

SOCIETAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES



The CNRS is mobilising around six major challenges in response to the societal issues facing industry.



“ The CNRS’s strength is to create synergies between the key disciplines it develops, in order to help answer the questions – rarely disciplinary – raised by society. This is why it has included 6 societal challenges in its objectives and performance contract. ”

Alain Schuhl, Deputy CEO for Science



THE CNRS, A DRIVER OF INNOVATION FOR INDUSTRY

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INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE



“ The CNRS conducts large-scale scientific projects, identifies technological challenges for future generations, and supports the best scientists, thereby securing its role as leader in advancing global knowledge. ”

Antoine Petit, Chairman and CEO

DEVELOPING AND SHARING KNOWLEDGE

The CNRS is an interdisciplinary institution of global scientific excellence. The leading public research organisation in France and a major actor in the European research arena, it produces knowledge for the benefit of society.

It promotes entrepreneurship, and supports the creation of innovative companies derived from the laboratories for which it acts as a supervisory authority, together with its partners.

More than
32 000
people at the service
of research

More than
1 000
laboratories

More than
55 000
internationally recognised
scientific publications each
year

BENEFITING ALL BUSINESSES

From multinationals to SMEs and start-ups, the CNRS collaborates with companies of all sizes across all sectors, at every level of technological maturity.

More than
200
joint CNRS/Industry
laboratories

More than
1 000
collaboration
agreements signed
each year with
industrial actors

1st
research organisation in
terms of joint patents with
industry (INPI 2020)

COLLABORATIONS SUITED TO THE NEEDS OF INDUSTRY



“ Attentive listening and dialogue are central to our partnerships with industry. The CNRS relies on its internationally recognised expertise and skills to contribute to the scientific resourcing of companies. ”

Jean-Luc Moullet, Deputy CEO for Innovation

A NETWORK OF EXPERIENCED AND LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Business Relations Department (DRE) defines and directs the CNRS's global strategy in collaboration with economic actors.

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“ We are committed to providing personalised support to all strategic sectors, and helping companies achieve their scientific, technological, societal, and environmental objectives. ”

Carole Chrétien, Director of Business Relations