009 (in a hospital).

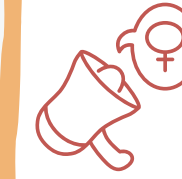


ABORTION IN PORTUGAL



**MY BODY
MY CHOICE**

An authorisation regime that permits abortion, but where access is hampered (sometimes severely) by restrictive procedures.



- Difficult to access in public hospitals.
- The majority of abortions are performed **privately and illegally**.
- Accessible to women without a residence permit.

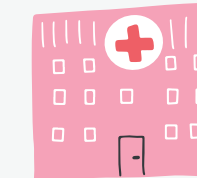
CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable, but not for the woman.



CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

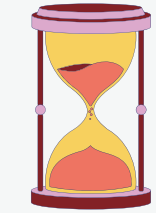
Applicable. The register of objecting doctors was discontinued in 2015.



WAITING PERIOD

Three days,

unless the legal time limit for performing an abortion has elapsed (in which case the waiting period is waived).



COST TO THE WOMAN

Free of charge before July 2015. Very low cost since then.



CONDITIONS

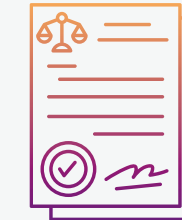
24 weeks for foetal malformation, unlimited if the woman's life is in danger, 16 weeks in the case of rape. Mandatory psychological Interview since 2015.



PARENTAL CONSENT

needed until 16 years old

But the doctor decides if it is urgent.



MEDICAL ABORTION

Available since February 2006.



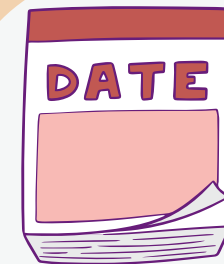
LEGISLATION

2007 law and 2015 law. Abortion falls under the criminal code.



DATE

10 weeks on request
May be extended on medical grounds and in the case of rape.



TIME LIMIT

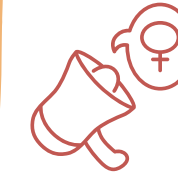


ABORTION IN IRELAND



**MY BODY
MY CHOICE**

An authorisation regime that permits abortion, but where access is hampered (sometimes severely) by restrictive procedures.



- Abortion totally banned until 2018.
- The **new situation** created by the December 2018 law **remains to be analysed.**

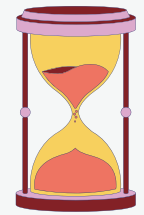
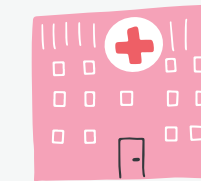
CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable, but not for the woman.



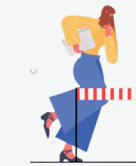
CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Applicable but obligation to refer the woman to a doctor who performs abortions.



WAITING PERIOD

Three days.



COST TO THE WOMAN

Free for residents.



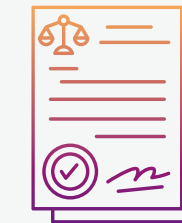
CONDITIONS

Up to 24 weeks in cases of danger to the life of the woman or serious abnormality of the foetus that could lead to its death *in utero*.



PARENTAL CONSENT

Applicable.



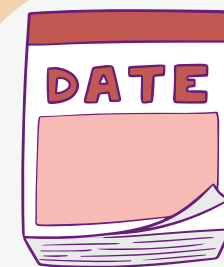
MEDICAL ABORTION

Available.



LEGISLATION

A law legalised abortion in December **2018**. Since 1983, the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution has protected the life of the embryo. In May 2018 this amendment was removed following a referendum.



TIME LIMIT

12 weeks on request
Can be extended on medical grounds.



ABORTION IN BULGARIA



An authorisation regime that permits abortion, but where access is hampered (sometimes severely) by restrictive procedures.



- Irregular supply of contraceptives in planning centres.

