

The VNR in a Nutshell – National Strategies for SDGs.

France

Capital	Paris
Population	64 million
Area (in sq. km)	643,801
Language(s)	French
National poverty line	n. a.
Human Development Index	0.897 (Rank: 21)
Gross national income (GNI) per capita	38,085
International Tourist Arrivals	83,767

Sources: UNDP, The World Bank



The recognition of the role of tourism in sustainable development and the emphasis placed in the SDGs on the development of public policies for sustainable tourism is a landmark breakthrough that provides a unique opportunity for all governments to create a sound and favourable policy foundation.

The first two years of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda have shown that countries are making headway in aligning national strategies, adapting institutional frameworks and adjusting policies to realize the SDGs.

The countries' efforts have been reported in the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), presented by UN Member States during the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in 2016 and 2017.

Title of VNR: Report on the Implementation by France of the Sustainable Development Goals on the occasion of France's national voluntary review to the United Nation High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development July 2016 – New York

Presenter for VNR: Ségolène Royal, Minister of the Environment, Energy and the Sea, in charge of Sustainable Development, and André Vallini, Minister of State for Development and Francophonie

National Thematic Focus:

Accomplishments and challenges relate to SDGs and targets:

- Social security systems
- Access for all to healthcare and basic goods and services
- Development of state-of-the-art public and private infrastructures
- Reduce social, educational and gender inequalities
- Maintain healthy ecosystems,
- Manage sustainably natural resources,
- Reduce unemployment especially among young people,

Institutional Arrangement:

The French **Ministry of Environment** is leading the SDG process. In addition, the **Ministry of Ecological and Solidary Transition** prepares and implements governmental policy in the areas of sustainable development, environment and green technologies, energy, industry and industrial safety, transport, maritime infrastructure, marine fisheries and aquaculture.

The **Office of the Commissioner General for Sustainable Development**, within the Ministry, is responsible for the preparation of annual environmental conferences and the implementation of the resulting governmental roadmaps, as well as the development of the national strategy for ecological transition towards sustainable development.

The Commissioner General, under the authority of the Prime Minister, coordinates inter-ministerial actions through a network of senior officers for sustainable development appointed by each ministry.

SDG Incorporation to National Framework:

In France, the National Strategy for Ecological Transition towards Sustainable Development 2015-2020 (SNTEDD) replaces the national sustainable development strategy 2010-2013 and goes beyond sectoral policies with a focus on climate change, biodiversity, resource management and environmental health. France will develop a further national action plan for the SDGs that is driven by a shared vision, government measures and public policy guidelines for sustainable development, assistance to actors in their fields of activity, especially economic actors, citizens' ownership of the SDGs, rollout at national, regional and local levels and international cooperation, especially with the European Union, the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie and the United Nations

Tourism Ministry /NTA portfolio:

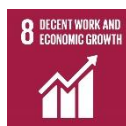
Gouvernement: [Plan Tourisme](#)

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Tourism and SDG in France:

Opportunities

- **Economic Development**
- **Green Economy**



- In France, business creation, sustainable tourism and circular economy are priority **drivers of growth**

- **Sustainable Consumption and Production**



- France is a participant in the **10 Year Framework Plan (10YFP)** for action on sustainable consumption and production adopted at Rio+20 and co-steers the sustainable tourism programme

Resources and Useful Links

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