# Information Guide

## France

A guide to information sources on the Republic of France.

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Information sources in the ESO database

- **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](#)
- Encyclopædia 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 Forêt) [in French]
- France: [National Institute for Agricultural Research](#)
- 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: Langages 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: 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’Ecologie, 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
- European Commission: DG Energy Figures by Country
- National Renewable Energy Action Plans [select country]
- United States: Energy Information Administration: France

Environmental information

- France: Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy (Ministère de l’Ecologie, 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
- 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 2014-2020: 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: 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: Supreme Court (Conseil constitutionnel)
• 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]
• 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):
  o OECD: Innovation: [France]
  o 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**
    - EU grants [in French]
    - EU grants
  - **Aquitaine** [in French]
    - EU grants [in French]
    - EU grants
  - **Auvergne** [in French]
    - EU grants [in French]
    - EU grants
  - **Basse-Normandie** [in French]
    - EU grants [in French]
    - EU grants
  - **Bourgogne**
    - EU grants [in French]
    - EU grants
  - **Bretagne**
    - EU grants [in French]
    - Representation in Brussels [in French]
    - Europe and Bretagne [in French]
    - EU grants
  - **Centre** [in French]
    - EU grants [in French]
    - EU grants
  - **Champagne Ardennes** [in French]
    - EU grants [in French]
    - EU grants
  - **Corsica** [in French]
    - EU grants [in French]
    - Europe in Corsica [in French]
    - EU grants
  - **Franche-Comté**
    - Europe in Franche-Comté [in French]
    - EU grants [in French]
    - EU grants
  - **Guadeloupe** [in French]
    - EU grants [in French]
    - EU grants
  - **Guyane** [in French]
    - EU grants [in French]
    - EU grants
  - **Haute-Normandie** [in French]
    - EU grants [in French]
    - EU grants
  - **Ile-de-France**
    - Representation in Brussels
    - EU grants [in French]
    - EU grants
  - **Languedoc-Roussillon** [in French]
    - EU grants [in French]
    - EU grants
  - **Lorraine** [in French]
    - EU grants [in French]
    - 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
- **Réunion** [in French]
  - EU grants [in French]
  - EU grants
- **Rhône-Alpes**
  - EU grants [in French]
  - EU grants

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**Bourgogne Franche-Comté** [In French]
  - L'Europe en Bourgogne Franche Comté [In French]
  - EU Grants [In French]
- **Bretagne**
  - Understand the European Fund [in French]
  - Representation in Brussels [in French]
  - Europe and Bretagne [in French]
  - EU grants
- **Centre-Val de Loire** [In French]
  - L’Europe en Centre Val de Loire
  - EU Grants
- **Corsica** [in French]
  - Europe in Corsica [in French]
  - EU grants
- **Grand-Est** [In French]
  - L’Europe en Grand-Est [In French]
  - EU Grants
- **Guadeloupe** [in French]
  - L’Europe en Guadeloupe [in French]
  - EU grants
- **Guyane** [in French]
  - L’Europe en Guyane [in French]
  - EU grants
• Hauts de France [In French]
  o L'Europe in Hauts de France [In French]
  o EU Grants
• Ile-de-France
  o Representation in Brussels
  o L'Europe in Ile-de-France [in French]
  o EU grants
• Martinique
  o L'Europe in Martinique [in French]
  o EU grants
• Mayotte
  o L'Europe in Mayotte [in French]
  o EU Grants
• Normandie [In French]
  o L'Europe in Normandie [In French]
  o EU Grants
• Nouvelle Aquitaine [In French]
  o L'Europe in Aquitaine [In French]
  o EU Grants
• L’Occitanie [in French]
  o L'Europe in Occitanie [in French]
  o EU Grants
• Pays de la Loire [in French]
  o L'Europe in Pays-de-la-Loire [in French]
  o Representation in Brussels [in French]
  o EU grants
• Provence - Alpes - Côte d'Azur
  o L'Europe in Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur [in French]
  o EU grants
• L’Occitanie
  o L'Europe in Occitanie [in French]
  o Les aides européennes
• Réunion [in French]
  o Europe in La Réunion
  o EU grants
• Rhône-Alpes-Auvergne [In French]
  o Europe in Rhone Alpes Auvergne [In French]
  o EU Grants

Social information

• France: Social Security Portal (Portail du service public de la Sécurité Sociale) [in French]
• European Commission: Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: Your social security rights in France
• European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: Organisation of Social Protection
• Council of Europe: European Social Charter: Country Factsheets: France
• OECD: Insurance and Pensions: France
• OECD: Social and Welfare Issues: France
• UNICEF: Information by country: France
• United States: Social Security Administration:
  o Research, Statistics & Policy Analysis: France
Statistical information

- France: Bank of France (Banque de France)
  - Statistics and surveys
  - Topics
  - Databases
  - Publications and services
- Eurostat: Country Profiles [select country]
- OECD: Country Statistical Profiles: France
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: Country and Regional Profiles: France
- United Nations: Statistics division: Country profiles: France
- World Bank: Data: Countries and Economies: France
- NationMaster: Nations of the World: Statistics on France

Tourism information

- France: Federation of Tourist Offices and Information Sites: Tourism in France [in French]
- France: Tourist Office: FranceGuide
- Guardian News & Media Ltd: Travel: France
- The Telegraph: Destinations: France
- Lonely Planet: France
- 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:
  - EU Transport in Figures: Statistical Pocketbook (latest edition, 2016)
- 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 Meteorological Organization: World Weather Information Service: France

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