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Western Europe

▼ Overall Performance

Index score

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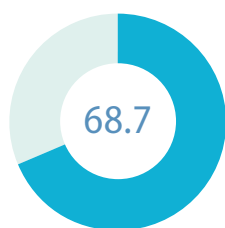
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▼ Performance by SDG

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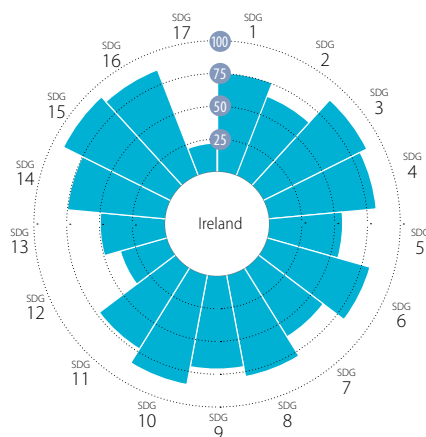
▼ Current Assessment – SDG Dashboard

| 1 NO POVERTY | 2 ZERO HUNGER | 3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING | 4 QUALITY EDUCATION | 5 GENDER EQUALITY | 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION | 7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY | 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH | 9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE |
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■ SDG achieved ■ Challenges remain ■ Significant challenges remain ■ Major challenges remain ■ Data unavailable

▼ SDG Trends

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↑ On track or maintaining SDG achievement   ↗ Moderately improving   → Stagnating   ↓ Decreasing   •• Data unavailable
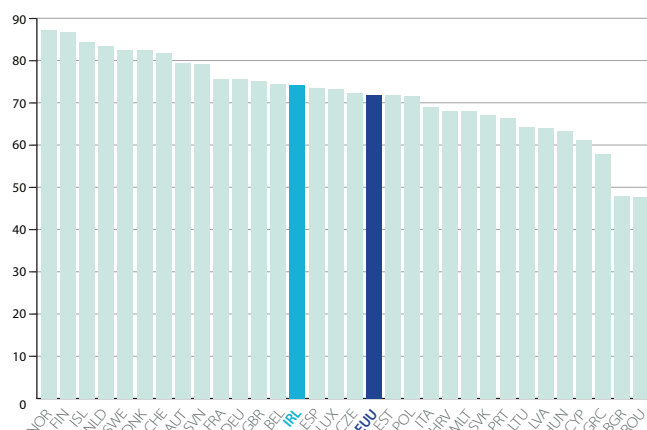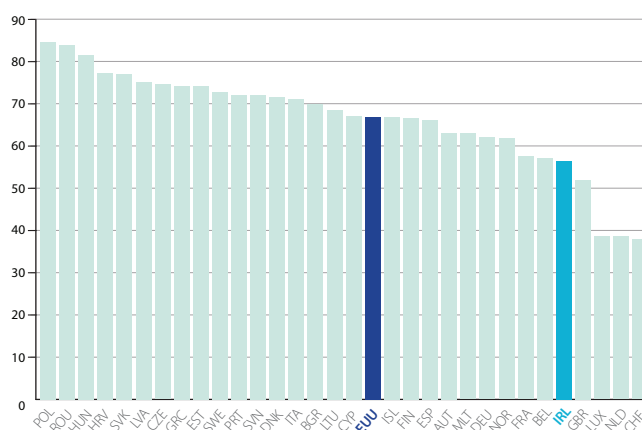
▼ Leave No One Behind Index

100 (best) to 0 (worst)

▼ Spillover Index

100 (best) to 0 (worst)

Notes: The full title of Goal 2 "Zero Hunger" is "End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture". The full title of each SDG is available at: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/sustainabledevelopmentgoals. Detailed results and methodology available online at https://www.sdgindex.org/EU

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Performance by Indicator

SDG1 – No Poverty

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
People at risk of income poverty after social transfers (%)	14.9	2018	green	up
Severely materially deprived people (%)	4.9	2018	green	up
Poverty headcount ratio at $5.50/day (%)	0.3	2020	green	up

SDG2 – Zero Hunger

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Prevalence of obesity, BMI ≥ 30 (% of adult population)	25.3	2016	red	down
Human Trophic Level (best 2–3 worst)	2.4	2017	orange	up-right
Yield gap closure (%)	74.5	2015	yellow	flat
Gross nitrogen balance on agricultural land (kg/hectare)	42	2015	yellow	up
Ammonia emissions from agriculture (kg/hectare)	26.1	2017	yellow	right
Exports of pesticides banned in the EU (kg per 1,000 population)	0.0	2019	green	flat