MY BODY
MY CHOICE

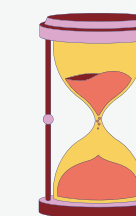
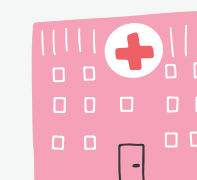
CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Not applicable.



CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Not mentioned.



WAITING PERIOD

Not applicable.

COST TO THE WOMAN

Free of charge for patients aged <16 or >35, on medical grounds, in the case of rape or for women with social insurance. Low cost for others.



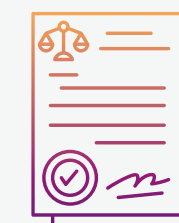
CONDITIONS

Authorisation from a medical commission for medical grounds.



PARENTAL CONSENT

needed until 18 years old.



MEDICAL ABORTION

Available since 2013.



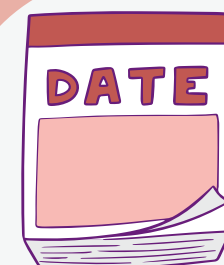
LEGISLATION

A decree of February 1990 authorises abortion. Amended in October 2000.



DATE

12 weeks on request
Can be extended on medical grounds.



TIME LIMIT



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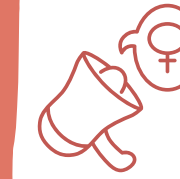
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ABORTION IN CROATIA



An authorisation regime that permits abortion, but where access is hampered (sometimes severely) by restrictive procedures.

**MY BODY
MY CHOICE**



- The conscience clause is abused in hospitals. Many illegal, medically safe abortions in the private sector.
- In March 2017, the Constitutional Court reaffirmed the right to abortion.
- Abortion remains a contraceptive method due to a lack of access to contraception.

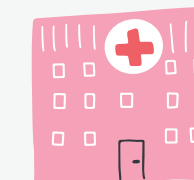
CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable.



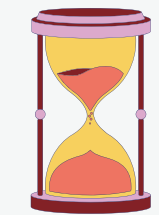
CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Applicable.



WAITING PERIOD

6 days.



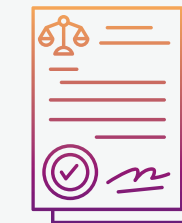
CONDITIONS

Abortion on request in a hospital or approved facility with a gynaecology department.
On medical grounds agreement of a commission of two doctors (one of which is a gynaecologist) and a social worker or nurse.



PARENTAL CONSENT

needed until 16 years old.



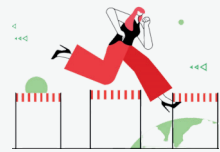
MEDICAL ABORTION

Not available.



COST TO THE WOMAN

Free for women with low incomes. Otherwise, rather expensive to expensive.



LEGISLATION

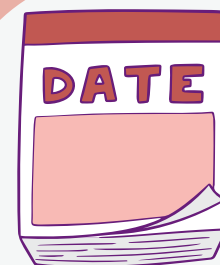
Law of **1978**. The law did not change at the time of independence in 1991.



DATE

TIME LIMIT

10 weeks on request
May be extended on medical grounds and in the case of rape.



ABORTION IN ESTONIA



An authorisation regime that permits abortion, but where access is hampered (sometimes severely) by restrictive procedures.



- Since independence, minor changes in the law. Improved contraception.

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MY CHOICE**

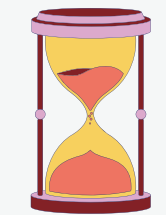
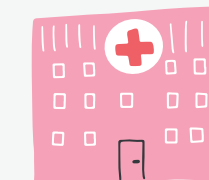
CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable.



CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Applicable.



WAITING PERIOD

Not applicable.

COST TO THE WOMAN

Free on medical grounds.
Otherwise, very low cost.



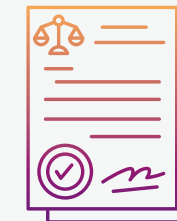
CONDITIONS

Written request and a mandatory interview.
>12 weeks: agreement of two gynaecologists and a health worker.
Up to 22 weeks in cases of foetal malformation or risk to the woman's health, or if patient is aged <15 or >45.



