



# Mediascope Europe

The Connected Life of Digital Natives  
Bulletin

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# Introduction

- As part of its research remit, IAB Europe conducts Mediascope Europe, widely recognised as the industry standard consumer research study on the European media landscape.
- It is a unique example of cross industry collaboration, led by IAB Europe and supported by many leading media companies, local IABs and other trade associations.
- Established in 2003, Mediascope Europe launched its 8<sup>th</sup> wave of research in 2012.
- An Omnibus + Online methodology was used across 28 countries totalling 51,700 interviews.

# About this Bulletin

This Bulletin brings you an analysis of the 16-24 demographic including their digitally focused media consumption, how they are seeking to connect with brands online and the multiple devices used as part of their every day lives.

A full report is available to purchase upon request – see end of document for details.

The data comes from IAB Europe's Mediascope study. Further information and methodology can be found at:

<http://www.iabeurope.eu/research/mediascope-europe/about-mediascope.aspx>

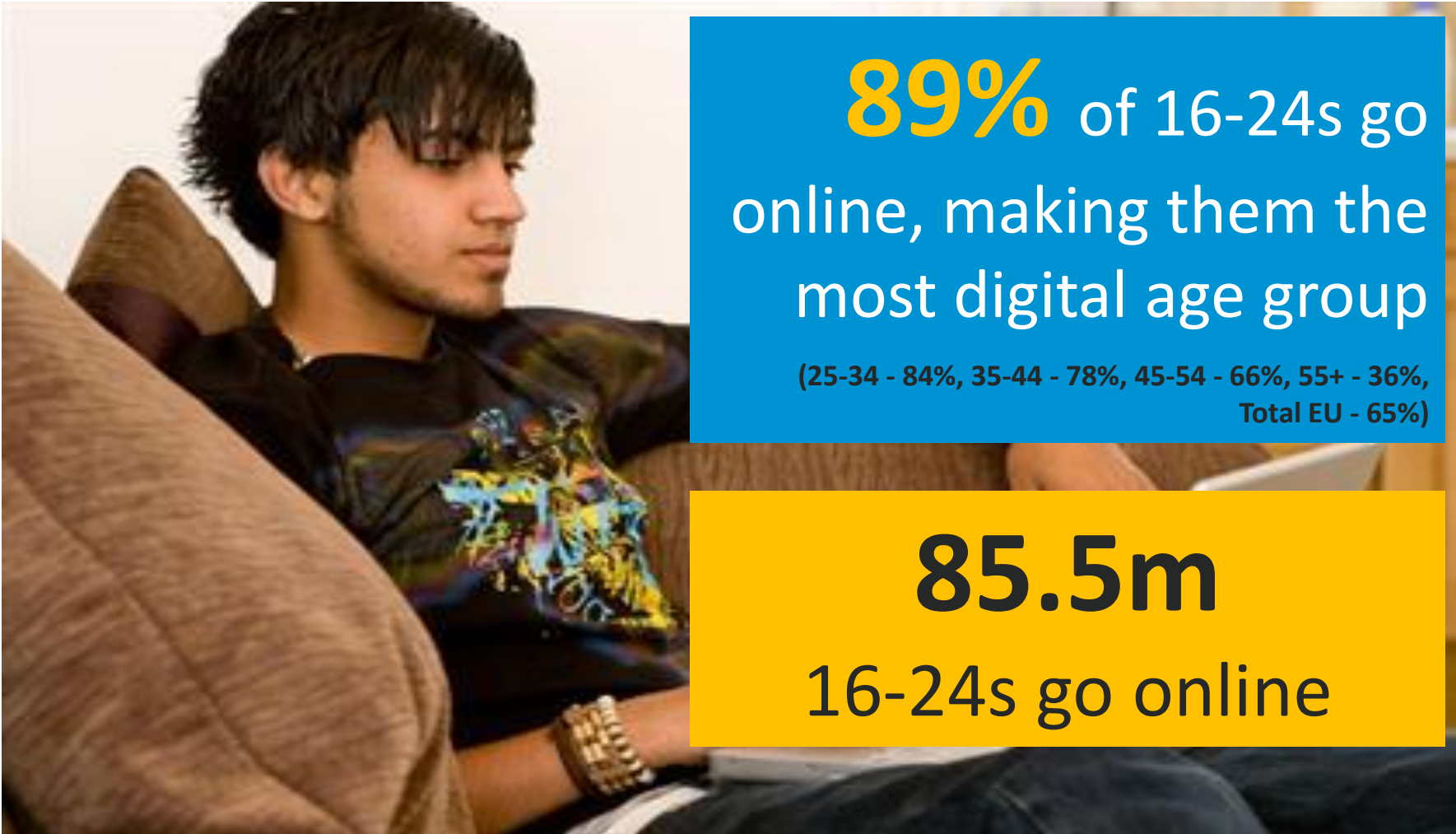
**Definition of a Digital Native:**  
Someone aged 16-24 who uses the internet on a weekly basis



