

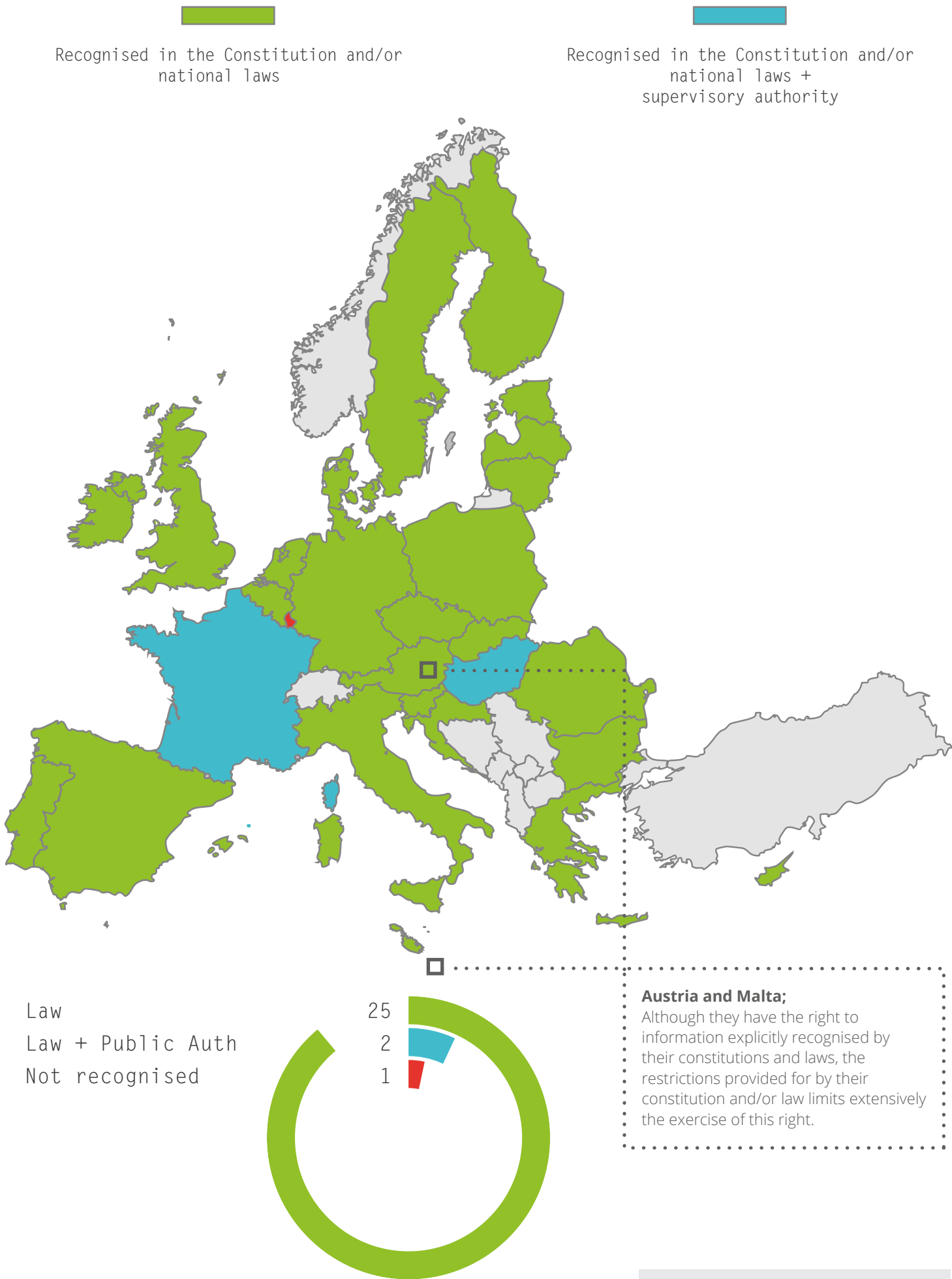
PROTECTION OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION IN EU

The right to information is enshrined in the the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union as a fundamental rights within the EU, empowering EU citizens with the right to “receive and impart information [...] without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers” (art. 11.1), and according to the results of the MPM 2017, most of EU Member States – apart from Denmark and Luxembourg - have this explicitly recognised either in their Constitutions and/or national laws (and for some countries also in regional and local laws, as in the case of Germany and Belgium).

Furthermore, the European Court of Human Rights, in a ruling of 25 June 2013 which is bidding to all EU Member States, recalled “that the notion of ‘freedom to receive information embraces a right of access to information (§ 20 of CASE OF YOUTH INITIATIVE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS v. SERBIA - Application no. 48135/06)

The Media Pluralism Monitor

The Media Pluralism Monitor (MPM) is a tool that has been developed by the CMPF to assess the risks for media pluralism in a given country. The MPM project is co-funded by the European Union. The Monitor assesses the risks for media pluralism based on a set of twenty indicators covering four different areas: Basic Protection, Market Plurality, Political Independence and Social Inclusiveness. The indicators cover legal, economic and socio-political questions. All types of media are covered: The results of the MPM implementations are available [here](#).



Among these 26 EU Member States in which the right to information is explicitly enshrined in the Constitution and/or National Law, 2 have also created a public authority in charge of supervising the compliance with this right, which is the case of France and Hungary.

Sources: The main source for this Factsheet is the Media Pluralism Monitor 2017 (MPM2017) Database, created under the Media Pluralism Monitor 2017 Project. The factsheet relied also on additional information provided by the MPM2017 country teams.

For more information on the right to information in the EU visit <http://cmpf.eui.eu/mapping-media-policy-journalism/>

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