



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



SDG TARGETS

TARGET 16-1



REDUCE VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE

TARGET 16-2



PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ABUSE, EXPLOITATION, TRAFFICKING AND VIOLENCE

TARGET 16-5



SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE CORRUPTION AND BRIBERY

TARGET 16-7



ENSURE RESPONSIVE, INCLUSIVE AND REPRESENTATIVE DECISION-MAKING

TARGET 16-9



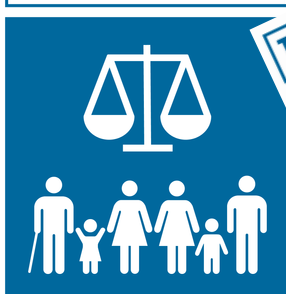
PROVIDE UNIVERSAL LEGAL IDENTITY

TARGET 16-B



PROMOTE AND ENFORCE NON-DISCRIMINATORY LAWS AND POLICIES

TARGET 16-3



PROMOTE THE RULE OF LAW AND ENSURE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE

TARGET 16-4



COMBAT ORGANIZED CRIME AND ILLICIT FINANCIAL AND ARMS FLOWS

TARGET 16-6



DEVELOP EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE, TRANSPARENT AND INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS

TARGET 16-8



STRENGTHEN THE PARTICIPATION IN GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

TARGET 16-A



STRENGTHEN NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AND COMBAT TERRORISM AND CRIME

16-10



ENSURE PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND PROTECT FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

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UN SDG 16

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Rising conflicts and violent organized crime persist around the world, causing immense human suffering and hampering sustainable development.

The number of forcibly displaced people reached an unprecedented 120 million in May 2024

The number of women killed in conflict increased for the first time since 2015. In 2022, 2 in 10 civilians killed in conflicts were women; 1 in 10 were children. By 2023, 4 in 10 were women, and 3 in 10 were children.

In 2023, 320 human rights defenders, journalists and trade unionists in 40 countries were killed,

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The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2024

Facts and Figures



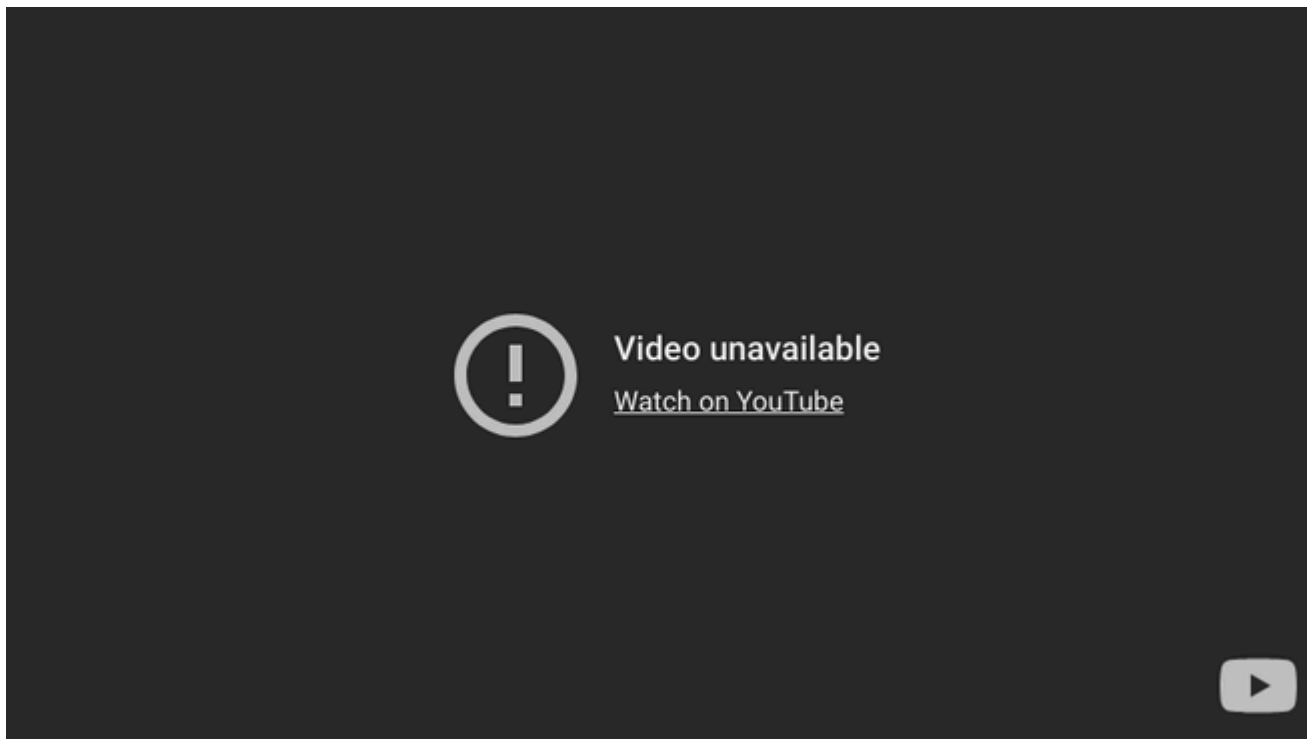
Ireland on the UN Security Council
2021-2022 - Women, Peace and Security
matter





