Free help in cross-border consumer issues

The European Consumer Centres Network (ECC-Net) in 2022





Our mission

Our network of 29 European Consumer Centres (ECCs) empowers consumers to know their rights and take full advantage of the opportunities the Single Market offers.

Our success rate

Our legal experts on EU consumer rights provided individual answers to

118 142 **enquiries**



60%
of cross-border consumer
complaints could be resolved
amicably directly by the centres.





Amount recovered (in Euro)

9 904 715 €

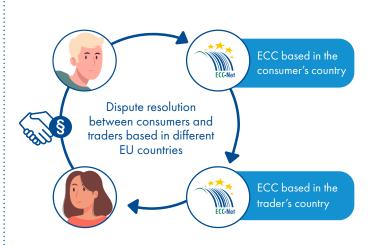
In 88% of all inquiries, consumers received a first comprehensive response within 14 working days.



How we accomplish our mission

The ECC-Net's legal experts assist consumers to solve their cross-border problems free of charge by providing strong legal expertise. The network offers a unique overview and reliable information about consumer affairs in the Internal Market which can be used for policy making in collaboration with European and national stakeholders.

Our help for consumers



Consumer testimonials

I am very grateful for the assistance I received from ECC Iceland. They were able to resolve my dispute fast and efficiently!

Linda María from Iceland



Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You helped me out of a very awkward situation. It's good to know that if this ever happens to someone, I know who to turn to for help!

Janne from Estonia



They made a huge effort to help me get my money back: the trader which didn't reply my complaint finally listened to the ECC.



Caterina from Italy

Amazing! Well done and many thanks. Case closed in less than three weeks. I always got immediate replies, very helpful. Keep it up!



Anonymous consumer from Malta

Country of consumers

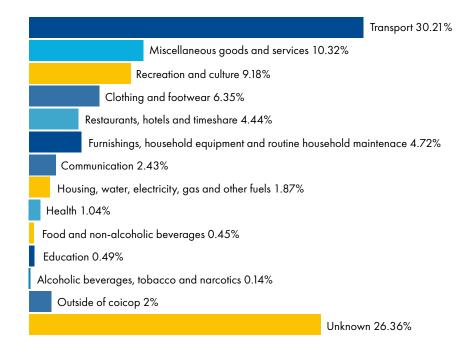
CONSUMER COUNTRY Total Austria 6404 Belgium 12653 Bulgaria 2306 Croatia 653 Cyprus 928 Czech Republic 2367 Denmark 2802 Estonia 1312 Finland 2942 France 13503 Germany 12187 Greece 1040 2384 Hungary Iceland 248 Ireland 1665 9106 Italy Latvia 1301 Lithuania 2798 Luxembourg 3277 Malta 655 1252 Norway Poland 6613 Portugal 2238 Romania 5399 Slovakia 1080 Slovenia 1134 Spain 9061 Sweden 6842 The Netherlands 5991 TOTAL 118141

Country of traders

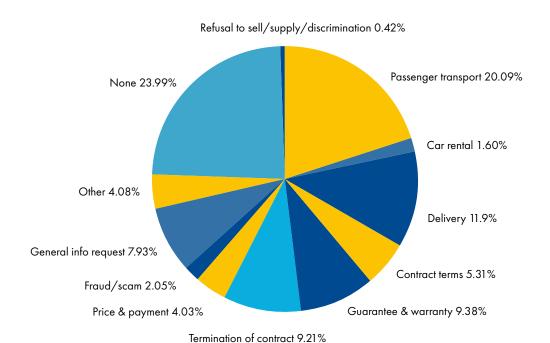
TRADER COUNTRY	Total
Austria	410
Belgium	436
Bulgaria	209
Croatia	82
Cyprus	776
Czech Republic	622
Denmark	154
Estonia	263
Finland	179
France	1380
Germany	3495
Greece	330
Hungary	558
Iceland	53
Ireland	1506
Italy	1026
Latvia	330
Lithuania	264
Luxembourg	791
Malta	142
Norway	118
Poland	621
Portugal	599
Romania	380
Slovakia	185
Slovenia	211
Spain	2332
Sweden	459
The Netherlands	2045
None	98197
TOTAL	118141

Sectors

The tourism sector remains the number 1 problematic area for consumers in the EU, mainly due to the pandemic. Especially transport services on international flights with 20% of all requests gave rise to concern.



Nature of complaint



How we are funded



Member State

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