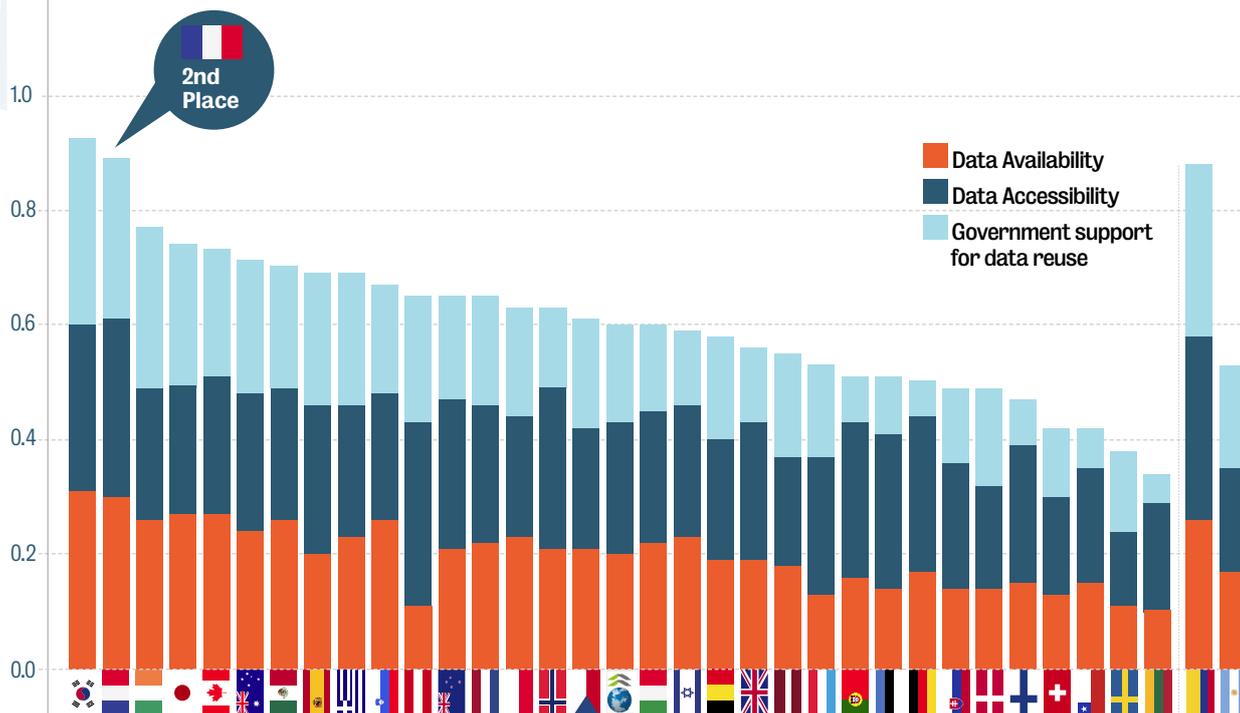


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Governance for Open Government Data

Institutional Governance	Policy Framework	Legal and Regulatory instruments
<p>The Etalab unit within the Interdepartmental Digital Directorate (La direction interministérielle du numérique) is implementing France's agenda for open data.</p> <p>The French chief data officer (L'administrateur général des données) coordinates actions related to governance, inventory, production, sharing and use of data within administrations.</p>	<p>The 2015 National Digital Strategy highlights the importance of open government data to develop a strong data economy and to facilitate innovation.</p> <p>The 2018-2020 Open Government Partnership National Action Plan serves as the current national strategy for open data in France.</p>	<p>The 2016 Digital Republic Bill imposed the open by default principle on every public administration in France by instructing the proactive release of data and the opening up of source codes to administrative software.</p> <p>In 2015, the EU Public Sector Information Directive (2003/98/EC) was transposed into French legislation with the Free and Reusable Public Information Bill.</p>

Enabling coherent policy implementation

- Etalab and institutional Data Officers meet every two months to coordinate on open and public sector data.
- Etalab offers [guidance related to open data publication](#).
- The [Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des Libertés](#) (CNIL) offers guidance related to open data publication and the protection of sensitive data.

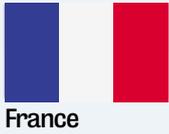
Open Government Data Portal

- In addition to data published by public sector organisations, France's national open data portal [Data.gouv.fr](#) allows citizens and organisations to comment on all datasets and publish their own datasets or reuse cases.
- One dataset provided by the French community is [Open Food Facts](#), with citizen crowdsourced information on food products to support informed food consumption.

