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.

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

- Energy transition
- Territories of the future
- Climate change
- Artificial intelligence
- Educational inequality
- Health and the environment

The CNRS, a driver of innovation for industry

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