PARENTAL CONSENT

Not necessary since 2015.



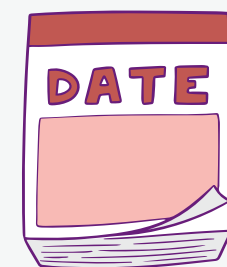
MEDICAL ABORTION

Available since 2005, up to nine weeks.



LEGISLATION

1998 law, amended in 2009 and 2015.



TIME LIMIT

12 weeks on request
Can be extended on medical grounds.



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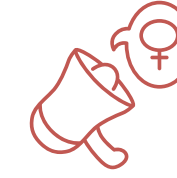
ABORTION IN HUNGARY



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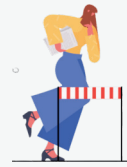
MY BODY
MY CHOICE

- **Right to life of the foetus** enshrined in the constitution.
- Antiabortion campaigns.
- **Exclusion of migrants and undocumented women** from all but emergency health care.
- Frequently used conscience clause.



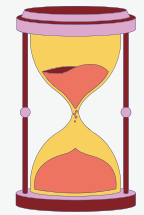
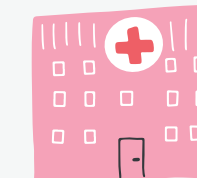
CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable.



CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Applicable.



WAITING PERIOD

3 days.



CONDITIONS

- < 2 weeks : two mandatory interviews.
- > 12 weeks : opinion of two doctors.



PARENTAL CONSENT

needed until
18 years old.



MEDICAL ABORTION
Available since May 2012,
strongly discouraged.



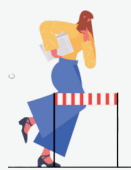
COST TO THE WOMAN

Free on medical grounds rather expensive if on demand. Exclusion of migrants and undocumented women from all but emergency health care.



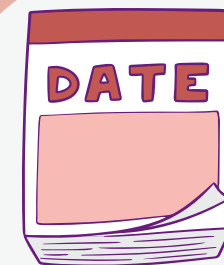
LEGISLATION

Law of **2000**. Since **2012**, the Orbán government has amended the constitution to "**protect life from conception**".



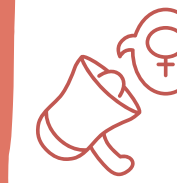
TIME LIMIT

12 weeks in cases of "**severe crisis**" (as defined by the woman) or rape. May be extended on medical or social grounds.



ABORTION IN LATVIA

An authorisation regime that permits abortion, but where access is hampered (sometimes severely) by restrictive procedures.



- Deficient contraception.
- Lack of training for doctors in performing abortions. "For Life" birth campaigns.

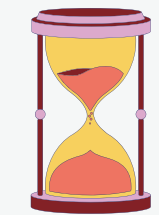
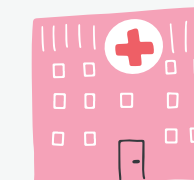
CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable.



CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Applicable.



WAITING PERIOD

3 days.

CONDITIONS

Mandatory interview

(moral aspects, risks).
Written statement by the woman. In an approved private or public centre.

PARENTAL CONSENT

needed until 16 years old
recourse to the Orphans' Court.

MEDICAL ABORTION

Available since 2008,
up to nine weeks.

MY BODY
MY CHOICE

COST TO THE WOMAN

Free of charge on medical grounds, otherwise at the expense of the woman (rather expensive).

