Information Guide

France

A guide to information sources on the Republic of France, with hyperlinks to information within European Sources Online and on external websites

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- France – External / Internal / Regions

General information

- France: Official portal
- France: Government portal
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Ministère des Affaires Étrangères)
- France: Tourist Office: FranceGuide
- European Union: European countries: France
- United Nations: Data: Country profiles: France [in French]
- Wikipedia: France
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Country profile: France
- United States: CIA: World Factbook: France
- United States: Department of State: France
- BBC News: Country Profiles: France
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World Data: France
- The Guardian: World News: France
- SearchEnginesoftheWorld: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: France
- Find websites on France through Google

Agricultural information

- France: Ministry of Agriculture, Agribusiness and Forest (Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Agroalimentaire et de la Foret) [in French]
- France: National Institute for Agricultural Research
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Policy 2007-2013: France
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development: Country Information (click on map to select country)
- FAO: Country Profiles: France (select theme then country)
- OECD: Agriculture and Fisheries: France
- Organic Europe: Organic farming in Europe: France

Competition policy information

- France: Competition Council (Autorité de la Concurrence)
- OECD: Competition: France
- France: Telecommunications Regulator

Culture and language information

- France: Ministry of Culture and Communications (Ministère de la Culture et de la Communication) [in French]
- France: General Delegation on the French Language [in French]
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: France
- Council of Europe/ERICarts: Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe: France
- SIL International: Ethnologue: Languages of Europe: France

Defence and security information

- France: Ministry of Defence (Ministère de la Défense)
- France: Directorate-General for External Security (Direction Générale de la Sécurité Extérieure)
• France: **Directorate-General for Internal Security** (Direction Générale de la Sécurité Intérieur) [in French]
• France: **Permanent Representation to NATO**

**Economic information**

• ESO: **France: Economic situation**
• France: **Ministry for the Economy, Industry and Employment** (Ministère de l'Économie, de l'Industrie et de l'Emploi) [in French]
• France: **Ministry for the Budget, Public Accounts and State Reform** (Ministère du Budget, des Comptes Publics et de la Réforme de l'État) [in French]
• France: **Invest in France Agency**
• France: **Business France**
• France: **Bank of France** (Banque de France)
  o **Annual Reports**
  o **Other Publications**
  o **Statistics**
• France: **CAC 40**
• European Commission: **DG Economic and Financial Affairs: Economies of the Member States:** France
• European Commission: **DG Taxation and Customs Union: Taxes in Europe Database** (select country)
• European Commission: **DG Regional Policy: Measuring performance: Country Factsheets:** France
• Council of Europe: **The Council’s Recommendation concerning the national reform program for 2015** (Recommandation du conseil concernant le programme national de réforme de la France pour 2015) [In French]
• International Monetary Fund: France and the IMF
• OECD: Countries: France
• UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: France
• World Bank: France
  o Doing Business in France
• World Trade Organization: France and the WTO
• United States: Commercial Service: Doing Business in France

**Education information**

• France: **Ministry of National Education** (Ministère de l’Éducation nationale, de l’enseignement supérieur et de la recherche) [in French]
• European Commission: **Education & training: Study in Europe: Higher Education in France**
• Council of Europe: **Youth Partnership: Youth Policy in France**
• Eurydice: Eurypedia - European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: France
• Council of Europe/UNESCO/European Commission: **ENIC-NARIC – Gateway to Recognition of Academic and Professional Qualifications:** France
• OECD: Education: France
• UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: **Country and Regional Profiles**
• World Bank: EdStats: **Country Profiles** (select country)
• GraduatesHotline (equivalent to BrainTrack): Universities and Colleges in France
• NationMaster: **Education Statistics**
• Wikipedia: Education in France
Employment information

- France: Ministry of Labour, Employment, Professional Training and Social Dialogue (Ministère du Travail, de l’Emploi, de la Formation Professionnelle et du Dialogue Social) [in French]
- General Confederation of Labour (Confédération générale du travail, CGT) [in French]
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: European Employment Strategy: Europe 2020 in France
- Eurofound: European Industrial Relations Observatory Online: France
- European Trade Union Institute: Worker participation: National Industrial Relations in France
- Federation of European Employers: Industrial Relations across Europe
- OECD: Key Employment Statistics: France
- International Labour Organization: NATLEX: France

