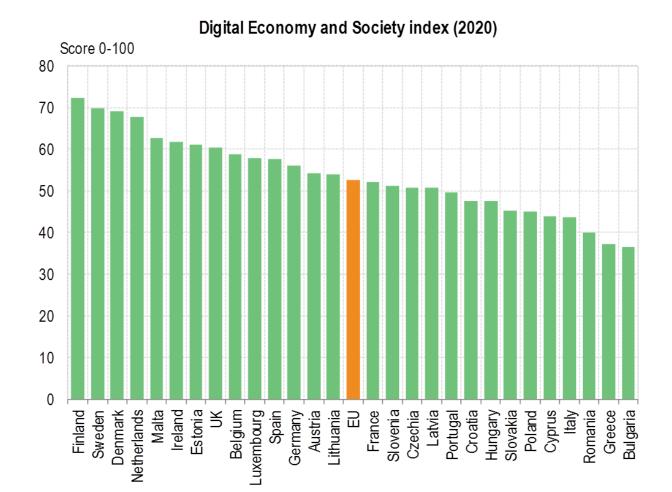




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## DESI index, a roadmap for the European Union

The European Commission has recently published the 2020 Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI). DESI is a weighted average of five indicators: connectivity, citizens' digital skills, use of internet, integration of digital technology in businesses, and digital public services. Scandinavian countries perform the best, with Finland, Sweden and Denmark at the top of the ranking. Italy is only 25th, while France (16th), Germany (12th) and Spain (11th) are close to the EU average. The Covid-19 crisis and the lockdown have led to a greater use of digital technology. As technological transformations accelerate in many areas (artificial intelligence, 5G, e-commerce), EU economies will need to pursue their efforts towards greater digitalisation in order to develop new sources of growth and employment.



Source: European Commission