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.
OECD OURdata Index: 2019

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

Data Availability

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.

Data Accessibility

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 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).

Government Support for Data Reuse

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.