

Foreword

The principal aim of the OECD's Environmental Performance Review programme is to improve the individual and collective environmental performance of Member countries and partners by:

- helping individual governments assess progress in achieving their environmental goals;
- promoting continuous policy dialogue and peer learning;
- stimulating greater accountability from governments towards each other and public opinion.

This report reviews the environmental performance of France since the previous OECD environmental review published by the OECD in 2005. Progress in achieving domestic objectives and international commitments provides the basis for assessing the country's environmental performance. Such objectives and commitments may be broad aims, qualitative goals or quantitative targets. A distinction is made between intentions, actions and results. Assessment of environmental performance is also placed within the context of France's historical environmental record, present state of the environment, physical endowment in natural resources, economic conditions and demographic trends.

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