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▼ Overall Performance

Index score

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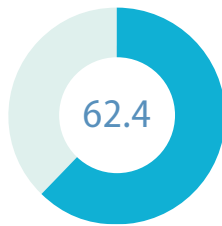
SDG Rank

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▼ Performance by SDG

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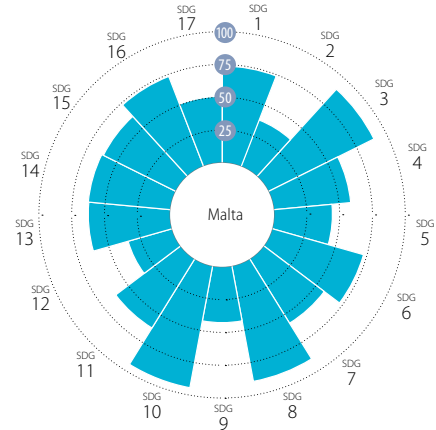
▼ Current Assessment – SDG Dashboard

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■ SDG achieved   ■ Challenges remain   ■ Significant challenges remain   ■ Major challenges remain   ■ Data unavailable

▼ SDG Trends

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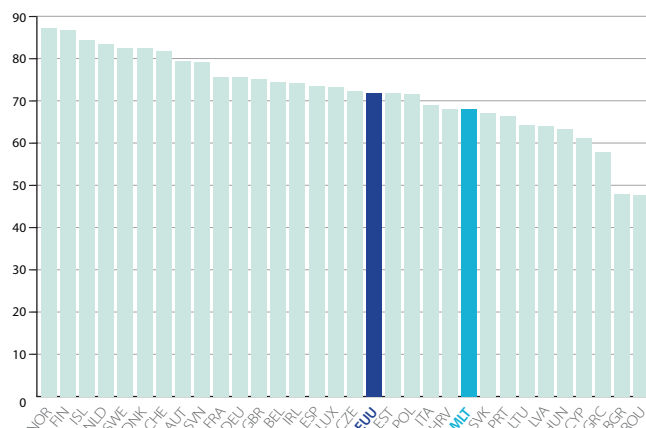⬆ On track or maintaining SDG achievement   ↗ Moderately improving   → Stagnating   ↓ Decreasing   •• Data unavailable
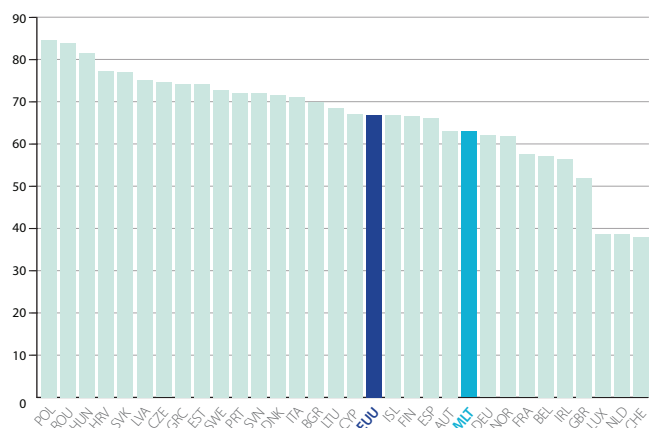
▼ Leave No One Behind Index

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 (%)	16.8	2018	🟡	↓
Severely materially deprived people (%)	3.7	2019	🟢	↑
Poverty headcount ratio at $5.50/day (%)	0.3	2020	🟢	↑

SDG2 – Zero Hunger

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Prevalence of obesity, BMI ≥ 30 (% of adult population)	28.9	2016	🔴	↓
Human Trophic Level (best 2–3 worst)	2.3	2017	🟠	→
Yield gap closure (%)	NA	NA	⚪	⚪
Gross nitrogen balance on agricultural land (kg/hectare)	147	2015	🔴	→
Ammonia emissions from agriculture (kg/hectare)	92.0	2017	🔴	→
Exports of pesticides banned in the EU (kg per 1,000 population)	0.0	2019	🟢	⚪

