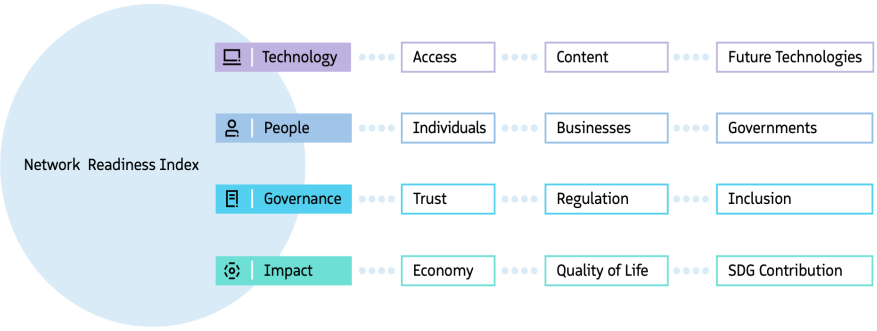
France

The Network Readiness Index (NRI) is one of the leading global indices on the application and impact of information and communication technology (ICT) in economies around the world. In its latest version of 2025 the NRI Report maps the network-based readiness landscape of 127 economies based on their performances in four different pillars: Technology, People, Governance, and Impact. Each of these pillars is itself comprised of three sub-pillars (see Figure 1) that have been populated by a total of 53 variables.

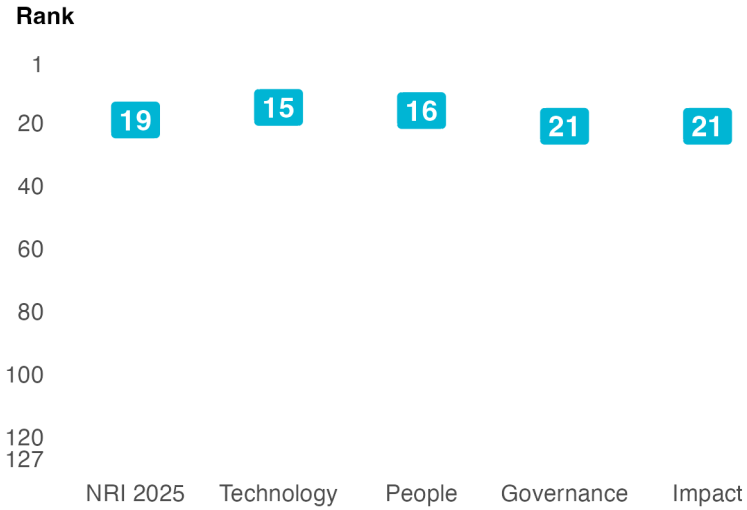
Figure 1: The NRI 2025 model



Global NRI position of France

France ranks 19 out of the 127 economies included in the NRI 2025 (Figure 2). Its main strength relates to Technology. The greatest scope for improvement, meanwhile, concerns Governance and Impact.

Figure 2: France global ranking, overall and by pillar



Performance at sub-pillar level

When it comes to sub-pillars, the strongest showings of France relate to Access, SDG Contribution and Governments, among others (Table 1). More could be done, though, to improve the economy's performances in the Trust, Individuals and Quality of Life sub-pillars.

