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1 FRANCE, ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST RESEARCH-INTENSIVE NATIONS

- €50 billion in R&D investment
- Nearly 285,000 researchers, 60% of them in industry
- 74,000 doctoral candidates
- More than 14,500 doctorates granted each year

2 FRANCE, A GLOBAL ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE

- 5th in the OECD for R&D spending
- 2.27% of GDP devoted to research

3 A HIGH-LEVEL OF SCIENTIFIC OUTPUT

- 4th in the world in impact of publications (H-Index)
- 6th in the world in number of patent applications
- 2nd in Europe and 4th in the world in European patent applications

4 INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF FRENCH RESEARCHERS

- 2nd in the world in number of Fields Medals
- 4th in the world in number of Nobel Prizes

5 PARTICIPATION IN PROJECTS OF INTERNATIONAL SCOPE AND SCALE

- Arianespace; Large Hadron Collider (CERN); ONERA Wind Tunnels; Renater; European Synchrotron (ESRF); Very Large Telescope (ESO); and many more

6 A RESEARCH SYSTEM CENTRED ON THE UNIVERSITIES

- 265 doctoral departments
- Doctorates can be done in French or English

7 A RESEARCH SYSTEM WITH INTERNATIONAL APPEAL

- 42% of doctoral candidates are from outside France
- 3rd leading host country for foreign doctoral candidates after US and UK
- 7th in the world in number of scientific publications

8 CNRS AND CEA, RECOGNIZED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

- CNRS: World's 2nd research body in number of high-level scientific publications (Scimago 2019)
- CEA, 2nd in patent applications among all research organizations in Europe

9 A GLOBAL RESEARCH NETWORK

- France's major research bodies (CNRS, CIRAD, INRA, INSERM, IRD, Institut Pasteur, etc.) maintain more than 250 facilities around the world
- 57% of French scientific papers are international copublications (MESRI 2018)

10 FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH IN FRANCE

- Foreign firms account for one-fifth of the private R&D conducted in France
- 60% of researchers work in the private sector