## Key findings

1. Media consumption is migrating online
2. Digital Natives connect via a range of devices
3. Internet as part of their everyday routine
4. 16-24s are influenced by and connect with brands online

# 1. Media consumption is migrating online



**89%** of 16-24s go  
online, making them the  
most digital age group

(25-34 - 84%, 35-44 - 78%, 45-54 - 66%, 55+ - 36%,  
Total EU - 65%)

**85.5m**  
16-24s go online

# 16-24s media penetration

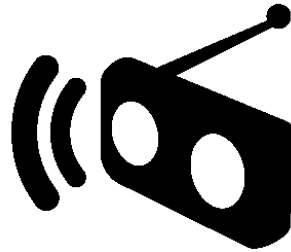
92%

watch TV  
(Total EU 95%)



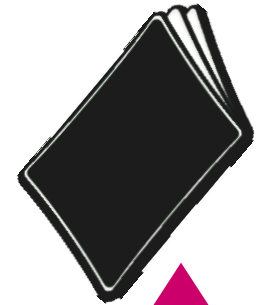
59%

listen to  
radio  
(Total EU 64%)



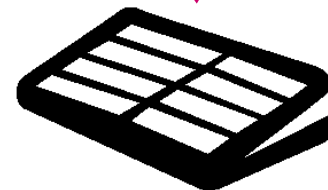
46%

read  
magazines  
(Total EU 48%)



52%

read  
newspapers  
(Total EU 62%)



