Developing very large-scale research facilities

Telescopes, particle accelerators, computers, large databases are essential tools for modern research. The CNRS helps to design and develop very large-scale research facilities, which are useful for all disciplines.

Disseminating knowledge

The CNRS facilitates access to scientific and technical information, which is essential to laboratories. It disseminates the results of its research to a wide audience through social networks, films, magazines, exhibitions, and press conferences.

Driving innovation

Researchers and engineers contributed to the creation of more than 1,000 start-up companies. With a portfolio of 4,500 patent families, the CNRS is among France’s top ten patent filers. It also plays an active role in France’s 14 technology transfer companies (SATT).

Leading scientific research

The CNRS contributes to the emergence of large higher-education centers that will give rise to France’s world-class multidisciplinary research universities. It is a founding member of the five French Research Alliances.

Playing a key role on the international scene

The CNRS contributes to the visibility of French research worldwide, through 35 international joint units, a network of offices abroad and partnership agreements with more than 60 countries.

Generating knowledge

With 11,200 researchers, the CNRS is at the forefront of international research. It is the world’s first producer of scientific research papers, with 43,000 publications each year on average for the period 2007-2011, according to the Global Scimago Institutions Rankings 2013.

Revealing talents

Each year, many French and foreign scientists join the CNRS. In its 75 years of existence, the organization has been home to no fewer than 20 Nobel prize laureates and 12 Fields medal winners.

Working hand in hand with industry

The CNRS has signed framework agreements with 25 large companies listed on the French stock exchange and shares 103 joint laboratories with industry.