



SPRING 2010 REFORM BAROMETER - FRANCE

1. SUMMARY TABLE

<u>France</u>				<u>Rank among 29**</u>			<u>Relative Gap</u>	
	2008	2009	Change	2008	2009	Change	EU 5 top performers 2009	Gap to EU 5 top performers 2009
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity - PPP)	27119	26046	-4.0%	13	13	0	LU, IE, NL, AT, BE	-23%
GDP per capita (€ at 2000 prices)	25645	24966	-2.6%	13	13	0	LU, DK, SE, IE, UK	-27%
Labour Utilisation (Annual hours worked per capita)	654	639	-2.2%	28	28	0	CY, SI, GR, CZ, PL	-28%
Annual hours worked per person employed	1553	1553	0.0%	26	24	2	GR, HU, PL, SI, CZ	-23%
Employment as % of labour force (100-unemployment rate)	92.2	90.5	-1.7	26	22	4	NL, DK, AT, CY, LU	-5
Labour participation (labour force as % of active population)	70.1	69.9	-0.2	17	18	-1	NL, DK, SE, DE, UK	-11
Dependency ratio (working age population as % of total population)	65.1	65.0	-0.1	29	29	0	SK, PL, CY, CZ, RO	-9
Labour Productivity (GDP per hour worked, in PPP)	43.3	42.6	-1.7%	5	5	0	LU, BE, NL, FR, DE	-1%
Labour Productivity (GDP per hour worked, € at 2000 prices)	41.0	40.8	-0.4%	7	7	0	LU, SE, BE, DK, FR	-14%
Capital deepening (capital stock per hour worked)*	5.7	5.8	1.3%	3	4	-1	IE, FR, LU, AT, SE	-1%
Total Factor Productivity (level of economic efficiency per hour worked)*	7.2	7.1	-1.7%	11	10	1	LU, UK, DK, SE, BE	-18%
Corporate Investment (private investment excluding non-residential, % GDP)	11.9	10.7	-1.2	16	11	5	BE, RO, AT, DK, SK	-2.4
Current Account Balance (as % GDP)	-3.3	-2.3	1.1	14	17	-3	LU, SE, LV, DE, EE	-8.6
Export market share measured in volume relative to main 35 trading partners (from 2000)	-15.8	-12.6	3.2	26	26	0	RO, LT, HU, CZ, PL	-67.4
Unit labour Costs relative to main 35 trading partners (from 2000)	-0.7	-2.1	-1.5	8	7	1	DE, PL, AT, SE, GR	5.0
Government gross debt (as % GDP)	67.4	76.1	8.7	25	24	1	EE, LU, BG, RO, LT	58.2
Net lending/net borrowing of general government (as % GDP)	-3.4	-8.3	-4.9	20	23	-3	BG, DK, SE, LU, FI	-6.3
Required budgetary adjustment related to ageing (as % GDP)	N/A	1.4	N/A	N/A	8	N/A	PL, EE, HU, BG, SE	1.3
Public Investment (as % total public expenditure)	6.6	6.9	0.3	16	15	1	BG, RO, EE, CZ, PL	-9.4
Tax burden (as % GDP)	42.8	40.4	-2.4	23	22	1	LV, RO, IE, SK, LT	12.5

Note: Labour utilisation and productivity are a product of its sub-components.

* Rank refers to EU15 ** EU 27, Norway and Switzerland

Source : European Commission, Eurostat

A methodological note can be found in the report or [here](#).

2. PRIORITIES FOR REFORM - : ANSWERS FROM MEDEF (FRANCE)

	1. Priority areas	2. Concrete Recommendations	3. Are the proposed recommendations already in the agenda of your Government?	
			Yes	No
Priority 1	One single priority: COMPETITIVENESS, which means simultaneous reforms in these different areas (no ranking): pensions schemes reform, development of SME's, new financing of social protection, boost of investment, research and innovation, increase of annual hours work / capita, reduction of tax and social burden rate on companies ...	Negotiations with Government and Unions in progress	X	
Priority 2				
Priority 3				
Priority 4				
Priority 5				