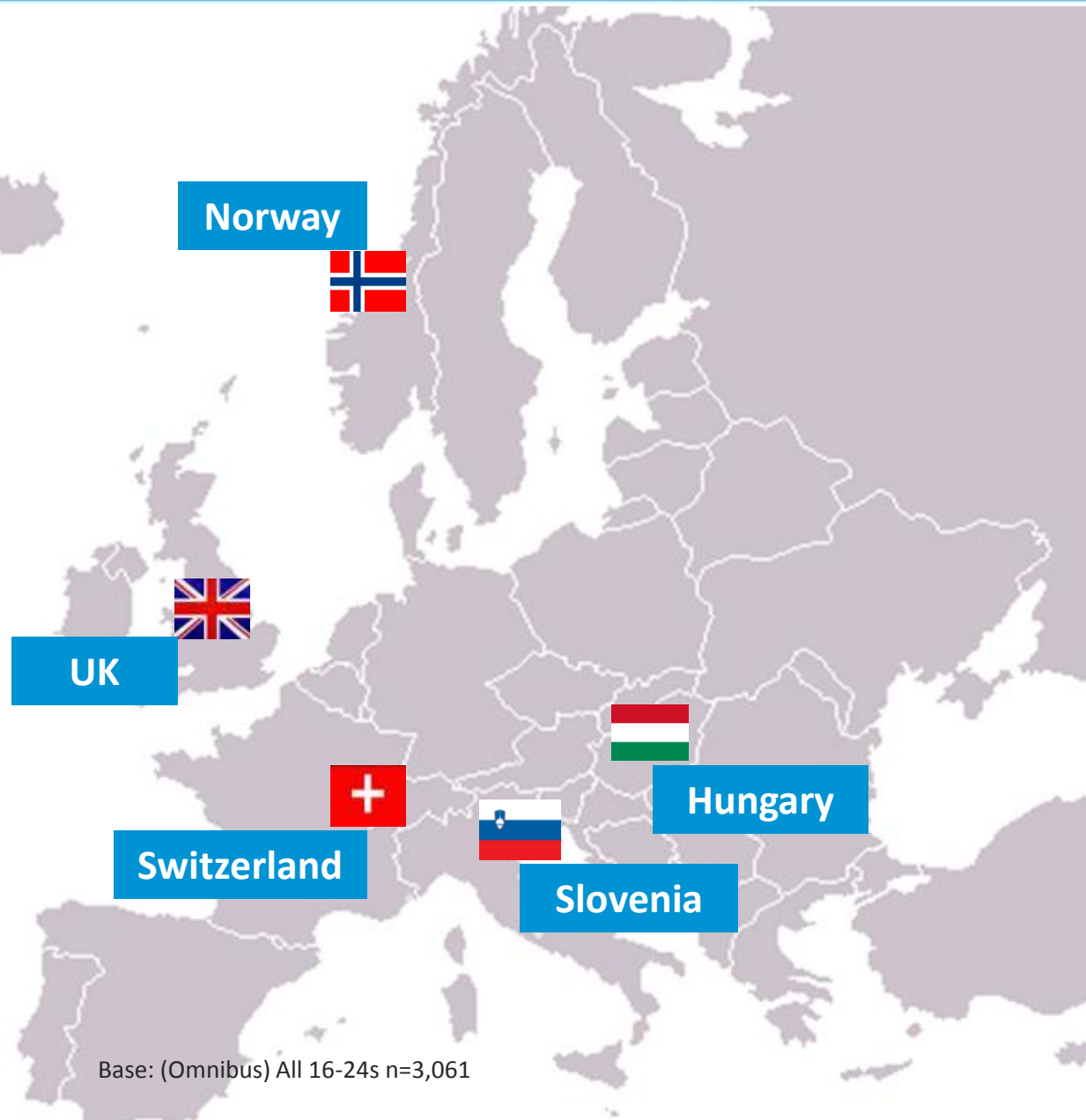
89%

use the  
internet  
(Total EU 65%)





In some markets 100% of 16-24s use the internet on a weekly basis



# 16-24s time online

16-24s spend  online a week

 **30%** more than the average  
European internet user  
Total EU: 14.8 hours

# TV viewing and time online are merging

62%\* go online while they watch TV (EU 48%), accounting for 36%\*\* of their TV viewing time (EU 31%)