Energy information

- France: Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy (Ministère de l’Écologie, du Développement durable et de l’Énergie) [in French]
  - Statistics [in French]
- European Commission: DG Energy:
  - Energy Figures by Country
  - National Renewable Energy Action Plans [select country]
- International Energy Agency: Countries: France
- United States: Energy Information Administration: France

Environmental information

- France: Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy (Ministère de l’Écologie, du Développement durable et de l’Énergie) [in French]
- European Commission: DG Environment: LIFE Programme: France
- European Environment Agency:
  - EIONET - European Environment Information and Observation Network: France
  - SERIS - State of the Environment Reporting Information System: France
- European Environmental Bureau: France
- FAO: Country Profiles: Catalog of data sources (select theme then country)
- OECD: Environment: France
- Friends of the Earth International: France
- Greenpeace International: France [in French]

European policies and relations with the European Union

- France: Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Policies: France and the European Union
- France: Fonds social européen en France [in French]
- France: EU Presidency, July-December 2008 [in French]
- France: Bank of France (Banque de France)
  - Bank of France and Europe
  - Bank of France and the ECB
  - Publications
    - Annual report
- France: National SEPA (Single European Payment Area) Committee
- European Union: Countries: France
- European Union: Europe Direct Information Network: France
- European Commission: Representation in France [in French]
- European Commission: Enterprise Europe Network: France
• European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs:
  o Economies of the Member States: [France](#)
  o [France](#) and the euro
• European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Policy 2007 – 2013: [France](#)
• European Parliament: EP Information Office in [France](#) [in French]
• European Investment Bank: Finance contracts signed in [France](#)
• Council of Europe: Member States: [France](#)
• OECD: Countries: [France](#)
  o France: Permanent delegation to the OECD

**Geographic information and maps**

• FAQ: Forestry Country Information: Maps: [France](#)
• Lonely Planet: Map of [France](#)
• Maps of the World [France](#)
• University of Texas: Perry Castañeda Library: Map Collection: [France](#)
• Google Maps: [France](#)

**Health information**

• France: Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, (Ministère des Affaires Sociales, de la Santé) [in French]
• European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Health: National contacts in [France](#)
• European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA):
  o Country Overviews: [France](#)
  o Drug Treatment Profiles: [France](#)
  o Country Legal Profiles (select country)
• OECD: Health: [France](#)
• World Health Organization:
  o Countries: [France](#)
  o Regional Office for Europe: [France](#)
  o European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: [France](#)
• United Kingdom: British Medical Association: Guide to working abroad: [France](#)
  o Anglo-French Medical Society

**Human rights information**

• Council of Europe:
  o European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): Report on [France](#)
  o European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on [France](#)
  o European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: States: [France](#)
• United Nations: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: OHCHR in [France](#)
• United States: Committee for Refugees and Immigrants: World Refugee Survey: [Europe](#) (2009)
• United States: Department of State:
• Human Rights Watch: Human Rights in [France](#)
• Reporters without borders: Freedom of information in [France](#)
Intellectual property information

- France: National Industrial Property Institute (Institut National de la Propriété Industrielle) [in French]
- European Commission: Intellectual Property: France
- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: France

Investment information

- Invest in France: BusinessFrance
- OECD: Investment: France
- OECD: Industry and Entrepreneurship: France
- World Bank: Countries and Regions: France
- United Kingdom: Trade & Investment: Countries: France
- United states: Commercial Service: Doing business in France

Justice and home affairs information

- France: Ministry of Justice (Ministère de la Justice) [in French]
  - Documents in English
- France: Ministry of Interior (Ministère de l'Intérieur) [in French]
- France: Embassy of France in Washington: The French Justice System
- Council of Europe:
  - European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on France
  - Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): Evaluation and Compliance Reports [Select country]
- OECD: Bribery and Corruption: France
- United States: Library of Congress: Law Online: Nations: France
- University of Bern: International Constitutional Law: Countries: France
- EUDO Observatory on Citizenship: Citizenship laws and policy: France