SDG3 – Good Health and Well-Being

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Life expectancy at birth (years)	82.5	2018	🟢	↑
Gap in life expectancy at birth among regions (years)	NA	NA	⚪	⚪
Population with good or very good perceived health (% of population aged 16 or over)	75.0	2018	🟢	↑
Gap in self-reported health, by income (p.p.)	31.2	2019	🟡	↓
Self-reported unmet need for medical examination and care (%)	0.0	2019	🟢	↑
Gap in self-reported unmet need for medical examination and care, by income (p.p.)	0.2	2019	🟢	↑
Gap in self-reported unmet need for medical examination and care, urban vs rural areas (p.p.)	0.0	2015	🟢	⚪
New reported cases of tuberculosis (per 100,000 population)	11.6	2018	🟡	↓
Age-standardised death rate due to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, and chronic respiratory disease (per 100,000 population aged 30 to 70)	10.8	2016	🟢	↑
Suicide rate (per 100,000 population)	5.3	2017	🟢	↑
Age-standardised death rate attributable to household air pollution and ambient air pollution (per 100,000 population)	20	2016	🟡	⚪
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	7.0	2018	🟢	↑
People killed in road accidents (per 100,000 population)	3.7	2018	🟢	↑
Surviving infants who received 2 WHO-recommended vaccines (%)	96	2018	🟢	↑
Alcohol consumption (litre/capita/year)	7.9	2018	🟢	↑
Smoking prevalence (%)	24	2017	🟢	↑
People covered by health insurance for a core set of services (%)	100.0	2016	🟢	⚪
Share of total health spending financed by out-of-pocket payments (%)	34.9	2017	🟡	↑
Subjective Wellbeing (average ladder score, worst 0–10 best)	6.7	2019	🟢	↑
Cumulative Covid-19 tests performed, Feb-June 2020 (per 1,000 population)	94.2	2020	🟢	⚪

SDG4 – Quality Education

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Participation in early childhood education (% of population aged 4 to 6)	95.3	2018	🟢	↑
Early leavers from education and training (% of population aged 18 to 24)	16.7	2019	🔴	↑
PISA score (worst 0–600 best)	459.0	2018	🟡	↓
Underachievers in science (% of population aged 15)	33.5	2018	🔴	↓
Variation in science performance explained by students' socio-economic status (%)	14.5	2015	🟡	⚪
Resilient students (%)	22.1	2018	🟠	→
Tertiary educational attainment (% of population aged 30 to 34)	37.8	2019	🟡	↑
Adult participation in learning (%)	12.0	2019	🟢	↑
Mean numeracy score in the Survey of Adult Skills (PIAAC) (worst 0–500 best)	NA	NA	⚪	⚪

SDG5 – Gender Equality

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Unadjusted gender pay gap (% of gross male earnings)	11.7	2018	🟢	↑
Gender employment gap (p.p.)	20.0	2019	🟠	↑
Population inactive due to caring responsibilities (% of population aged 20 to 64)	37.0	2019	🟠	↓
Seats held by women in national parliaments (%)	14.9	2019	🔴	→
Positions held by women in senior management positions (%)	10.0	2019	🟠	↗
Women who feel safe walking alone at night in the city or area where they live (%)	70	2020	🟡	↗

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	2016	🟢	⚪
Population connected to at least secondary wastewater treatment (%)	14.9	2017	🔴	↓
Freshwater abstraction (% of long-term average available water)	18.5	2017	🟢	↑
Scarce water consumption embodied in imports (m³/capita)	39.2	2013	🟠	→
Population using safely managed water services (%)	100.0	2017	🟢	↑
Population using safely managed sanitation services (%)	93.0	2017	🟢	↑

SDG7 – Affordable and Clean Energy

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population unable to keep home adequately warm (%)	7.8	2019	🟡	↑
Share of renewable energy in gross final energy consumption (%)	8.0	2018	🔴	↗
CO_2 emissions from fuel combustion per electricity output (MtCO₂/TWh)	1.0	2017	🟢	↑

SDG8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Protection of fundamental labour rights (worst 0–1 best)	NA	NA	⚪	⚪
Gross disposable income (€/capita)	NA	NA	⚪	⚪
Youth not in employment, education or training (NEET) (% of population aged 15 to 29)	7.5	2019	🟢	↑
Employment rate (%)	77.2	2019	🟢	↑

SDG8 – (continued)

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Long term unemployment rate (%)	1.1	2019	🟢	↑
People killed in accidents at work (per 100,000 population)	0.5	2017	🟢	↑
In work at-risk-of-poverty rate (%)	6.4	2018	🟢	↑
Fatal work-related accidents embodied in imports (per 100,000 population)	1.4	2010	🟢	↑