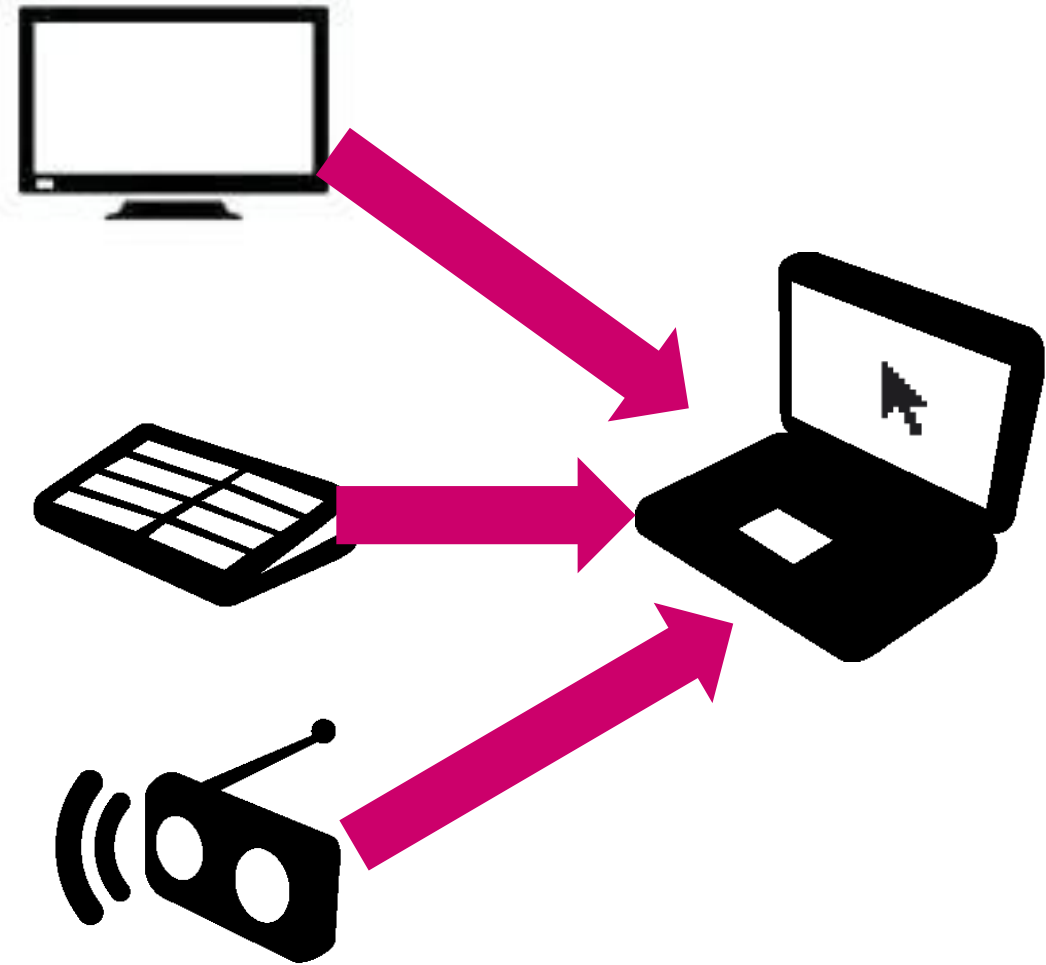
71%\*\* watch TV whilst also using the internet during peak TV viewing time (EU 60%)

# Media consumption is becoming digital