Ireland's engagement in conflict resolution and peacebuilding is grounded in our own experience of building peace and promoting reconciliation on the island of Ireland.

Goal 16 | Department of Economic and Social Affairs (un.org)



Ireland takes a holistic and integrated approach. We support conflict resolution and peacebuilding in our political, development and humanitarian work. We do this through the multilateral system, as well as through ongoing bilateral and civil society engagement. (IFM, 2023)



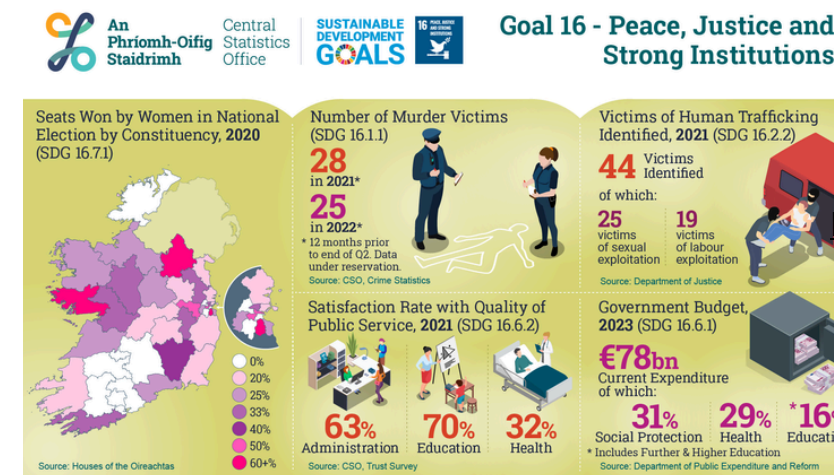
An analysis of SDG16 shows that Ireland is a relatively safe society. There are fewer deaths associated with homicide or assault and fewer perceived occurrences of crime, violence, and vandalism. Ireland's overall score is seventh relative to the EU14 countries.

Key Findings - Victims of Violence:

75 per cent of people aged 18 years and over said they felt “very safe” or “fairly safe” walking in their local area at night

This feeling of safety was considerably lower for females (64 per cent) than for males (87 per cent).

The highest rates of perceived discrimination in 2019 were reported by Persons identifying as LGBTI+ (33.2 per cent); Persons from non-white ethnic backgrounds (33.1 per cent); Unemployed people (30.2 per cent); Non-Irish nationals (26.7 per cent) and people with a disability (24.1 per cent). (Bennett et al., 2023)



CSO
<https://www.socialjustice.ie/system/files/file-uploads/2022-02/sustainable-progress-index-2022-full-slides-for-web.pdf>



Challenges

Illegal logging, waste trafficking, corruption and bribery, plundering, exploitation of natural resources and poaching are examples of **GOVERNANCE AND ENFORCEMENT FAILURES**



ILLEGAL TRADE IN ANIMALS AND PLANTS - including **TIMBER AND CHARCOAL** - is a large source of **CRIMINAL EARNINGS** in the world, estimated to be worth \$50 to \$150 billion per year



Revenues generated by **ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES** enrich international criminal cartels and **FUEL CONFLICTS** across the world



SDG16 and the Environment Connection

A better understanding of the links between **environment** and **human security** is vital for **effective conflict prevention, post-conflict reconstruction** and **promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies**.

In the past 60 years, 40 per cent of conflicts have been tied to natural resources and these are twice as likely to relapse into conflict within the first five years.

(UNEP, 2024)

UNEP

Solutions



STOP all forms of **ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES**



DEVELOP EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE AND TRANSPARENT INSTITUTIONS at all levels



PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOODS to those at the bottom of the criminal chain



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SDG 16 Embedding GCE in ACE

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UNESCO GCE Video
[Learning to live together in peace through Global Citizenship Education](#)

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