

Overview of Data

France is near the G7 average for indicators of governance and transparency, although it performs below its economic peers Germany and the United Kingdom on some key scores. Only two FCPA cases have been filed involving French officials, a low rate of enforcement activity for the size of its economy. Both cases involved payments by medical device companies to government-affiliated doctors. The most detailed survey data on corruption from either the World Bank or Transparency International is not available for France.

| Corruption and Governance Indicators | France | G7 Average |
|---|---------|------------------|
| Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index | 72 | 73 |
| World Bank Control of Corruption Score | 88 | 88 |
| World Justice Project Rule of Law Score | 73 | 77 |
| Major Correlates of Corruption | | |
| Nominal GDP Per Capita Percentile Rank | 89 | 89 |
| World Bank Government Effectiveness Score | 88 | 90 |
| World Bank Enterprise Survey Responses | France | Top 10 Countries |
| Share of firms reporting at least one bribe request | No Data | 1.4% |
| Share of firms expected to give gifts to secure government contract | No Data | 1.9% |
| Share of firms expected to give gifts to officials to “get things done” | No Data | 1.5% |
| Share of businesses reporting corruption is a major constraint | No Data | 7.5% |

**All indicators are scores/100 or are percentile ranks, 100=best. Some scores have been adjusted accordingly. 1-33 34-66 67-100.*

Illustrative FCPA Cases (as reported)

Total FCPA Enforcement: 2 Cases

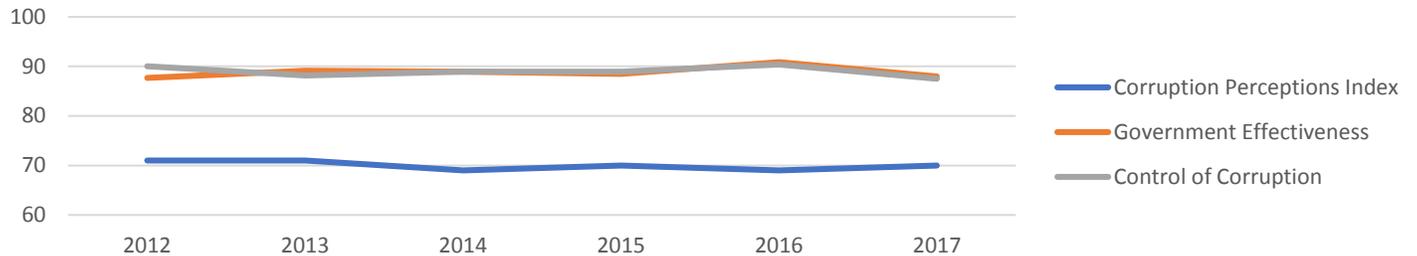
- **Micrus Corporation**—The manufacturer of medical devices was accused of paying doctors employed at public institutions in order to facilitate the sale of its products. These practices allegedly occurred in France, Germany, Spain, and Turkey. The company entered into a non-prosecution agreement with the US Department of Justice in 2005 in which it paid USD 450,000 in civil penalties.
- **Syncor International Corporation**— The medical technologies company allegedly made improper payments and gave expensive gifts to doctors to ensure the sale of its products in public medical institutions. These practices allegedly occurred in Belgium, Luxemburg, Mexico, and Taiwan, in addition to France. In 2007, the company entered into a settlement with the SEC in which it paid USD 500,000 in civil penalties.

Transparency and Accessibility of Information

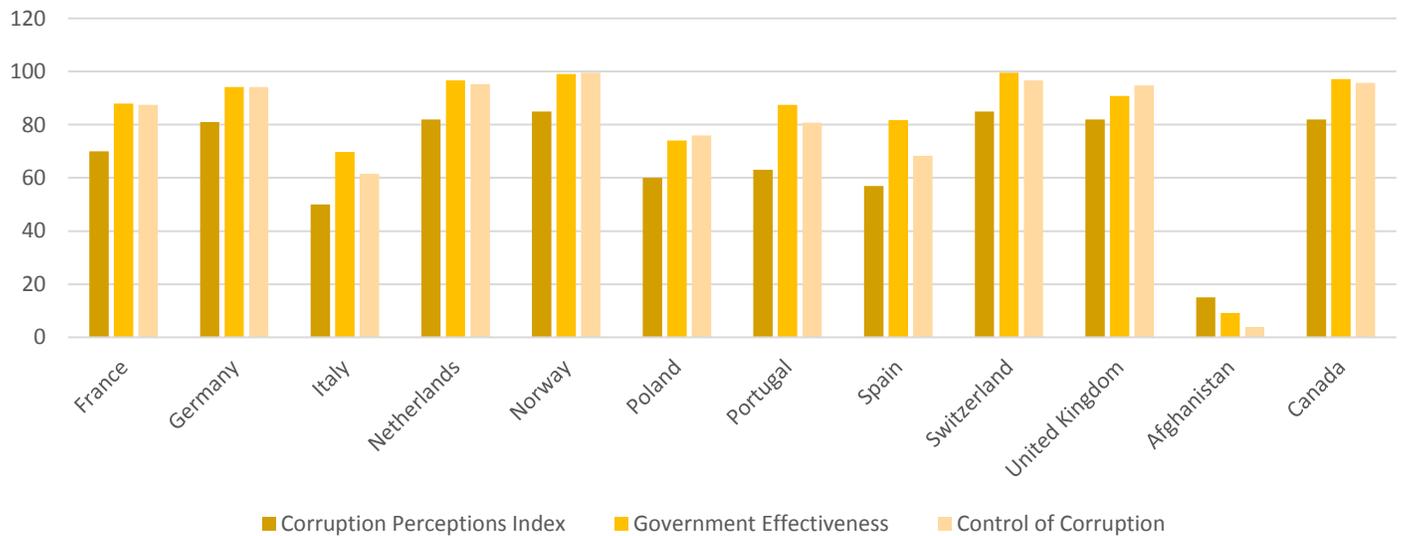
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| Corporate Records | ● | Full corporate records, including litigation records, are available online for a nominal fee. Shareholding information is not available for private companies. |
| Freedom of Press | ● | Reporters without Borders rank 33/180 (180=worst) Freedom House score 26/100, "free" (100=least free) |
| Language Accessibility | ● | No issues. |
| Financial Disclosure | ● | Tax Justice Network Financial Secrecy Score 52/100 (100=worst) |

● Poor ● Moderate ● Accessible

Trendlines



Country Comparison



Context: Corruption in France

Transparency International's most recent Corruption Barometer survey indicates widespread popular cynicism about corruption in France, yet it reports that only 2% of respondents said they paid a bribe in 2016—one of Europe's lowest rates. Some sources indicate problems of favoritism in public procurement as well as expectations that businesses pay facilitation payments to shorten processing times for some public services. France has recently introduced one of the world's most comprehensive anticorruption measures, the Sapin 2 law, which provides regulators with robust tools to pursue France-connected businesses that engage in corruption anywhere in the world, and also mandates the establishment of due diligence programs among French companies above a certain size.

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