

Overview of country position and requests on Nutri-Score



Country	Situation description
Austria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of Health is interested in Nutri-Score and the authorities tolerate international labels with Nutri-Score. Danone and Nestlé have started to implement Nutri-Score in the country. • There's no consensus on Nutri-Score within the food industry and retailers are in a wait and see position. For these reasons, Austria hasn't yet notified Nutri-Score to the European Commission.
Bulgaria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulgaria has no clear position on Nutri-Score and the authorities tolerate international labels with Nutri-Score. • In general, front-of-pack nutrition labelling is not high on the political agenda. Stakeholders are not very interested in the topic. There's a need to inform people about the benefits of interpretative front-of-pack scheme such as Nutri-Score and how to use it.
Czech Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of Agriculture is not in favor of Nutri-Score but authorities tolerate international labels with Nutri-Score. If the EU decides to move forward, they will also recommend it. • The Ministry of Agriculture is not in favor of a mandatory front-of-pack. • The main concern of the local industry players is the additional costs that would come along to put Nutri-Score on-pack.
Croatia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Croatia has no clear position on Nutri-Score and tolerates international labels with Nutri-Score. There are no food companies or retailers implementing Nutri-Score in the country. • Nutritionist association is not convinced by the Nutri-Score format and the Chamber of Commerce is not supportive. • In general, front-of-pack nutrition labelling is not high on the political agenda. Stakeholders are not very interested in the topic. There's a need to inform people about the benefits of interpretative front-of-pack scheme such as Nutri-Score and how to use it.
Greece	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greece is undecided but clearly not in favor of Nutri-Score for the moment. Authorities however tolerate international labels with Nutri-Score. • The main concern of authorities and local industry is on the scoring of local traditional products such as olive oil, honey and feta cheese. They would like to see exemptions for these traditional products. It is worth mentioning that the Nutri-Score note for olive oil has already improved from "D" to "C" and that olive oil has a

	<p>better score within the product range. With Nutri-Score, olive oil comes across as a source of good fat ('C') compared to butter ('E') or saturates-rich vegetable oils such as palm oil ('E'). Olive oil is also now considered as a positive nutrient (to same extent as fruits or vegetables) in the Nutri-Score algorithm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few industry players are also against color-coded system (because their local products would come as red).
Hungary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hungary is undecided and authorities tolerate international labels with Nutri-Score. Aldi has announced that they would start to roll out Nutri-Score on their private labels. • There's some openness in the food industry in case the algorithm would be modified (for soft drinks) and if exemptions would be foreseen for local products (meat / dairy). Industry is also open considering that Germany is already supporting Nutri-Score and that there's quite some trade flows between both countries.
Nordics (DK, FI, NO, SE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There's some concrete openness in Finland from food industry and health authorities. The other Nordic countries (Denmark, Norway, Sweden) are rather neutral. All countries tolerate international labels with Nutri-Score. • Stakeholders and authorities would like to see more alignment between Nutri-Score and the Keyhole system (used in Denmark, Norway and Sweden) and the Heart symbol (used in Finland). The common point between these two Nordic systems is that they can only be featured on products that have particular beneficial nutritional properties. However, when Nutri-Score displays an "A" or "B", this can be perceived as a health or nutrition claim while the requirements. • More specifically, they would like to see whole grain recognized as a positive nutrient in the Nutri-Score algorithm.
Poland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Eastern Europe, Poland is probably the country that is most open to Nutri-Score. Authorities tolerate international labels with Nutri-Score. Auchan, Carrefour and Danone have started to put Nutri-Score on their labels. • Local stakeholders (fruit juice producers, meat and dairy) would like to see certain modifications happening in the algorithm and/or see exemptions for traditional products. They would also prefer a non-mandatory front-of-pack label.
Portugal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portugal is undecided and authorities tolerate international labels with Nutri-Score. Auchan and Nestlé have started to implement Nutri-Score on their products. As neighbor country Spain is supporting Nutri-Score, it is likely that Portugal will "receive" more and more products with Nutri-Score in future.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of Agriculture is not in favor of Nutri-Score. The Ministry of Health is more open. • Some local studies conclude that 'traffic light' schemes are better understood and result in faster decision-making at points of sale". This is leveraged by local stakeholders against Nutri-Score.
Romania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current government is against Nutri-Score but authorities tolerate international labels with Nutri-Score. Delhaize has started to implement on private labels silently. • In general, front-of-pack nutrition labelling is not high on the political agenda. Stakeholders are not very interested in the topic. There's a need to inform people about the benefits of interpretative front-of-pack scheme such as Nutri-Score and how to use it.
Slovakia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of Agriculture is not in favor of Nutri-Score but authorities tolerate international labels with Nutri-Score. It seems Slovakia wants to support the Nutrinform battery scheme. • The main concern of the local industry players is the additional costs that would come along to put Nutri-Score on-pack.