



## Sustainability Fact Sheet

# France

## AWS is building a more sustainable business in France, partnering with local communities, and investing in the region's future

Our sustainability work includes enhancing energy efficiency, transitioning to carbon-free energy, reducing embodied carbon, using water responsibly, driving a circular economy, and enabling sustainability for customers.

At AWS, we focus on efficiency across all aspects of our infrastructure. We use industry-standard metrics to measure efficiency and seek the optimal balance of energy and water use.

For more information, visit the [AWS Cloud Sustainability webpage](#).

### Efficiencies of Scale

Our scale allows us to achieve higher resource utilization and energy efficiency than the typical on-premises data centre. A study released by Accenture and AWS estimates running optimized workloads on AWS's infrastructure is up to **4.1 times more efficient than on-premises**.

For more information, visit the full report, "[How moving to the AWS cloud reduces carbon emissions](#)."

### Key Sustainability Metrics

AWS Europe (Paris)	2025
Average PUE	1.35
Average WUE (L/kWh)	--

Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE) and Water Usage Effectiveness (WUE), in litres per kilowatt-hour for data centres operated by AWS between January 1 and December 31 of each year

## Scale of Carbon-Free Energy

In 2025, BloombergNEF again recognized Amazon as one of the world's leading corporate purchasers of carbon-free energy, in addition to building the largest carbon-free energy portfolio of any corporation globally. With more than 700 carbon-free energy projects, Amazon is investing in over 40 gigawatts of carbon-free energy, across 28 countries. The Solar Park at Préchac (Gironde) is Amazon's first solar park in France with a capacity of 15 MW.

## Water Positive

In 2025, AWS withdrew 74,171,703 litres of water in France. AWS is committed to being water positive by 2030, meaning we will return more water to communities than we use in our direct operations. As of the end of 2025, we are 75% of the way towards this goal. To learn more, see the [Amazon Water Stewardship webpage](#).



## Alignment with Industry Best Practices

AWS remains committed to transparency, responsible resource management, and continuous improvement in the energy and environmental performance of our data center operations. However, certain additional information reported to competent authorities under applicable EU and French regulations is not publicly disclosed here where publication could affect the security, confidentiality, or commercially sensitive aspects of data center operations. This approach is consistent with the confidentiality protections recognized under Article 12(1) of Directive (EU) 2023/1791, Article 5(5) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/1364, Article D. 236-3(V) of the French Energy Code, Article L. 151-1 of the Commercial Code and Article L. 311-6 of the Code of Public and Administrative Relations, and other applicable European and French legal frameworks relating to trade secrets and commercially sensitive information.

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## Supporting Local Communities

**AWS Education Equity Initiative:** Launched December 2024 with \$100M over 5 years. In France, DataScientest received AWS cloud credits to develop TechAway, a hybrid learning program targeting 20,000+ people from disadvantaged or underrepresented backgrounds in tech (covering No Code, Data & Analytics, Programming, and Cybersecurity).

## Workforce Development

Amazon offers competitive salaries and has committed to an ambitious €50 million investment plan to train its employees in France by 2030. Since 2021, more than 5,500 Amazon employees working in our logistics sites have benefited from company-supported degree or certification training through several flagship initiatives such as L'École Amazon, offering logistics qualifications ranging from vocational certificates to two-year degrees, and the Career Choice program.



## Investing in France

- The AWS Europe (Paris) Region launched in December 2017 with a 15-year plan to expand infrastructure and operations during the 2017-2031 period.
- This long-term €6 billion investment plan will contribute €16.8 billion to French GDP and support an average of 5,200 full-time jobs in France, primarily for external contractors in the French data center supply chain.

## Powering Innovation

Our investments support the growth of tens of thousands of French businesses that either sell on Amazon.fr or gain access to cloud infrastructure and [AI tools through AWS](#). By developing AI capabilities and cutting-edge technologies, we enable French businesses of all sizes to benefit from innovations that strengthen their competitiveness and growth, both in France and internationally.

Amazon also runs a Sustainability Climate Accelerator, an equity-free programme supporting start-ups who are driving sustainable innovation. This programme helps entrepreneurs to grow their skills and scale their businesses so they can maximise their climate impact.