

CPI 2006 Regional Results: EU and Other Western European

The **Nordic countries** dominate the top scores in the 2006 Corruption Perceptions Index for the European Union and other Western European countries. But they have no grounds for complacency as scandals in recent years have shown that there is sadly no such thing as a corruption-free zone.

As key Western European economies and members of the Group of Eight, **Germany** and **Italy** both have yet to demonstrate commitment to a global legal framework against corruption by ratifying the **United Nations Convention against Corruption**, and should do so without delay.

And among older members of the European Union, both **Italy** and **Greece** stand out with scores below five indicating a perceived serious corruption problem.

It is heartening to see that EU membership has had a positive effect on new member countries. Seven out of the eight former communist countries that joined the EU scored higher in 2006, with **Estonia** and **Slovenia** leading the pack. Among the new members, the largest economy, **Poland**, appears to be stagnating in its progress against corruption.

Overall Rank	Regional Rank	Country / territory	Score	Confidence range	Surveys Used
1	1	Finland	9.6	9.4 - 9.7	7
		Iceland	9.6	9.5 - 9.7	6
4	3	Denmark	9.5	9.4 - 9.6	7
6	4	Sweden	9.2	9.0 - 9.3	7
7	5	Switzerland	9.1	8.9 - 9.2	7
8	6	Norway	8.8	8.4 - 9.1	7
9	7	Netherlands	8.7	8.3 - 9.0	7
11	8	Austria	8.6	8.2 - 8.9	7
		Luxembourg	8.6	8.1 - 9.0	6
		United Kingdom	8.6	8.2 - 8.9	7
16	11	Germany	8.0	7.8 - 8.4	7
18	12	France	7.4	6.7 - 7.8	7
		Ireland	7.4	6.7 - 7.9	7
20	14	Belgium	7.3	6.6 - 7.9	7
23	15	Spain	6.8	6.3 - 7.2	7
24	16	Estonia	6.7	6.1 - 7.4	8
26	17	Portugal	6.6	5.9 - 7.3	7
28	18	Malta	6.4	5.4 - 7.3	4
		Slovenia	6.4	5.7 - 7.0	8
37	20	Cyprus	5.6	5.2 - 5.9	4
41	21	Hungary	5.2	5.0 - 5.4	8
45	22	Italy	4.9	4.4 - 5.4	7
46	23	Czech Republic	4.8	4.4 - 5.2	8
		Lithuania	4.8	4.2 - 5.6	6
49	25	Latvia	4.7	4.0 - 5.5	6
		Slovakia	4.7	4.3 - 5.2	8
54	27	Greece	4.4	3.9 - 5.0	7
61	28	Poland	3.7	3.2 - 4.4	8

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