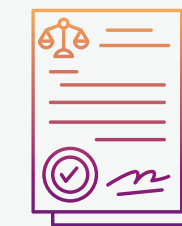
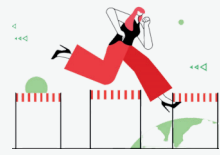
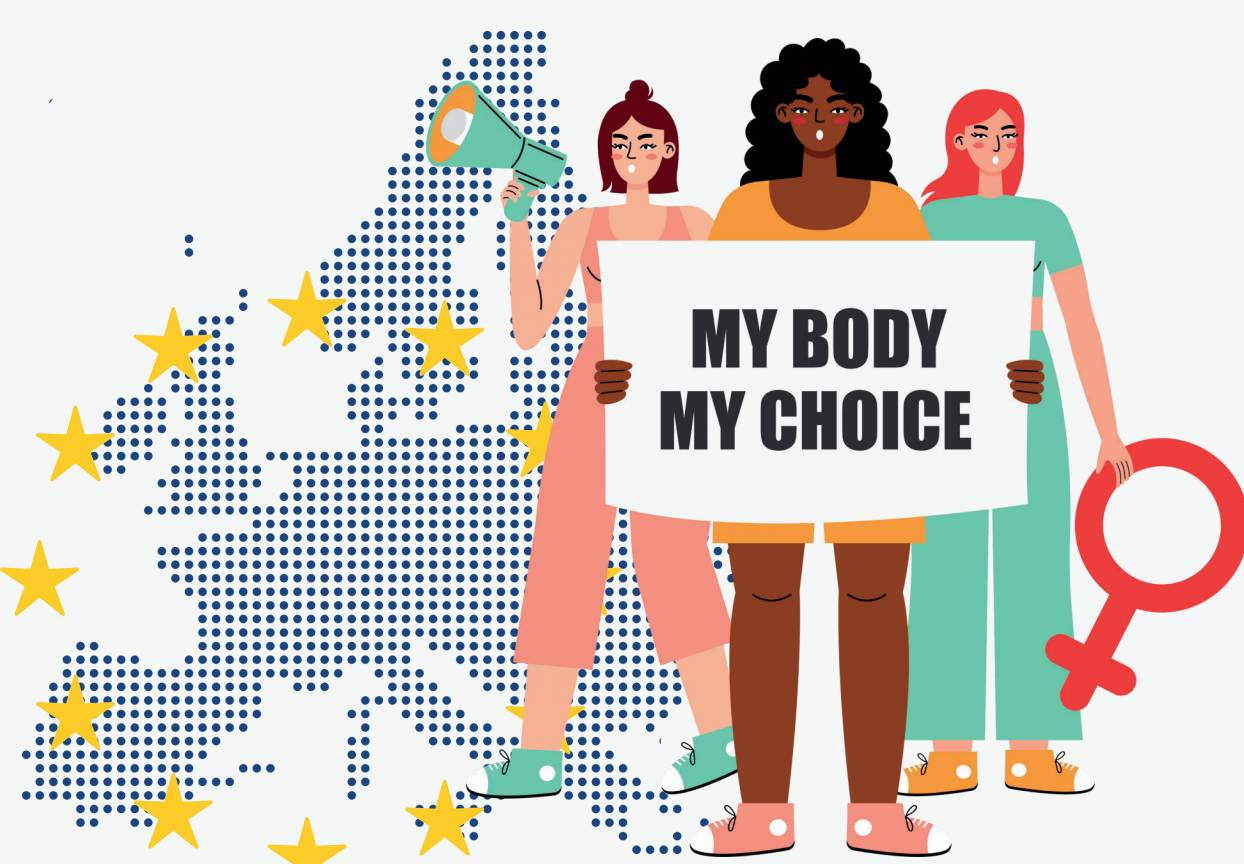
LEGISLATION

Law of 2002.

DATE

TIME LIMIT

12 weeks on request or in the case of rape. Can be extended on medical grounds.

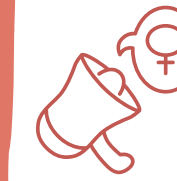


ABORTION IN LITHUANIA



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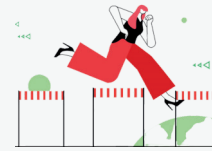
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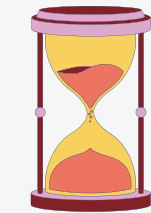
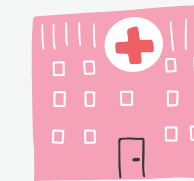
- Increasingly frequent use of the conscience clause.
- Limited access for adolescent girls and women without resources.
- Deficient contraception.

CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable, but not for the woman.



CONSCIENCE CLAUSE
Not explicitly mentioned.



WAITING PERIOD

No, but in practice 10 to 12 days.



COST TO THE WOMAN

Reimbursed if medically indicated
Otherwise at the woman's expense (very expensive).



CONDITIONS

Mandatory consultation

Written request.

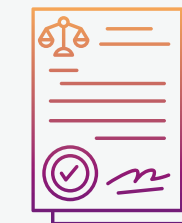
Husband's consent recommended.



PARENTAL CONSENT

needed until 16 years old

In practice, up to the age of 18.



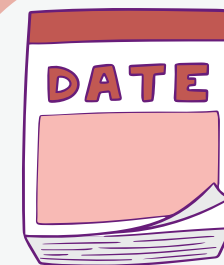
MEDICAL ABORTION

Not available.



LEGISLATION

Law of 1955, ministerial regulation of 1987, decrees of 1990 and 1994.



TIME LIMIT

12 weeks on request
Can be extended on medical grounds, or by court order in cases of rape or incest.



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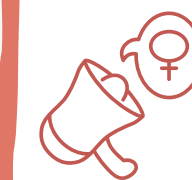
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ABORTION IN CZECH REPUBLIC



An authorisation regime that permits abortion, but where access is hampered (sometimes severely) by restrictive procedures.



- **No access to abortion for non-resident women,** unless there is a risk to the woman's life.

**MY BODY
MY CHOICE**

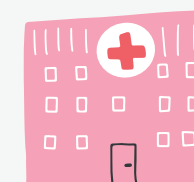
CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable.



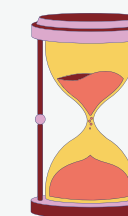
CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Applicable since 2011 (Medical Services Act).



WAITING PERIOD

Not applicable.



COST TO THE WOMAN

Free on medical grounds otherwise rather expensive.



CONDITIONS

Mandatory Interview.
At least six months between two abortions, except if patient is aged >35 or has two children, or in the case of rape.



PARENTAL CONSENT

needed until **16 years old**
Between the ages of 16 and 18, parents are informed.



MEDICAL ABORTION

Available since June 2014.



LEGISLATION

Law of **1986**, ministerial regulation of **1992**.



DATE

TIME LIMIT

12 weeks on request
May be extended on medical grounds or in cases of rape or other sexual crimes.



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ABORTION IN ROMANIA



An authorisation regime that permits abortion, but where access is hampered (sometimes severely) by restrictive procedures.



- **Abusive practice of the conscience clause** without legal basis, according to a code adopted by an association of doctors. Common in rural areas.
- **Deficient contraception.**

**MY BODY
MY CHOICE**

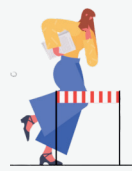
CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable, but not for the woman.



COST TO THE WOMAN

At the woman's expense. Very low cost in the public sector to rather expensive in the private sector, free if in economic hardship.



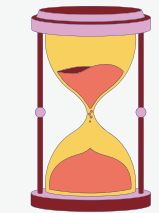
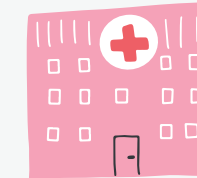
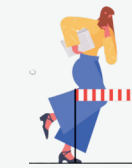
CONDITIONS

Performed by obstetricians or gynaecologists.



CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Not mentioned in the law, but practiced.



WAITING PERIOD

Not applicable (in 2013, a proposal for a five-day period was rejected.)



PARENTAL CONSENT

needed until 18 years old.



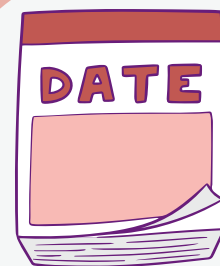
MEDICAL ABORTION

Available since 2008 (rather expensive).



