

PUBLIC REPORT

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Comparative barometer of the French web against four European neighbours

7,505 .fr+.re sites compared with 4 neighbouring European panels
.de (3,502) · .es (3,509) · .be (2,476) · .ch (2,909)

12 technical indicators · 19,901 European sites analysed

Collection period: April-May 2026

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average .fr rank across
12 indicators

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indicators where .fr is
on the podium (1st or
2nd)

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indicators where .fr
leads Europe

19,901

European sites
analysed across 5
panels

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Methodology and aggregated data (CSV) freely available at orilyt.com/barometre

The 12 indicators compared

Percentage of compliant sites per panel. The two criteria marked (↓) are exposure indicators: a lower percentage is preferable.

Indicator	.fr+.re	.de	.es	.be	.ch	FR rank
Effective HTTPS	95.6%	95.7%	94.7%	95.6%	95.2%	2/5
HSTS header	48.3%	62.9%	42.7%	51.9%	51.6%	4/5
CSP header	25.5%	36.1%	22.3%	25.9%	23.6%	3/5
X-Frame-Options header	47.7%	48.7%	43.9%	51.2%	47.0%	3/5
Active HTTP compression	93.2%	91.0%	89.8%	89.5%	91.2%	1/5
WordPress site	26.9%	15.5%	24.8%	15.6%	16.8%	1/5
Exposed WP version (↓)	10.9%	6.2%	11.7%	7.1%	8.7%	4/5
Exposed XML-RPC (↓)	6.0%	2.2%	5.9%	4.7%	3.3%	5/5
<title> tag	97.5%	97.9%	97.0%	96.4%	97.3%	2/5
Meta description	78.5%	78.2%	75.9%	69.1%	72.7%	1/5
Canonical tag	71.8%	72.1%	71.8%	64.2%	65.6%	2/5
Mobile meta viewport	93.0%	92.1%	92.6%	90.3%	89.7%	1/5

Sample sizes (n) per panel and per indicator available in the downloadable CSV file. FR rank = position of .fr+.re among the 5 panels (1 = best).

Methodology

Measured panels

The .fr+.re panel: 11,976 domains from the Tranco ranking (global top 1M, an academic aggregation maintained by the universities of Louvain and Stanford), list frozen on 26 April 2026; 7,505 measurable sites after applying the technical criteria. Neighbouring panels: for each of the .de, .es, .be and .ch TLDs, the Tranco top 5,000 was scanned (list of 13 May 2026). Measurable volumes: .de 3,502, .es 3,509, .be 2,476, .ch 2,909. Total: 19,901 European sites analysed.

Measurement method

Lightweight HTTP audit from a server located in Finland (European Union), with no external API. Analysis of HTTP headers and front-end HTML. Each site is visited once, read-only, via unauthenticated GET requests. No intrusive measurement, no nominative or personal data stored.

Indicators

12 HTTP/HTML indicators out of the ~80 measured by Orilyt, chosen for their comparative relevance and stability. Two of them (exposed WordPress version, reachable XML-RPC) are exposure indicators: a lower percentage is better than a higher one.

Acknowledged limits

The .fr+.re panel covers the entire filtered top 1M, whereas the neighbouring panels rely on the top 5,000 per TLD. The comparison is homogeneous over the common visibility zone (top ~5,000 per country) and broadened for the French panel alone, whose statistical power is therefore higher. The study covers the most visible sites of each TLD, not the entire base.

Open data

The definitions of the 12 indicators and the per-panel aggregated results (CSV, with sample sizes n) are published in open access under a CC-BY licence, with no sign-up, at orilyt.com/barometre. The study is reproducible: the Tranco source list is public.

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