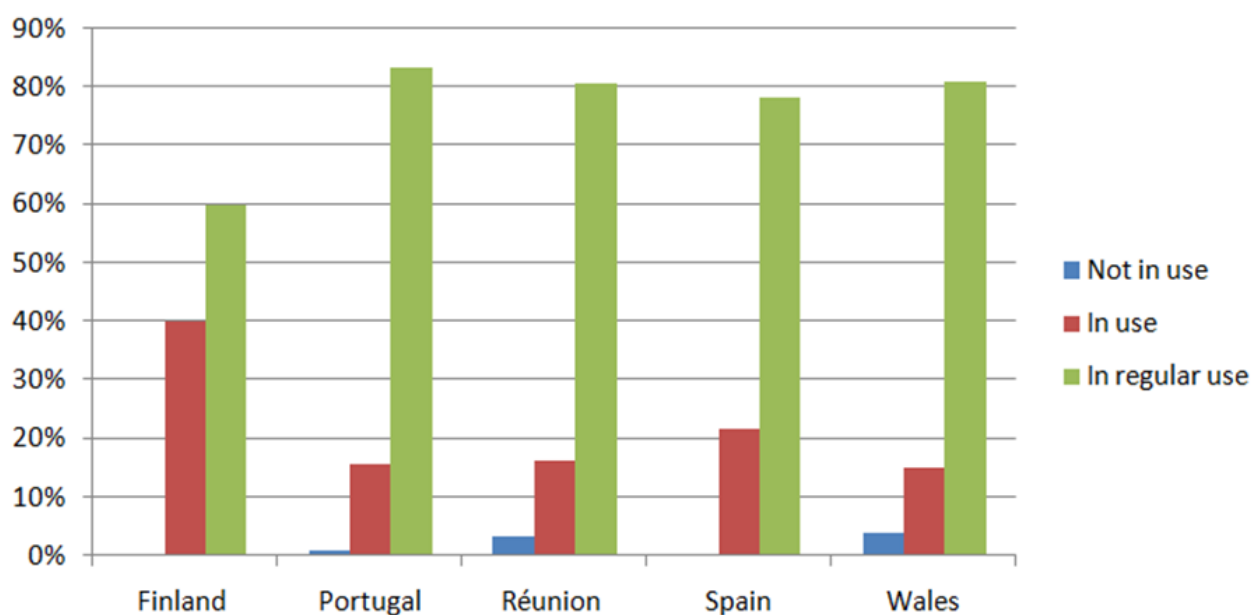


Turn off appliances and lights that you're not using

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Online survey on turning off appliances and lights you are not using



We can see on this bar graph that in each country there are less than 5% of the people that respond to the survey who are not used to turning off appliances and lights that they are not using. Moreover, less than 40% are used to it and more than 60% do it regularly. Therefore, this ecological gesture (to preserve our environment) is rather well established in each of these countries.

Indeed, in Portugal, 83.5% of the respondents regularly turn off appliances and lights that they are not using. This can be explained by the fact that Portugal is the third best country, according to the tool « good country index », which limits its impact on the environment. This country is the champion of renewable energy. So Portugal is a country that makes efforts at the ecological level, so its population is aware of the gesture to preserve the environment and puts them in place.

In Spain, 79% of the respondents also regularly turn off appliances and lights that they are not using. Spain is one of the top 20 greenest countries in the world, based on the Environmental Performance Index. This explains the results because its population is also aware of daily actions to fight against global warming.

United Kingdom, so Wales, is the fourth greenest country in the world (in 2020), based on the Environmental Performance Index. So the vast majority (81%) of people answered « in regular use ».

France, and therefore Reunion Island, is the fifth greenest country in the world. This explains the results: 80% of « in regular use ». I can also add that in Reunion Island, there is a lot of sun, the weather is always very bright; so we have more easily acquired the habit of turning off the lights that we don't use.

However, Finland is the country where fewer respondents regularly turn off lights and appliances that they are not using (60%). Nevertheless, Finland is a very ecological country (the seventh most greenest country in the world). The results can probably be explained by the fact that winter is very harsh in Finland, and lasts a long time. Moreover, in the north of the country, the sun is sometimes absent for a whole month. Therefore, the population has more need to use the lights and is less used to turn them off when they are not in use.

To conclude, we can say that in each country that was surveyed, the majority regularly turn off lights and appliances that they are not using. The results of the online survey fluctuate slightly because each country is already very ecological so their inhabitants have adopted good gestures. But this variation can be explained by the difference in climate (example of Finland). On the whole, the results are hopeful.