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**1 World-class research**  
France ranks **2<sup>nd</sup> in the world for Fields Medals** (mathematics) and 4<sup>th</sup> for Nobel Prizes. It's ranked **3<sup>rd</sup> in the Shanghai Ranking** (2022) and 9<sup>th</sup> for the impact of scientific publications.

**2 A country of innovation**  
France is the **2<sup>nd</sup> most innovative European nation** (European Patent Office). It remains the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest recipient of European funding for research and innovation (Horizon 2020).

**3 One of the world's most research-intensive nations**  
France ranks **5<sup>th</sup> among OECD countries for R&D expenditure**, with 53,4 billion euros of annual investment. Its academic community includes nearly 310,000 researchers.

**4 A meeting place for researchers from all over the world**  
**With 38% of foreign PhD students**, France is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest host country for young researchers. Thanks to the "Passeport Talent" 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**. 65% 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, Surface project, etc.

**7 A research system centred on the universities**

Within French universities, **270 PhD programs enroll 70,000 PhD students and award 14,000 doctorates each year**, both in French and in English.

**8 Leading institutions**

With 33,000 employees in 1,100 laboratories, the **CNRS is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest research organization in the world** in terms of scientific publications. The CEA is the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **7<sup>th</sup> economic power in the world and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Europe in terms of GDP**, is Europe's first destination for international investments in 2022.