Living and working information

- France: Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Coming to France
- France: Invest in France Agency (Agence Française pour les Investissements Internationaux)
- European Commission: DG Press and Communication: Your Europe (select topic)
- Eurofound - European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions:
  - Homepage
  - European Working Conditions Observatory (EWCO): France
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: Country Profiles: France
- United States: Department of State: Countries: France
- Just Landed: Living, Working or Studying in France
- AngloINFO: France

Media information

- European Broadcasting Union: Active Members: France
- European Journalism Centre: Media Landscape: France
- European Newspaper Publishers Association: ENPA
• ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and News Media: France
• Guardian News & Media Ltd: World News Guide: France
• Online Newspapers: France
• Radiomap: Radio Stations in France

Political information (including Elections)

• ESO: France: Political situation
• ESO: France: Political situation: Elections
• France: Government portal [in French]
  o Constitution
  o Political System
• France: National Assembly (Assemblée nationale)
• France: Senate (Sénat)
• France: Presidency (Élysée) [in French]
• France: Supreme Court (Cour de cassation) [in French]
• France Administrative Supreme Court (Conseil d’État)
  o Documents translated into English
• France: Constitutional Council (Conseil constitutionnel)
• International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES): Election Guide: France
• OECD: Public Governance: France
• OECD: Regulatory Reform: France
• NCCR Democracy: EU Profiler: France
• Parties and Elections in Europe: Countries: France
• United States: Library of Congress: Law Online: Nations: France
• Wikipedia: Politics of France
• Wikipedia: Elections in France

Public management information

• France: National School of Administration (Ecole Nationale d’Administration)
• OECD: Public Governance: France
• European Public Sector Information Platform (ePSI): Country Reports 2006-2009: France
• International Public Management Network

R&D information

• France: Ministry of Higher Education and Research (Ministère de l’Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche) [in French]
• France: National Centre for Scientific Research (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique)
• European Commission: Community Research and Development Information Service (CORDIS): National R&D Information Service: France
• European Commission: Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2011
• European Regions Research & Innovation Network (ERRIN): France
• OECD: Innovation: France
• OECD: Science and technology: France

Regional and local information

• Committee of the Regions: Europe in my Region: France
• Assembly of European Regions: AER Member Regions: France (select country)
• Council of Europe: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: National Delegations: France
• OECD: Regional, Rural and Urban Development: France
• French Regions
  • Alsace
    o EU grants [in French]
    o EU grants
  • Aquitaine [in French]
    o EU grants [in French]
    o EU grants
  • Auvergne [in French]
    o EU grants [in French]
    o EU grants
  • Basse-Normandie [in French]
    o EU grants [in French]
    o EU grants
  • Bourgogne
    o EU grants [in French]
    o EU grants
  • Bretagne
    o EU grants [in French]
    o Representation in Brussels [in French]
    o Europe and Bretagne [in French]
    o EU grants
  • Centre [in French]
    o EU grants [in French]
    o EU grants
  • Champagne Ardennes [in French]
    o EU grants [in French]
    o EU grants
  • Corsica [in French]
    o EU grants [in French]
    o Europe in Corsica [in French]
    o EU grants
  • Franche-Comté
    o Europe in Franche-Comté [in French]
    o EU grants [in French]
    o EU grants
  • Guadeloupe [in French]
    o EU grants [in French]
    o EU grants
  • Guyane [in French]
    o EU grants [in French]
    o EU grants
  • Haute-Normandie [in French]
    o EU grants [in French]
    o EU grants
  • Ile-de-France
    o Representation in Brussels
    o EU grants [in French]
    o EU grants
  • Languedoc-Roussillon [in French]
    o EU grants [in French]
    o EU grants
  • Lorraine [in French]
    o EU grants [in French]
    o EU grants
France has undergone in 2016 a territorial reorganisation. See below the names and websites of the new regions:

- **Martinique**  
  - EU grants

- **Midi-Pyrénées** [in French]  
  - EU grants [in French]
  - EU grants

- **Nord-Pas de Calais** [in French]  
  - EU grants [in French]
  - EU grants

- **Pays de la Loire** [in French]  
  - EU grants [in French]
  - Representation in Brussels [in French]
  - EU grants

- **Picardie** [in French]  
  - EU grants [in French]
  - EU grants
  - Information about Europe [in French]

- **Poitou-Charentes** [in French]  
  - EU grants [in French]
  - Representation in Brussels [in French]
  - EU grants

- **Provence - Alpes - Côte d'Azur**  
  - EU grants [in French]
  - EU grants

- **Région** [in French]  
  - EU grants [in French]
  - EU grants

- **Rhône-Alpes**  
  - EU grants [in French]
  - EU grants
• **Martinique**
  - EU grants
• **Normandie** [In French]
• **Nouvelle Aquitaine** [In French]
• **L’Occitanie** [in French]
• **Pays de la Loire** [in French]
  - EU grants [in French]
  - Representation in Brussels [in French]
  - EU grants
• **Provence - Alpes - Côte d’Azur**
  - EU grants [in French]
• **Réunion** [in French]
  - EU grants [in French]
• **Rhône-Alpes-Auvergne** [In French]

**Social information**

• France: [Social Security Portal](http://www.solidaires-sante.com) (Portail du service public de la Sécurité Sociale) [in French]
• European Commission: Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: Your social security rights in [France](http://ec.europa.eu)
• European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: [Organisation of Social Protection](http://ec.europa.eu)
• Council of Europe: European Social Charter: Country Factsheets: [France](http://www.coe.int)
• OECD: Insurance and Pensions: [France](http://www.oecd.org)
• OECD: Social and Welfare Issues: [France](http://www.oecd.org)
• UNICEF: Information by country: [France](http://www.unicef.org)
• United States: Social Security Administration:
  - Research, Statistics & Policy Analysis: [France](http://www.ssa.gov)

**Statistical information**

• France: [Bank of France](http://www.banque-france.fr) (Banque de France)
  - Statistics and surveys
• France: [National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies](http://www.insee.fr) (Institut National de la Statistique et des Études Économiques)
  - Topics
  - Databases
  - Publications and services
• Eurostat: [Country Profiles](http://ec.europa.eu) [select country]
• OECD: Country Statistical Profiles: [France](http://stats.oecd.org)
• UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: Country and Regional Profiles: [France](http://unesdoc.unesco.org)
• United Nations: Statistics division: Country profiles: [France](http://unstats.un.org)
• World Bank: Data: Countries and Economies: [France](http://data.worldbank.org)
• NationMaster: Nations of the World: Statistics on [France](http://www.nationmaster.com)

**Tourism information**

• France: Federation of Tourist Offices and Information Sites: [Tourism in France](http://www.tourism-in-france.com) [in French]
• France: Tourist Office: [FranceGuide](http://www.franceguide.com)
• Guardian News & Media Ltd: Travel: [France](http://www.guardian.co.uk)
• The Telegraph: Destinations: [France](http://www.telegraph.co.uk)
• Lonely Planet: [France](http://www.lonelyplanet.com)
- Rough Guides: France
- TripAdvisor: Europe Tourism: France

Transport information

- France: Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy (Ministère de l'Écologie, du Développement durable et de l'Énergie) [in French]
- State Secretariat of Transport (Secretariat d'État aux transports) [In French]
- Air France
- National Society of French railways (Société nationale des chemins de fer, SNCF)
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport:
  - Road Safety: How is your country doing? (latest edition, 2012)
- NationMaster: Transport in France
- Wikipedia: Transport in France

Weather information

- France: Météo France: France weather forecast [in French]
- BBC: Weather: Country Guides: France
- China: Hong Kong Observatory: World Weather Information: France
- World Meterological Organization: World Weather Information Service: France

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