SDG9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Gross domestic expenditure on R&D (% of GDP)	0.6	2018	🔴	↓
R&D personnel (% of active population)	0.6	2018	🟠	↓
Patent applications to the European Patent Office (per million population)	113.5	2019	🟢	↑
Households with broadband access (%)	86	2019	🟢	↑
Gap in broadband access, urban vs rural areas (p.p.)	21	2019	🔴	↓
Individuals aged 55 to 74 years with basic or above digital skills (%)	23	2019	🟠	→
Logistics performance index: Quality of trade and transport-related infrastructure (worst 1–5 best)	2.9	2018	🟡	↓
The Times Higher Education Universities Ranking: Average score of top 3 universities (worst 0–100 best)	31.8	2020	🟢	⚪
Scientific and technical journal articles (per 1,000 population)	1.0	2018	🟢	↑

SDG10 – Reduced Inequalities

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Gini coefficient adjusted for top income	29.6	2015	🟢	↑
Palma ratio	NA	NA	⚪	⚪
Elderly poverty rate (%)	NA	NA	⚪	⚪

SDG11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Share of green space in urban areas (%)	1.9	2012	🔴	⚪
Overcrowding rate among people living with below 60% of median equivalised income (%)	6.6	2019	🟢	↑
Recycling rate of municipal waste (%)	6.5	2018	🔴	↓
Population living in a dwelling with a leaking roof, damp walls, floors or foundation or rot in window frames or floor (%)	7.6	2019	🟢	↑
Satisfaction with public transport (%)	60.3	2019	🟡	↑
Exposure to air pollution: PM2.5 in urban areas (μg/m³)	NA	NA	⚪	⚪
Access to improved water source, piped (% of urban population)	99.0	2017	🟢	↑

SDG12 – Responsible Consumption and Production

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Circular material use rate (%)	6.7	2017	🟠	↓
Gross value added in environmental goods and services sector	1.1	2017	🟠	↓
Production-based SO_2 emissions (kg/capita)	555.8	2012	🔴	⚪
Imported SO_2 emissions (kg/capita)	17.0	2012	🔴	⚪
Nitrogen production footprint (kg/capita)	34.3	2010	🟡	⚪
Net imported emissions of reactive nitrogen (kg/capita)	17.4	2010	🔴	⚪

SDG13 – Climate Action

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Greenhouse gas emissions per capita	5.5	2018	🟠	↗
CO_2 emissions embodied in imports (tCO₂/capita)	2.8	2015	🔴	→
CO_2 emissions embodied in fossil fuel exports (kg/capita)	0.0	2019	🟢	⚪

SDG14 – Life Below Water

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Bathing sites of excellent quality (%)	98.9	2018	🟢	↑
Fish caught from overexploited or collapsed stocks (% of total catch)	12.5	2014	🟡	↓
Fish caught by either trawling or dredging (%)	93.7	2015	🔴	→
Fish caught that are then discarded (%)	32.4	2016	🔴	→
Marine biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	0.1	2018	🟢	⚪
Mean area that is protected in marine sites important to biodiversity (%)	93.4	2019	🟢	↑

SDG15 – Life on Land

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Mean area that is protected in terrestrial sites important to biodiversity (%)	84.5	2019	🟡	↑
Mean area that is protected in freshwater sites important to biodiversity (%)	NA	NA	⚪	⚪
Biochemical oxygen demand in rivers (mg O₂/litre)	NA	NA	⚪	⚪
Nitrate in groundwater (mg NO₃/litre)	59.9	2017	🔴	↓
Red List Index of species survival (worst 0–1 best)	0.9	2019	🔴	→
Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	1.1	2018	🟡	⚪

SDG16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Death rate due to homicide (per 100,000 population)	1.6	2017	🟡	↓
Population reporting crime in their area (%)	13.6	2019	🔴	↓
Gap in population reporting crime in their area, by income (p.p.)	0.0	2019	🟢	↑
Access to justice (worst 0–1 best)	NA	NA	⚪	⚪
Timeliness of administrative proceedings (worst 0–1 best)	NA	NA	⚪	⚪
Constraints on government power (worst 0–1 best)	NA	NA	⚪	⚪
Corruption Perception Index (worst 0–100 best)	54	2019	🟡	↓
Unsentenced detainees (% of prison population)	27.9	2018	🟠	↑
Exports of major conventional weapons (TIV constant 1990 million USD per 100,000 population)	1.1	2019	🟡	⚪
Press Freedom Index (best 0–100 worst)	29.7	2019	🟡	↓

SDG17 – Partnerships for the Goals

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Official development assistance (% of GNI)	0.3	2019	🔴	↗
Shifted profits of multinationals (billion USD)	-10.8	2016	🟡	⚪
Corporate Tax Haven Score (best 0–100 worst)	73.5	2019	🔴	⚪

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