



SDG implementation in G20 countries

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A close-up, profile view of a young woman with dark hair, looking towards the left. She has the French flag (blue, white, and red vertical stripes) painted on her right cheek and is wearing bright red lipstick. Her mouth is open as if she is shouting or cheering. In the background, other people are visible but out of focus.

France

France – UNSDSN SDG Index Ranking

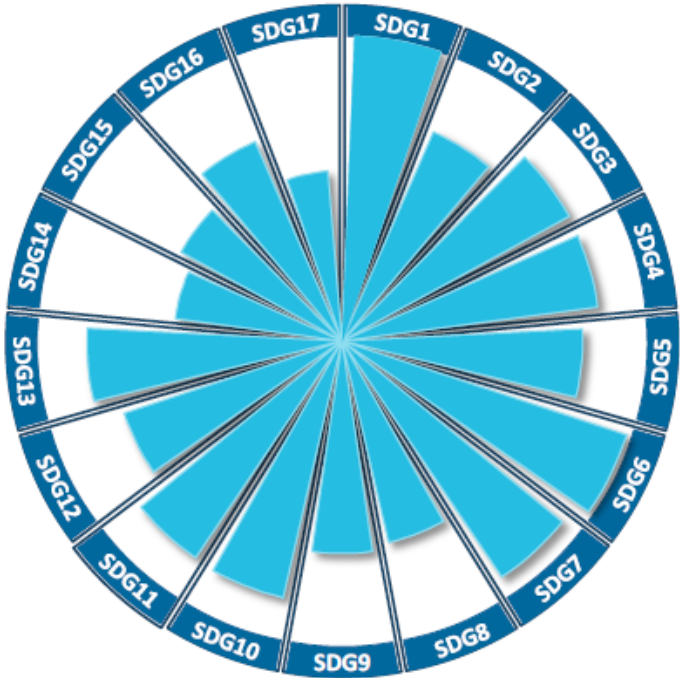
Global Rank: 11 (out of 149)

Key challenges for France:

- SDG 7 Affordable & clean energy
- SDG 8 Decent work & economic growth
- SDG 12 Responsible Consumption & Production
- SDG 13 Climate action
- SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals

Source: SDG Index & Dashboard Global Report, Country Profiles, July 2016
BertelsmannStiftung and Sustainable Development Solutions Network

France			
OVERALL SDG PERFORMANCE	Global rank	Score or value	Regional average
SDG Index	11 (of 149)	77.9 /100	75.3 /100
Comparison with other development metrics			
Human Development Index, 2014	22 (of 188)	0.89 /1	0.88 /1
Subjective Wellbeing, 2015	29 (of 149)	6.6 /10	6.6 /10
GDP per capita, PPP, 2015	21 (of 149)	US\$ 41221	US\$ 40671
Global Competitiveness Ind., 2016	22 (of 140)	5.13 /10	4.9 /10
Environmental Perf. Index, 2016	10 (of 180)	88.2 /100	84.4 /100
AVERAGE PERFORMANCE BY SDG			



France

- A National Sustainable Development Strategy was adopted in 2015.
- Closely involved in the development of global indicators.
- Key priorities include:
 - Reducing social, educational & gender inequalities
 - Maintaining healthy eco-systems & sustainably managing natural resources
 - Reducing unemployment, particularly youth unemployment

France

- A national action plan for SDGs will be developed to complement NSDS supported by a committee of international experts & public consultation.
- The Interministerial Representative for Sustainable Development and General Commissioner for Sustainable Development tasked to monitor SDG implementation.
- Work is underway to develop national SDG indicators.
- Actively defends carbon pricing at European & international levels
- Considers civil society, private sector, public involvement in implementation to be key.

France

- National action plan for SDGs to be driven by broad mobilization through:
 - shared vision
 - Govt measures & public policy guidelines for sustainable development
 - Assistance to economic & other players in their field of activity
 - Citizens' ownership of the SDGs
 - Roll-out at all levels (national, regional & local)
 - International actions, particularly within the context of the EU, the International Organisation of Francophonie & the UN
 - Synergies between & promotion of good practices by all players
- Participatory internet platform for sharing best practice, monitoring progress & forming coalitions.
- Annual European Sustainable Development Week to galvanize action.

France – Examples of what business can do

- **New Face of Industry in France** initiative aims to position French businesses on new economic growth markets. Capitalize on these opportunities by **mainstreaming environmental goals** & joining projects backed by the initiative.
- Support the **Industry of the Future programme** that aims to modernize French industrial production through **digital technology** & **improve energy efficiency** in industrial processes.
- Work with national & local authorities to develop solutions for **energy-smart housing retrofits** & **efficient public transport networks** funded by the Energy Transition Fund that aims to promote low-carbon & green urban areas.



- Work with the government to develop solutions that help **protect marine & land ecosystems** against artificial land cover, overexploitation, climate change & pollution.
- **Educate & train** workforce to help employees acquire the skills needed for the new economy. Collaborate with government to help **reduce youth unemployment**.
- Engage in development policy & financing to benefit from a large array of **financial tools** such as grants, soft & hard loans, equity stakes & guarantees available to public & private partners to foster sustainable development.