Using data as a platform: ecosystem engagement and collaboration

- In 2018, Etalab organised a series of [forums](#) with civil society and public administrations to discuss the re-use of public data. One forum specifically targeted the reuse of procurement data and French government's ambition to release open procurement data using the international Open Contracting Data Standard.





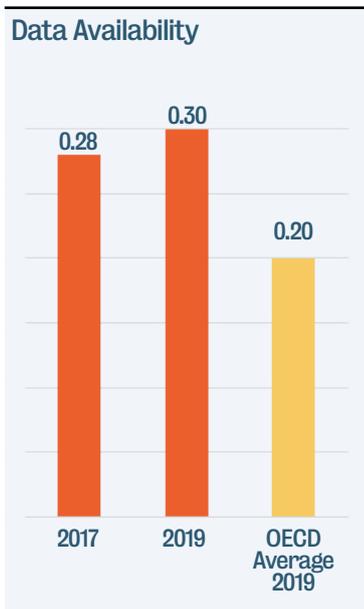
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Good practice

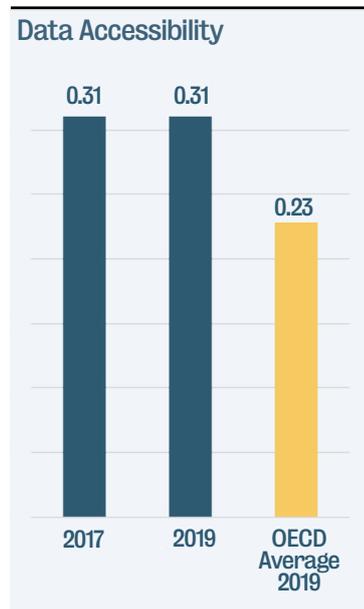
#DataEnergy - Data visualisation contest to promote sustainable energy consumption

In 2018, the Ministry of Ecological and Inclusive Transition, with the support of several public sector organisations including Etalab, organised a data visualisation competition. It aimed to gain better knowledge of energy consumption in different regions across France, mix cross-sectoral data to build a foundation for better diagnostic analysis of sustainable energy use, and to generate educational material that can be used to raise awareness of energy consumption among the general public.

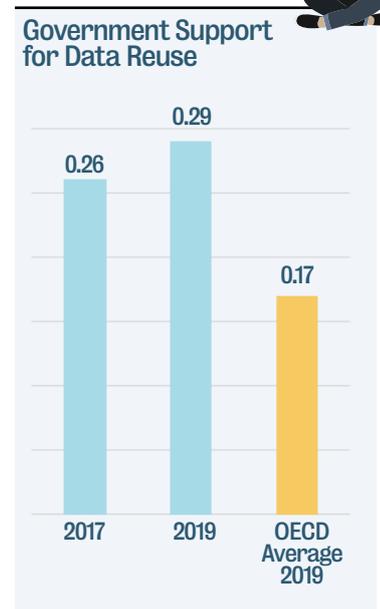
Performance per Index Pillar



By strengthening its policy framework for open data, France has achieved a high level of data availability. To sustain and increase the level further, there is still some room to increase the amount of consultations with data users (to inform open data policies) as well as high-value datasets on data.gouv.fr.



France is a leader in terms of data accessibility and in engaging stakeholders for improved data quality (e.g. through feedback mechanisms on its OGD portal). The portal [Data.gouv.fr](https://data.gouv.fr) is one of the most advanced open data portals across the OECD (for example by allowing users to add their own datasets). For greater data accessibility France could further develop the unrestrictive access to data policy (e.g. requirements for data to be disaggregated).



The French government has made notable progress to support data re-use, especially in terms of capacities within the government. The level of outreach to external stakeholders has remained constant and as such, opportunities exist to boost overall re-use by targeting users outside the public sector more frequently. Similar to most other OECD countries, France could also make greater efforts to monitor the social and economic effects of open data.

• 2019 OURdata Index data was collected through the 2018 OECD OGD Survey. Some written information was collected in 2019/2020. Data unavailable for Hungary, Turkey, Iceland and United States.
• The index ranges from 0 to 1 and is composed of three indicators with an equal weight of 0.33. Each indicator ranges from 0 to 0.33.