

Appendix table 7-8

**Correct answers to scientific literacy questions in Europe: 1992 and 2005**

(Mean percent)

Country	1992	2005
Belgium .....	47	60
Denmark.....	60	66
Germany.....	50	60
Greece.....	42	47
Spain.....	45	51
France .....	54	61
Ireland .....	45	55
Italy .....	50	56
Luxembourg .....	49	66
Netherlands.....	56	67
Portugal.....	40	45
United Kingdom.....	55	61

NOTES: Mean percent based on correct responses to four factual science questions: (1) *The oxygen we breathe comes from plants* (True); (2) *Electrons are smaller than atoms* (True); (3) *Antibiotics kill viruses as well as bacteria* (False); (4) *All radioactivity is man-made* (False). Data for 1992 derived by subtracting reported variation between averages for 1992 and 2005 from reported average for 2005; this may have resulted in small rounding errors for 1992.

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