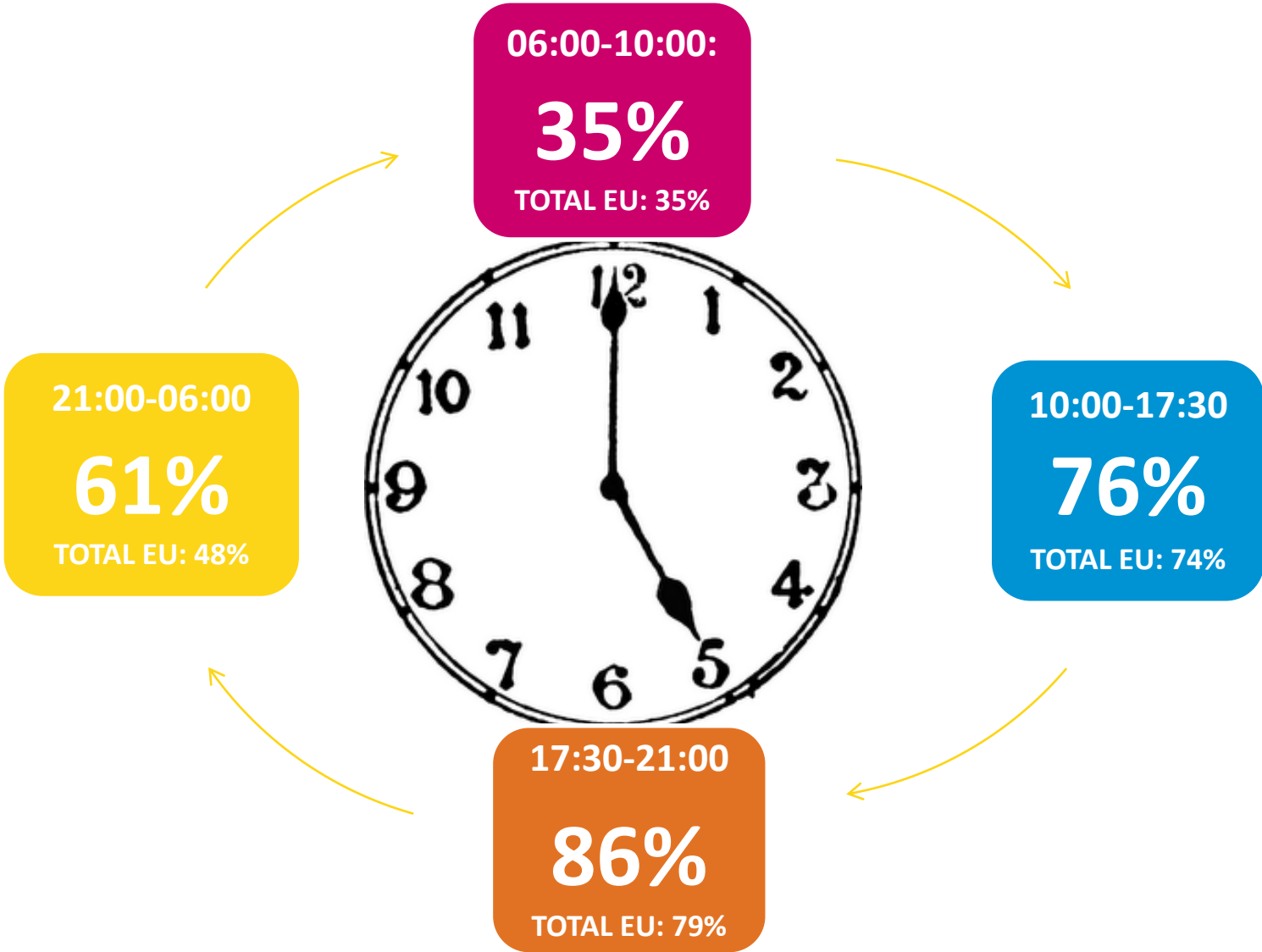
Digital Natives spend less time watching TV (14.4 hrs vs EU 16.8hrs), and **32%** watch TV online on a weekly basis (EU 24%)