LEGISLATION

Law of **1996**, amended and supplemented by the **criminal code** in **2009**.



TIME LIMIT

14 weeks on request
May be extended if there is a risk to the life of the woman or a risk to the foetus.

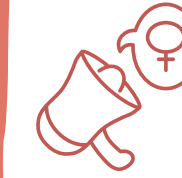


ABORTION IN SLOVAKIA



An authorisation regime that permits abortion, but where access is hampered (sometimes severely) by restrictive procedures.

MY BODY
MY CHOICE



- Abuse of the **conscience clause**. Impossibility to procure an abortion in many districts.
- **Lack of confidentiality.**

CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Not mentioned.



COST TO THE WOMAN

Free of charge on medical grounds, otherwise at the expense of the woman (expensive).



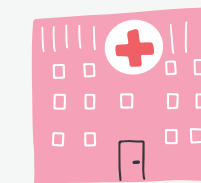
CONDITIONS

Mandatory Interview. since 2009. At least six months between two abortions, except if patient is aged >35 or has two children, or in the case of rape.



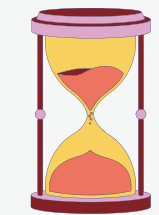
CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Applicable, in the constitution since 1993.



WAITING PERIOD

Four Days.



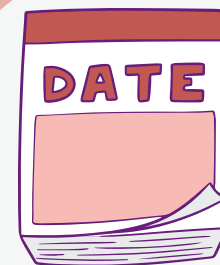
LEGISLATION

Law of **1986**. Abortion falls under the criminal code. In December **2007**, abortion declared constitutional. Decree of **2009**.



TIME LIMIT

12 weeks on request
May be extended on medical grounds and in the case of rape.



PARENTAL CONSENT

needed until **18 years old.**



MEDICAL ABORTION

Not available
(was debated in 2017.)



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ABORTION IN SLOVENIA



An authorisation regime that permits abortion, but where access is hampered (sometimes severely) by restrictive procedures.

MY BODY
MY CHOICE

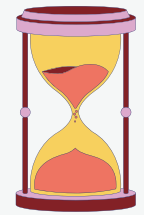
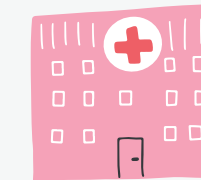
CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable
but not for the woman.



CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Available.



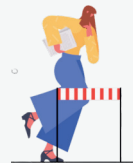
WAITING PERIOD

Not
applicable.



COST TO THE WOMAN

Own expense.



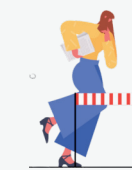
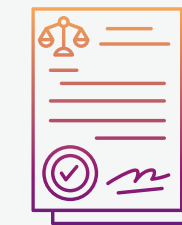
CONDITIONS

> 10 weeks :
multidisciplinary
committee of two
people.



PARENTAL CONSENT

Yes
(except for
emancipated
minors.)



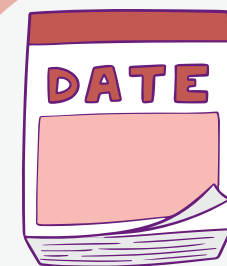
MEDICAL ABORTION

Available since 2013.



LEGISLATION

Law of 1977,
amended in 1992.



TIME LIMIT

10 weeks on request
Can be extended on
medical grounds.



ABORTION IN NORTHERN IRELAND



MY BODY
MY CHOICE

A regime that prohibits abortion by imposing very restrictive conditions on its access and making it extremely difficult in practice.



- In 2015 the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland found that the law **violated the European Convention on Human Rights**.
- The morning-after pill has been authorised since 2012.
- To date, abortion remains **a taboo**, despite Westminster passing an amendment allowing abortion on 21 October 2019. This allows abortion to be performed within **12 weeks** of pregnancy and the limit can be extended for medical reasons, but services to access safe and legal abortion are **not yet in place**.

CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable.



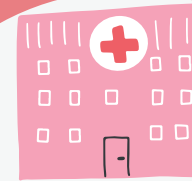
COST TO THE WOMAN

Not applicable.



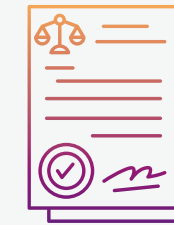
CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Not applicable.



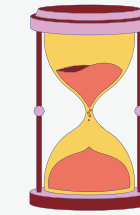
PARENTAL CONSENT

Not applicable.



WAITING PERIOD

Not applicable.



LEGISLATION

Law of **1861** : Prohibition of abortion.

2016 : vote against abortion in cases of rape, incest or foetal malformation.

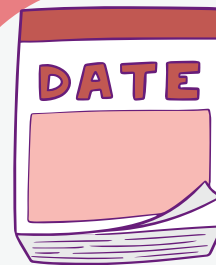
From October **2019** : amendment passed by Westminster allows abortion.



DATE

TIME LIMIT

Not applicable.



MEDICAL ABORTION

Not applicable.



ABORTION IN MALTA



A regime that prohibits abortion by imposing very restrictive conditions on its access and making it extremely difficult in practice.



- Protocol annexed to the **Treaty of Accession to the European Union to ensure the absence of legislation.**
- Morning-after pill allowed since 2016 without a doctor's prescription, but there is **obstruction by pharmacists.**

**MY BODY
MY CHOICE**

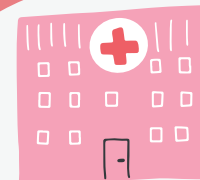
CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable.



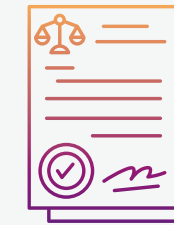
COST TO THE WOMAN

Not applicable.



CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Not applicable.

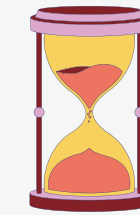


PARENTAL CONSENT

Not applicable.

WAITING PERIOD

Not applicable.



LEGISLATION

Prohibition of abortion in all cases except rape or foetal abnormalities (2003). Abortion falls under the **criminal code**.



TIME LIMIT

Not applicable.

MEDICAL ABORTION

Not applicable.



ABORTION IN POLAND



**MY BODY
MY CHOICE**

A regime that prohibits abortion by imposing very restrictive conditions on its access and making it extremely difficult in practice.



- **Extremely restrictive** application of the law.
- Very frequent use of the **conscience clause**.
- The **morning-after pill has not been authorised since June 2017**, except on medical prescription.
- A bill was tabled to **ban all abortions**.

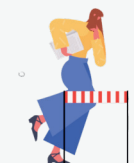
CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

Applicable.



COST TO THE WOMAN

Free if legal (very rare cases).



LEGISLATION

Since **1993**, abortion has been prohibited.

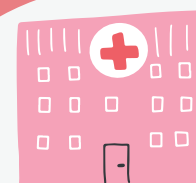
Since **1997**, it is prohibited except in cases of rape or incest certified by a prosecutor, malformation of the foetus, or a health risk for the woman. Abortion falls under of the **criminal code**.

The Constitutional Court's ruling of 22 October **2020** prohibits abortion for foetal malformation.



CONSCIENCE CLAUSE

Applicable. Its use is prohibited if the woman's life is in danger. Obligation to refer the woman to another professional.



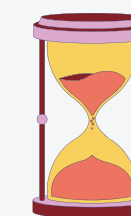
PARENTAL CONSENT

needed until **18 years old**.



WAITING PERIOD

Not applicable.



MEDICAL ABORTION

Not applicable.



TIME LIMIT

12 weeks in the case of rape certified by the public prosecutor. Can be extended on medical grounds (requiring the opinion of two doctors other than the one performing the procedure).