SDG3 – Good Health and Well-Being

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Life expectancy at birth (years)	82.3	2018	green	up
Gap in life expectancy at birth among regions (years)	0.8	2018	green	up
Population with good or very good perceived health (% of population aged 16 or over)	84.1	2018	green	up
Gap in self-reported health, by income (p.p.)	23.2	2018	yellow	down
Self-reported unmet need for medical examination and care (%)	2.0	2018	green	up
Gap in self-reported unmet need for medical examination and care, by income (p.p.)	3.5	2018	yellow	down
Gap in self-reported unmet need for medical examination and care, urban vs rural areas (p.p.)	0.7	2018	orange	down
New reported cases of tuberculosis (per 100,000 population)	6.1	2018	green	up
Age-standardised death rate due to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, and chronic respiratory disease (per 100,000 population aged 30 to 70)	10.3	2016	green	up
Suicide rate (per 100,000 population)	8.4	2017	green	up
Age-standardised death rate attributable to household air pollution and ambient air pollution (per 100,000 population)	12	2016	green	flat
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	3.7	2018	green	up
People killed in road accidents (per 100,000 population)	2.9	2018	green	up
Surviving infants who received 2 WHO-recommended vaccines (%)	92	2018	green	up
Alcohol consumption (litre/capita/year)	11.0	2018	yellow	down
Smoking prevalence (%)	19	2017	green	up
People covered by health insurance for a core set of services (%)	100.0	2019	green	up
Share of total health spending financed by out-of-pocket payments (%)	12.1	2018	green	up
Subjective Wellbeing (average ladder score, worst 0–10 best)	7.3	2019	green	up
Cumulative Covid-19 tests performed, Feb-June 2020 (per 1,000 population)	32.7	2020	green	flat

SDG4 – Quality Education

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Participation in early childhood education (% of population aged 4 to 6)	100.0	2018	green	up
Early leavers from education and training (% of population aged 18 to 24)	5.1	2019	green	up
PISA score (worst 0–600 best)	504.7	2018	green	up
Underachievers in science (% of population aged 15)	17.0	2018	green	up
Variation in science performance explained by students' socio-economic status (%)	11.1	2018	yellow	up
Resilient students (%)	34.0	2018	yellow	up
Tertiary educational attainment (% of population aged 30 to 34)	55.4	2019	green	up
Adult participation in learning (%)	12.6	2019	green	up
Mean numeracy score in the Survey of Adult Skills (PIAAC) (worst 0–500 best)	255.6	2019	yellow	flat

SDG5 – Gender Equality

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Unadjusted gender pay gap (% of gross male earnings)	14.4	2017	yellow	down
Gender employment gap (p.p.)	12.4	2019	yellow	right
Population inactive due to caring responsibilities (% of population aged 20 to 64)	37.7	2019	orange	up-right
Seats held by women in national parliaments (%)	24.3	2019	orange	up-right
Positions held by women in senior management positions (%)	26.0	2019	yellow	up
Women who feel safe walking alone at night in the city or area where they live (%)	72	2019	yellow	up

SDG6 – Clean Water and Sanitation

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population having neither a bath, nor a shower, nor indoor flushing toilet in their household (%)	0.0	2018	green	up
Population connected to at least secondary wastewater treatment (%)	61.2	2017	yellow	right
Freshwater abstraction (% of long-term average available water)	3.0	2017	green	up
Scarce water consumption embodied in imports (m³/capita)	39.3	2013	orange	up-right
Population using safely managed water services (%)	97.3	2017	green	up
Population using safely managed sanitation services (%)	82.4	2017	yellow	up

SDG7 – Affordable and Clean Energy

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population unable to keep home adequately warm (%)	4.4	2018	yellow	up
Share of renewable energy in gross final energy consumption (%)	11.1	2018	orange	right
CO$_2$ emissions from fuel combustion per electricity output (MtCO$_2$/TWh)	1.2	2017	yellow	up

SDG8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Protection of fundamental labour rights (worst 0–1 best)	NA	NA	grey	grey
Gross disposable income (€/capita)	21,613	2018	green	up
Youth not in employment, education or training (NEET) (% of population aged 15 to 29)	11.4	2019	green	up
Employment rate (%)	75.1	2019	green	up

SDG8 – (continued)

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Long term unemployment rate (%)	1.6	2019	green	up
People killed in accidents at work (per 100,000 population)	1.9	2017	green	up
In work at-risk-of-poverty rate (%)	4.8	2018	green	up
Fatal work-related accidents embodied in imports (per 100,000 population)	1.7	2010	green	up