**61%** visit **news** sites weekly, compared to 52% who read newspapers (EU 67%, 62%)

**42%** listen to **radio** online weekly, compared to 59% who listen in the traditional way (EU 28%, 64%)



# 16-24s are online throughout the day



## 2. Digital Natives connect via a range of devices

# Devices create an 'always on' experience for 16-24s



**86%** access via PC/laptop

Index vs total EU = 134/EU total - 64%



**43%** access via mobile

Index vs total EU = 205/EU total - 21%



**13%** access via tablet

Index vs total EU = 163/EU total - 8%



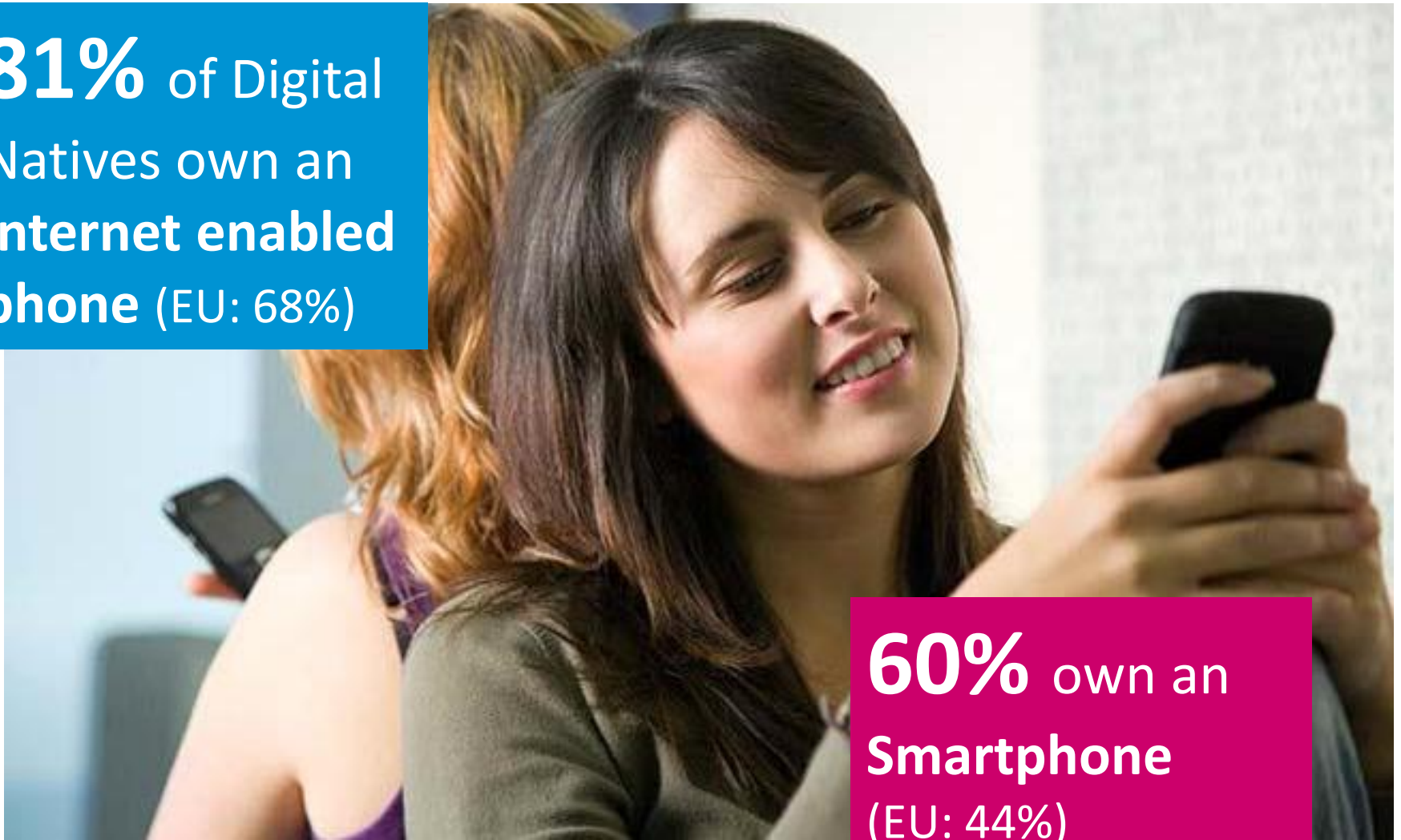
**15%** access via games console

Index vs total EU = 250/EU total - 6%



# Internet access 'on the go'

**81%** of Digital Natives own an internet enabled phone (EU: 68%)



**60%** own an Smartphone (EU: 44%)





# 3. Internet as part of their everyday routine

# Internet is central to communication



**69%** say they are more able to keep in touch with friends and family since going online  
(EU 63%)

**78%** use email everyday  
(EU 74%)

**34%** use instant messaging daily  
(EU 24%)

**70%** use personal social networks daily  
(EU 44%)

# Digital Natives use social media to update friends/family



**82%**

use a personal  
social network  
weekly (EU 62%)  
70% daily (EU 44%)

# Digital Natives buy more online

Digital Natives **buy more products online** than the average European  
(14.8 products in 6 months vs. 13.4)

They spend on average **425 euros** in 6 months online (EU 545 euros)

One **fifth** of their shopping is done online  
(20% vs. EU 19%)



## **4. 16-24s are influenced by and connect with brands online**



# Digital Natives influenced by brands' online presence

32% are more likely to buy product from brand they follow on a social network site (EU 31%)

42% are influenced by the way a brand communicates online (EU 42%)

43% are inclined to find out more about brands they see advertised online (EU 47%)



**Social media**  
enables **two-way**  
communication  
between brands  
and Digital  
Natives...

**83%** have  
liked/become a  
friend of a brand  
(EU 67%)

**42%** have created  
a group for a  
favourite brand  
(EU 52%)

**76%** have  
visited a fan  
page  
(EU 60%)

# From Bulletin to full Report

The full Report provides more in-depth data on the following:

- 16-24s multi-device usage and time spent per media
- Use of social media
- Activities performed via the internet on a mobile phone
- The role the internet plays during their purchasing cycle & top online purchases
- How they seek to connect digitally with brands

**Plus** conclusions with key insights for marketers.

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