

Innovation in France

Based on highly qualified scientists and engineers, France invests 2,2% of GDP in R&D expenditure, files more than 17,000 patents and creates 12,000 high tech startups per year.

Innovation and Technology Transfer have been increasingly a priority for the French Government since 1999 (innovation law) in 4 strategic domains: public and private partnerships, creation of high Tech Startups, job exchange between public and private institutions, support to R&D in companies.

Top Measures for innovation (<http://www.recherche.gouv.fr/technologie/mesur/index.htm>)

- National award for the creation of High Tech Startups (1999)
- Tax research credit (1984-2006) and Tax and social charges break (2004)
- Synergies between public research and companies (RRIT (1999), competitiveness clusters (2005), Carnot Institute (2006))

Main French actors of innovation and networks

- **All** (Agency for Industrial Innovation) www.ail.fr/srt/ail_en/home
- **ANR** (National Agency for Research) www.gjp-anr.fr
- **OSEO innovation** (National Agency for innovation) www.oseo.fr
- **Retis** (European Centers CEEI, Incubators and Techno-parks) www.retis-innovation.fr
- **C.U.R.I.E.** association of French Technology Transfer Manager www.curie.asso.fr

MAJOR PROGRAMS IN INNOVATION OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN BOSTON

The Young Entrepreneurs Initiative (YEI, www.france-science.org/innovation/yei/)

YEI enables talented US-based researchers and entrepreneurs to take advantage of the exciting opportunities available for high-tech startups in France, especially to leverage technical and financial resources between Europe and in the US. Young entrepreneurs selected to participate in this program will benefit from a 'one stop shop' service offer, with full support to help set up business in France.

Fellowship Program of Tech Transfer Professionals

The aim of this fellowship program is to share good practices between France and the US in the field of Technology Transfer. This exchange program allows French and American professionals to spend some time on study cases in Offices of Technology Development.

The French American Innovation Day (FAID, www.france-science.org/faid/)

This annual event gathers scientists and companies from France and the United States so as to promote transatlantic alliances in life sciences cutting edge research. It fosters partnerships between French and American companies and research laboratories.