SDG9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Gross domestic expenditure on R&D (% of GDP)	1.2	2018	orange	down
R&D personnel (% of active population)	1.5	2018	green	up
Patent applications to the European Patent Office (per million population)	179.0	2019	green	up
Households with broadband access (%)	90	2019	green	up
Gap in broadband access, urban vs rural areas (p.p.)	6	2019	green	up
Individuals aged 55 to 74 years with basic or above digital skills (%)	29	2019	yellow	up
Logistics performance index: Quality of trade and transport-related infrastructure (worst 1–5 best)	3.3	2018	green	up
The Times Higher Education Universities Ranking: Average score of top 3 universities (worst 0–100 best)	53.4	2020	green	up
Scientific and technical journal articles (per 1,000 population)	1.5	2018	green	up

SDG10 – Reduced Inequalities

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Gini coefficient adjusted for top income	33.1	2015	yellow	up
Palma ratio	1.1	2017	yellow	up
Elderly poverty rate (%)	11.4	2017	yellow	down

SDG11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Share of green space in urban areas (%)	7.9	2012	orange	grey
Overcrowding rate among people living with below 60% of median equivalised income (%)	4.2	2018	green	up
Recycling rate of municipal waste (%)	40.4	2017	green	up
Population living in a dwelling with a leaking roof, damp walls, floors or foundation or rot in window frames or floor (%)	11.9	2018	green	up
Satisfaction with public transport (%)	60.6	2019	yellow	up-right
Exposure to air pollution: PM2.5 in urban areas (μg/m³)	7.7	2017	green	up
Access to improved water source, piped (% of urban population)	97.0	2017	yellow	down

SDG12 – Responsible Consumption and Production

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Circular material use rate (%)	1.6	2017	red	down
Gross value added in environmental goods and services sector	0.9	2017	red	right
Production-based SO$_2$ emissions (kg/capita)	103.0	2012	red	grey
Imported SO$_2$ emissions (kg/capita)	19.5	2012	red	grey
Nitrogen production footprint (kg/capita)	57.0	2010	red	grey
Net imported emissions of reactive nitrogen (kg/capita)	19.8	2010	red	grey

SDG13 – Climate Action

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Greenhouse gas emissions per capita	13.2	2018	red	right
CO$_2$ emissions embodied in imports (tCO$_2$/capita)	2.8	2015	red	right
CO$_2$ emissions embodied in fossil fuel exports (kg/capita)	10.1	2018	green	up

SDG14 – Life Below Water

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Bathing sites of excellent quality (%)	71.0	2018	yellow	down
Fish caught from overexploited or collapsed stocks (% of total catch)	21.4	2014	red	up
Fish caught by either trawling or dredging (%)	3.8	2016	green	up
Fish caught that are then discarded (%)	13.3	2016	orange	down
Marine biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	0.1	2018	green	grey
Mean area that is protected in marine sites important to biodiversity (%)	83.1	2019	yellow	right

SDG15 – Life on Land

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Mean area that is protected in terrestrial sites important to biodiversity (%)	86.0	2019	yellow	right
Mean area that is protected in freshwater sites important to biodiversity (%)	98.5	2019	green	up
Biochemical oxygen demand in rivers (mg O$_2$/litre)	1.0	2017	green	up
Nitrate in groundwater (mg NO$_3$/litre)	12.7	2017	green	up
Red List Index of species survival (worst 0–1 best)	0.9	2019	red	down
Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	1.7	2018	yellow	grey

SDG16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Death rate due to homicide (per 100,000 population)	0.4	2017	green	up
Population reporting crime in their area (%)	10.0	2018	green	up
Gap in population reporting crime in their area, by income (p.p.)	4.2	2018	yellow	up
Access to justice (worst 0–1 best)	NA	NA	grey	grey
Timeliness of administrative proceedings (worst 0–1 best)	NA	NA	grey	grey
Constraints on government power (worst 0–1 best)	NA	NA	grey	grey
Corruption Perception Index (worst 0–100 best)	74	2019	green	up
Unsentenced detainees (% of prison population)	18.7	2018	green	up
Exports of major conventional weapons (TIV constant 1990 million USD per 100,000 population) *	0.0	2019	green	up
Press Freedom Index (best 0–100 worst)	15.0	2019	green	up

SDG17 – Partnerships for the Goals

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Official development assistance (% of GNI)	0.3	2019	red	down
Shifted profits of multinationals (billion USD)	-117.1	2016	red	grey
Corporate Tax Haven Score (best 0–100 worst)	75.7	2019	red	up

* Imputed data point

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