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1 World-class research

France ranks **second in the world** for Fields Medals (mathematics) and **fourth for Nobel Prizes.** It's ranked **third** in the Shanghai Ranking (2021) and **fourth** for the impact of scientific publications (H-Index).

2 A country of innovation

France is **the second most innovative European nation.** It remains the third largest recipient of European funding for research and innovation (Horizon 2020).

3 One of the world's most research-intensive nations

France ranks fifth among OECD countries for R&D expenditure, with 53 billion euros of annual investment and 2.2% of its GDP devoted to research. Its academic community includes nearly 300,000 researchers.

4 A meeting place for researchers from all over the world

With **42% of foreign PhD students,** France is the third largest host country for young researchers. Thanks to the "Passeport Talents" residence permit, everything is taken care of to facilitate the arrival of international academics.

5 A global network...

French research centers are present in more than **250 research institutions around the world.** 63% of French publications are co-published with foreign institutions.

6 ...At the heart of international projects

French research is involved in **major European and international research projects:** particle physics with CERN, Arianespace, ITER project on nuclear fusion, etc.

7 A research system centred on the universities

Within French universities, **256 PhD programs enroll 70,000 PhD students and award 14,000 doctorates each year,** both in French and in English.

8 Leading institutions

With **32,000 employees in 1,100 laboratories,** the CNRS is the second largest research organization in the world in terms of scientific publications. The CEA is the second largest patent filing research organization in Europe.

9 A dynamic R&D environment

Two-thirds of research in France is conducted in the private sector. A total of 600,000 individuals work in corporate research and development, and foreign companies represent one-fifth of private R&D investments in France.

10 A major economic powerhouse

France, the **sixth economic power in the world and second in Europe in terms of GDP,** is Europe's first destination for international investments in 2020.

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