

# Consumer Rights Awareness Campaign 2014 - 2015



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"The EU empowers consumers"



### **Aims**

- Increase general awareness
- Transmit information about 5 specific consumer rights
- Raise awareness of the existing EU legal instruments, in particular the CRD
- > Direct target groups to <a href="mailto:europa.eu/youreurope">europa.eu/youreurope</a>



# Key data

- > Target groups: consumers 15-24 and 60+
- > Budget: 1,7 mio.
- > Duration: 2014-15
- Partners: Consumer and business associations, national consumer authorities
- > Scope: 14 (8+6) Member States



# Campaign countries

Eight 2014 countries		Six 2015 countries
Cyprus	Slovenia	Slovakia
Spain		Slovenia
Italy		Czech Republic
Greece		Hungary
Latvia		Lithuania
Bulgaria		Estonia
Portugal		
Poland		



#### Main tools

- > Electronic advertising
  - > 16 web banners
  - > Google, Facebook, Youtube
- Outdoor advertising
- Credit card-size leaflet
- > 30 sec. video
- > Promotional material
  - Wiping cloths/mousepads
  - > Trolley coins with keychain in EN
  - > Roll-ups (upon agreement)
- > Infographics

# Infographics



### 5 main messages + 1 procedural







#### **Lifetime of a business-to-consumer transaction (contract)**

# Promotion, marketing



**Conclusion of the contract** 



Performance of the contract



**Unfair Commercial Practices Directive**: prohibits misleading and aggressive commercial practices by traders during the whole lifetime of a business-to-consumer transaction: marketing, entry into the contract and performance of the contract

**Consumer Rights Directive**: covers the conclusion of the contract (pre-contractual information) and certain aspects of post-contract relations (contract confirmation, the right of withdrawal, delivery and passing of risk etc.)





Unfair Contract Terms Dir.: prohibits unfair standard terms in contracts

> Sales and Guarantees Dir.: stipulates rights if goods defective





# Campaign Evaluation (1/2)

#### Relevant and complementary

- package of tools and channels
- > message: 5 rights you should know
- without the campaign consumer information demand not met

#### > Effective

- > consumers felt better informed about specific consumer rights
- > 27% of consumers in target countries remembered the campaign, knew their rights better

#### > Efficient

- > potential audience: 4.9 mio. (print), 72.8 mio. (web), and 5.9 mio. (TV)
- > 30-sec video fully watched by 7.8 mio on YouTube and Facebook in 10 MS
- > comparable figures only for digital campaign: CPC €0.64 (2015)
- shortcomings in available information



# Campaign Evaluation (2/2)

#### > Coherent

- coherent and complementary to stakeholders initiatives
- coherent with other EC campaigns and EC corporate communication strategy

#### > Sustainable

- stakeholders will probably use the material in the future
- > consumers know some rights
- consumers and traders think they know where to look for further info
- limited ability of consumers to recall campaign messages

#### > EU added value

- essential for communication on CRD in target countries
- made resources and material available to communicate
- > added credibility to work of national stakeholders



# Recommendations: changes

- Consequent measurement of impact by use of KPIs
- Use campaign "dashboard" to monitor progress
- More consequent targeting of specific groups
- > Target traders separately
- Include 'call-to-action' or other follow-up action for target groups
- Prioritise online media advertising
- EC should retain responsibility for engaging stakeholders (not delegate to advertising agency)
- Focus on cross-border issues



### Recommendations: repeat

- decentralised campaign model
- package of channels and tools
- > central campaign webpage



# Recommendations: next steps

- maintain engagement with local consumer rights organisations
  - > EC provides information, data and campaign material
- > reuse campaign material
  - > campaign clip
  - > infographic
- keep momentum
  - > new targeted and emotional messages
  - try targeting consumers online to support consumers at the point of purchase



# Thank you for your attention

# **Questions?**