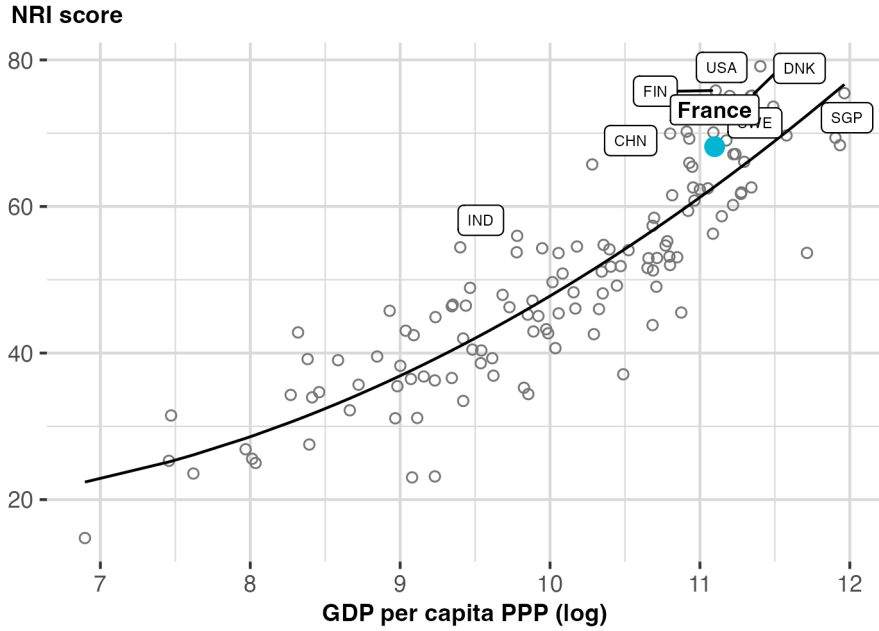
Table 1: France rankings by sub-pillar

Sub-pillar	Rank	Sub-pillar	Rank
Access	9	Inclusion	22
SDG Contribution	13	Economy	22
Governments	14	Content	24
Regulation	15	Trust	25
Future Technologies	18	Individuals	37
Businesses	19	Quality of Life	38

NRI score and income

Figure 3 shows the position of France in terms of both NRI score and GDP per capita (PPP). The trend line shows the expected NRI score given an economy's income level. As can be seen, France is well above the trend line, which suggests that it has a greater network readiness than would be expected given its income level.

Figure 3: NRI score and GDP per capita PPP (log)



Note: USA = United States of America (rank: 1), FIN =Finland (rank: 2), SGP = Singapore (3), DNK =Denmark (4), SWE = Sweden (5), CHN =China (24), and IND = India (45).

Performance against its income group and region

High-income countries

France is ranked 19th in the group of high-income countries (Figure 4, left panel). In terms of pillar performance, it has a score higher than the income group average in each of the four pillars. At the sub-pillar level, it outperforms high-income countries in eleven of the twelve sub-pillars: Access, Content, Future Technologies, Individuals, Businesses, Governments, Trust, Regulation, Inclusion, Economy and SDG Contribution.

Europe

France is ranked 13th within Europe (Figure 4, right panel). It outperforms its region in each of the four pillars. With regard to sub-pillars, it has a higher score than the regional average in each of the twelve sub-pillars.

Figure 4: Performance of France against its income group and region, overall and by pillar

Table 2: France scores vs. averages of its income group and region, overall and by pillar

Dimension	France	High-income countries	Europe
NRI	68.16	62.71	61.14
Technology	61.64	55.47	53.04
People	59.17	52.36	50.07
Governance	81.99	77.18	76.41
Impact	69.86	65.84	65.05

NRI 2025 At-A-Glance: France

Network Readiness Index Rank: 19 (out of 127) Score: 68.16

Pillar/sub-pillar	Rank	Score
A. Technology pillar	15	61.64
1st sub-pillar: Access	9	83.40
2nd sub-pillar: Content	24	46.75
3rd sub-pillar: Future Technologies	18	54.76
B. People pillar	16	59.17
1st sub-pillar: Individuals	37	57.65
2nd sub-pillar: Businesses	19	53.64
3rd sub-pillar: Governments	14	66.21

Pillar/sub-pillar	Rank	Score
C. Governance pillar	21	81.99
1st sub-pillar: Trust	25	82.47
2nd sub-pillar: Regulation	15	83.05
3rd sub-pillar: Inclusion	22	80.44
D. Impact pillar	21	69.86
1st sub-pillar: Economy	22	50.61
2nd sub-pillar: Quality of Life	38	74.36
3rd sub-pillar: SDG Contribution	13	84.60

