France Europe 2020: A Strategic Agenda for Research, Technology Transfer and Innovation

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With “France Europe 2020,” France is now equipped with a strategic agenda for research, technology transfer and innovation that will guide public research support policy over the long term.

The central aim of the “France Europe 2020” Agenda is to enable all areas of French research to better take on the scientific, technological, economic and societal challenges of the decades to come. Basic research will be safeguarded. This long-term, high-risk, exploratory research, “with no immediate application,” remains central to a national scientific strategy.

The France Europe 2020 agenda comprises a national research strategy, the core principle of which is incorporated into the Act on Higher Education and Research, along with specific measures to foster technology transfer and innovation and secure France’s place in the European Research Area.

Objectives of the Strategic Agenda “France Europe 2020”

- Enable the government to fully play its role as a strategist, set the priorities for national programming, simplify the organization and review research assessment and indicators
- Optimize connections and coordination with European programs, through greater consistency and better involvement, allowing France to have a bearing on Europe’s future and obtain the critical mass necessary for global affairs
- Address societal, scientific and technological issues and take up the challenges of competitiveness
- Guide public research support policy over the long term
- Collectively set out the priority areas for progress in knowledge and technology and lay down the foundations needed for them to be implemented
- The priorities will be determined based on the results of close consultation with the scientific community, social and economic partners, the relevant Ministries and local authorities

The Nine Proposals of the Strategic Agenda “France Europe 2020”

- Mobilize players around major societal challenges
  - Reasoned resource management and adaptation to climate change
  - Clean, secure and efficient energy
  - Stimulating industrial renewal
  - Health and well-being
  - Food safety and the demographic challenge
  - Sustainable mobility and urban systems
  - Information and communication society
  - Innovative, integrating and adaptive societies
  - A spatial aspiration for Europe
• Reforge research coordination and guidance systems in France
• Promote technological research
• Develop digital training and infrastructures
• Foster innovation and technological transfer
• Ensure uptake of the scientific culture
• Develop programs tailored for major research and innovation priorities
• Build consistency between sites
• Step up the presence of French research in Europe and abroad

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