

## POLICY ANALYSIS

Let's describe the tear's profile in terms of typical medians for the top-5 policy indicators.

Indicator	Leaders	Good Performers	Needs Improvement
sdg16_cpi (corruption perception / governance index)	85.00	62.00	42.00
sdg4_adult (adult education & lifelong learning)	26.00	11.00	5.00
sdg9_digital (digital infrastructure / innovation)	69.00	56.00	35.00
sdg9_eurd (innovation investment)	3.00	1.00	1.00
sdg16_rsf (press freedom and governance quality)	90.00	80.00	68.00

### A brief advancement roadmap

To move from ***Needs Improvement*** to ***Good Performers***, countries should prioritize income growth (sdg8\_income), digitalization (sdg9\_digital), and governance reforms (sdg16\_cpi).

To move from ***Good Performers*** to ***Leaders***, countries should focus on income (sdg8\_income), clean energy adoption (sdg7\_eurenew), and governance (sdg16\_cpi).

### Country-specific insights

The improvement opportunities for underperformers are shown in the table below.

Country	The top-3 gaps to be covered		
	Priority #1	Priority #2	Priority #3
Bulgaria	sdg8_income	sdg16_cpi	sdg9_digital
Candidate Countries	sdg8_income	sdg16_cpi	sdg16_rsf
Cyprus	sdg16_cpi	sdg16_rsf	sdg9_digital
Greece	sdg8_income	sdg16_cpi	sdg16_rsf
Lithuania	sdg8_income	sdg16_cpi	sdg9_digital

North Macedonia	sdg16_cpi	sdg9_digital	sdg4_adult
Romania	sdg8_income	sdg9_digital	sdg16_cpi
Serbia	sdg8_income	sdg16_cpi	sdg16_rsf
Türkiye	sdg8_income	sdg16_rsf	sdg16_cpi

As we can see, the limited set of indicators composed priority lists for underperformers:

- sdg4\_adult → SDG 4: Quality Education → Adult learning / lifelong learning participation rate
- sdg8\_income → SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth → Gross National Income (GNI) per capita / Household income
- sdg9\_digital → SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure → Digital infrastructure / broadband access
- sdg16\_cpi → SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions → Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI)
- sdg16\_rsf → SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions → Reporters Without Borders Press Freedom Index (RSF)