The Network Readiness Index in detail

Indicator	Rank	Score	
A. Technology pillar	15	61.64	
1st sub-pillar: Access	9	83.40	
1.1.1 Mobile tariffs	14	88.50	●
1.1.2 Handset prices	8	98.48	●
1.1.3 FTTH/building Internet subscriptions	15	57.97	
1.1.4 Population covered by at least a 3G mobile network	63	94.74	○
1.1.5 International Internet bandwidth	32	77.31	
1.1.6 Internet access in schools	n/a	n/a	
2nd sub-pillar: Content	24	46.75	
1.2.1 GitHub commits	21	48.57	
1.2.2 Internet domain registrations	25	37.62	
1.2.3 Mobile apps development	20	73.93	
1.2.4 AI scientific publications	31	26.87	
3rd sub-pillar: Future Technologies	18	54.76	
1.3.1 Adoption of emerging technologies	22	79.78	
1.3.2 Investment in emerging technologies	22	67.25	
1.3.3 Robot density	19	23.82	
1.3.4 Computer software spending	9	48.20	●
B. People pillar	16	59.17	
1st sub-pillar: Individuals	37	57.65	
2.1.1 Mobile broadband internet traffic within the country	11	47.69	●
2.1.2 ICT skills in the education system	30	70.89	
2.1.3 Use of virtual social networks	29	79.86	
2.1.4 Adult literacy rate	n/a	n/a	
2.1.5 AI talent concentration	22	32.17	○
2nd sub-pillar: Businesses	19	53.64	

Indicator	Rank	Score	
C. Governance pillar	21	81.99	
1st sub-pillar: Trust	25	82.47	
3.1.1 Secure Internet servers	18	88.25	
3.1.2 Cybersecurity	23	98.77	
3.1.3 Online access to financial account	n/a	n/a	
3.1.4 Internet shopping	32	60.38	
2nd sub-pillar: Regulation	15	83.05	
3.2.1 Regulatory quality	25	71.09	
3.2.2 ICT regulatory environment	13	91.56	
3.2.3 Regulation of emerging technologies	10	81.87	●
3.2.4 E-commerce legislation	1	100.00	●
3.2.5 Privacy protection by law content	46	70.74	
3rd sub-pillar: Inclusion	22	80.44	
3.3.1 E-Participation	33	79.71	
3.3.2 Socioeconomic gap in use of digital payments	15	96.12	
3.3.3 Gender gap in Internet use	53	65.49	○
3.3.4 Rural gap in use of digital payments	n/a	n/a	
D. Impact pillar	21	69.86	
1st sub-pillar: Economy	22	50.61	
4.1.1 ICT patent applications	17	43.25	
4.1.2 Domestic market scale	9	79.64	●
4.1.3 Technology-Enabled Work Flexibility	34	60.80	
4.1.4 ICT services exports	50	18.75	
2nd sub-pillar: Quality of Life	38	74.36	
4.2.1 Happiness	30	74.46	
4.2.2 Freedom to make life choices	80	64.97	○

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Indicator	Rank	Score	
2.2.1 Firms with website	44	66.54	
2.2.2 Number of venture capital deals invested in AI	30	18.51	
2.2.3 Annual investment in telecommunication services	6	71.88	●
2.2.4 Public cloud computing market scale	6	57.65	●
3rd sub-pillar: Governments	14	66.21	
2.3.1 Government online services	37	81.23	
2.3.2 Data Capabilities	4	73.43	●
2.3.3 Government promotion of emerging technologies	16	75.77	
2.3.4 Gross expenditure on R&D	16	34.41	

NOTE: ● indicates a strength and ○ indicates a weakness.

Indicator	Rank	Score	
4.2.3 Income inequality	33	79.59	
4.2.4 Healthy life expectancy at birth	15	87.72	
3rd sub-pillar: SDG Contribution	13	84.60	
4.3.1 SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being	1	100.00	●
4.3.2 SDG 4: Quality Education	26	58.32	
4.3.3 SDG 5: Women's economic opportunity	1	100.00	●
4.3.4 SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy	37	84.07	
4.3.5 SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities	14	91.99	

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