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The Green Future Index 2nd edition



The Green Future Index 2022 is the second edition of the comparative ranking of 76 nations and territories on their ability to develop a sustainable, low-carbon future. It measures the degree to which economies are pivoting toward clean energy, industry, agriculture, and society through investment in renewables, innovation, and green policy.

The index ranks the "green" performance of countries and territories across five pillars:

- Carbon emissions
- Energy transition
- Green society
- Clean innovation
- Climate policy

KEY

- Green leaders
- The greening middle
- Climate laggards
- Climate abstainers

- ↑ Countries that have gone up in the ranking since last year
- ↔ Countries that have retained the same ranking as last year
- ↓ Countries that have gone down in the ranking since last year

Overall top 10

Rank 2022	Rank 2021	Territory	Score
1	1	Iceland	6.9
2	2	Denmark	6.6
3	10	Netherlands	6.4
4	17	United Kingdom	6.3
5	3	Norway	6.2
6	6	Finland	6.2
7	4	France	6.1
8	11	Germany	6.1
9	12	Sweden	6.1
10	31	South Korea	6.0

- Nearly 36% of UK's power came from clean sources in the third quarter of 2021, with the aim of reaching 100% by 2035.
- In January 2022, Finland took on €217 million in pre-financing, which will partially go to efforts to decarbonize the energy sector.
- South Korea and Japan have seen significant rises in their innovation scores, thanks to their world-beating green IP contributions.

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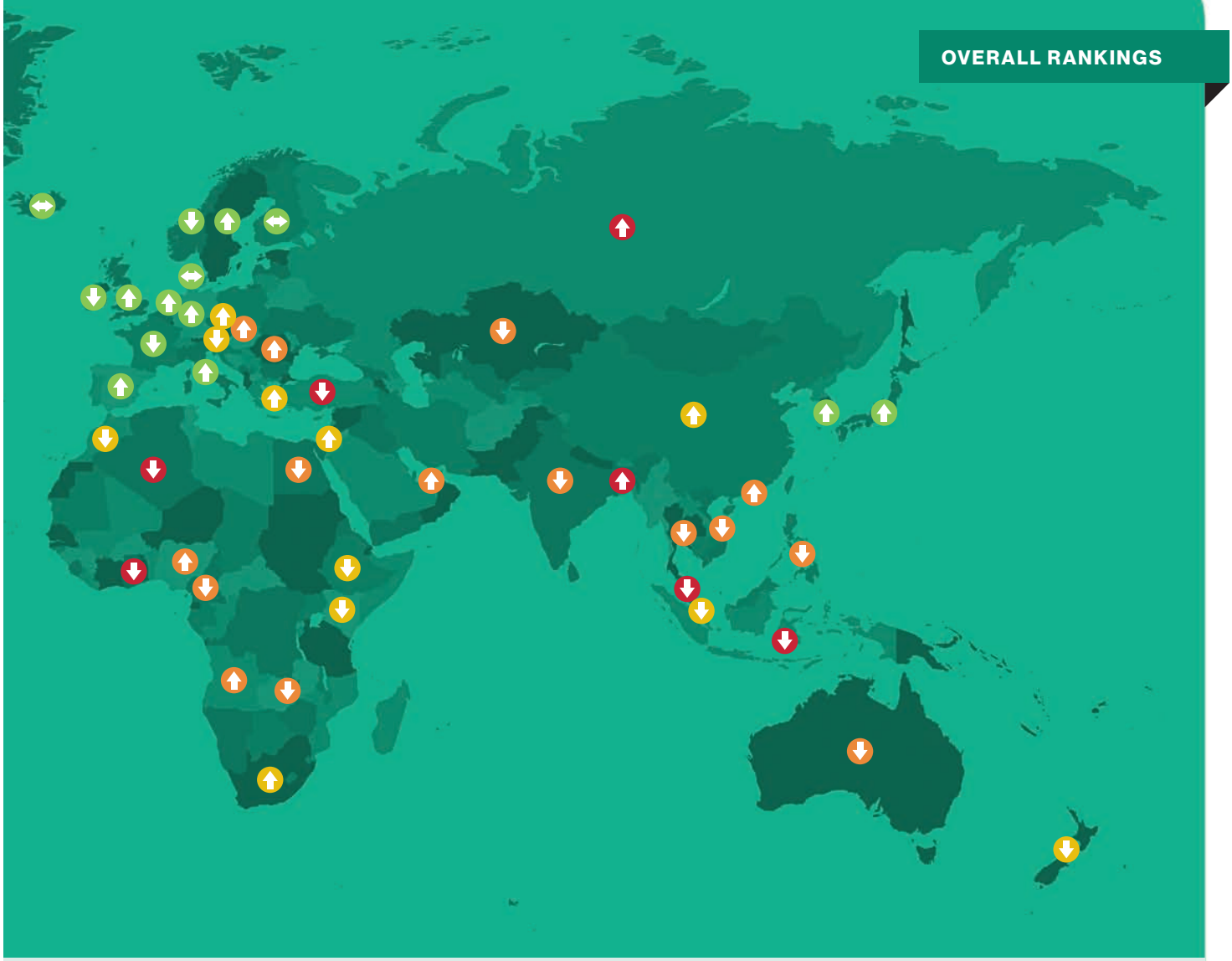
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OVERALL RANKINGS



Green society top 10

Rank 2022	Rank 2021	Territory	Score
1	3	South Korea	7.0
2	1	Singapore	6.8
3	2	Ireland	6.8
4	8	Germany	6.5
5	7	United States	6.5
6	17	Iceland	6.4
7	4	Taiwan	6.4
8	5	Philippines	6.3
9	6	Czech Republic	6.3
10	13	Canada	6.2

- This pillar ranks each country on how well it is pivoting toward clean energy, industry, agriculture, and society.
- Leaders in the green society pillar are over-represented by nations that have incorporated strong civil planning and societal development goals into policy, regulation, and public infrastructure spending.
- Singapore and South Korea are the world's best-ranked recycling economies.

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While the index ranks a total of 76 countries and territories, this map only features a selection of the overall data.