

## Press release

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### A network of French research-funding agencies sign a joint declaration promoting open science

In France, the National Research Agency (ANR), French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES), National Cancer Institute (INCa), National Research Agency on HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis (Inserm/ANRS) and Agency for Ecological Transition (ADEME) signed a joint declaration on 29 June 2020 to promote open science. This agreement underlines their ambition to develop a joint approach for disseminating and sharing knowledge more widely.

Carrying on from the National plan for open science<sup>1</sup> launched on 4 July 2018 by Frédérique Vidal, Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, the national research funding agencies – ANR, ANSES, Inserm/ANRS, INCa and ADEME – decided to set up an exchange network in order to develop a joint approach to promoting open science. This approach seeks the unrestricted dissemination of research publications and data in order to facilitate broad access to knowledge and to harmonise practices across research communities.

In response to a growing need to improve access to research publications and data, and following a year of discussions, the network has set out the key role of open science in a jointly drafted statement.

In this way, the agencies are demonstrating their shared attachment to the key principles of open science;

- ✓ promoting free access to scientific publications;
- ✓ enabling open access to research data based on the principle: “as open as possible, as closed as necessary”;
- ✓ sharing practices and procedures for assessing the scientific quality of projects, in compliance with the San Francisco declaration;
- ✓ informing beneficiaries and raising awareness by sharing good practices;
- ✓ opening data relating to the projects funded<sup>2</sup> by each institution in accordance with the Open Government Partnership<sup>3</sup> and in compliance with France’s Digital Republic Act<sup>4</sup>;
- ✓ publishing an annual review of the initiatives and measures implemented to promote open science.

View the [Declaration by the network of French funding agencies to promote open science](#)

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/cid132529/le-plan-national-pour-la-science-ouverte-les-resultats-de-la-recherche-scientifique-ouverts-a-tous-sans-entrave-sans-delai-sans-paiement.html>

<sup>2</sup> In conformity with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data

<sup>3</sup> In April 2014, France joined the Open Government Partnership, an initiative now involving 79 countries and hundreds of civil society organisations

<sup>4</sup> Digital Republic Act 2016-1321 of 7 October 2016

## **ABOUT:**

### **The National Research Agency (ANR)**

The ANR is the funding agency for project-based research in France. A public institution supervised by the Ministry of Research, the ANR finances and promotes the development of fundamental and targeted research, technical innovation and technology transfer, as well as partnerships between public and private sector research teams at national, European and international levels. The ANR is also the main operator of future-oriented investment programmes (PIAs 1, 2 and 3) in the field of higher education and research.

**Find out more about the open science policy of the ANR:**

<https://anr.fr/fr/lanr-et-larecherche/engagements-et-valeurs/la-science-ouverte/>

[www.anr.fr](http://www.anr.fr)



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### **The Agency for Ecological Transition (ADEME)**

At ADEME – the Agency for Ecological Transition – we are fully committed to the fight against global warming and resource depletion. We mobilise citizens, economic players and local authorities on all fronts, giving them the means to move towards a resource-efficient, low-carbon, fairer and more harmonious society. In all areas – energy, air, the circular economy, food, waste, soil, etc. – we advise on, facilitate and help fund numerous projects, from research through to the sharing of solutions. We devote our expertise and foresight abilities to public policy-making at all levels. ADEME is a public establishment under the joint authority of the Ministries of Ecological & Inclusive Transition and Higher Education, Research & Innovation.

[www.ademe.fr](http://www.ademe.fr) and [@ademe](https://twitter.com/ademe)

### **The French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES)**

ANSES provides public decision-makers with the scientific benchmarks needed to protect humans and the environment against health risks. It studies, assesses and monitors all the chemical, microbiological and physical risks to which humans, animals and plants are exposed, thereby helping the public authorities take the necessary measures, including in the event of a health crisis. A national agency working in the public interest, ANSES comes under the responsibility of the French Ministries of Health, the Environment, Agriculture, Labour and Consumer Affairs. It operates the National Research Programme for Environmental and Occupational Health (PNR EST), financed from budgets delegated by the Ministries of the Environment and Labour, as well as funds from partner institutions. In this context, the Agency issues two calls each year for research projects, essential tools for developing scientific knowledge with which to support public policy-making and health risk assessment work in its field of competence.

[www.anses.fr](http://www.anses.fr) and [@Anses](https://twitter.com/Anses)

### **The National Cancer Institute (INCa)**

**Established by the Public Health Act of 9 August 2004**, the National Cancer Institute is the State agency providing health and scientific expertise in the field of oncology, with responsibility for coordinating cancer prevention initiatives. Through its integrated vision of different types of cancer and the related health, medical, scientific, social and economic aspects, the Institute seeks to support patients, their families, health system users, the general population, health professionals, researchers and decision-makers in the fields of prevention, screening, care and research.

**In compliance with the Act of 8 March 2019**, the role of the National Cancer Institute is to “work in coordination with research organisations, public and private oncology players, health professionals, health system users and all others concerned, to develop a ten-year cancer prevention strategy, specified by decree”. [www.e-cancer.fr](http://www.e-cancer.fr) [Twitter](https://twitter.com/INCa)

### **The Research Agency on HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis (Inserm/ANRS)**

The ANRS was established in 1988. Its role is to oversee, assess, coordinate and fund research programmes in its thematic fields, whatever the area of science concerned (fundamental, clinical or epidemiological research, or relating to human and social sciences, public health and vaccination).

In France, the ANRS brings together researchers and doctors in all fields, reporting to research organisations (Inserm, CNRS (French National Centre for Scientific Research), Institut Pasteur, IRD institute), universities, hospitals or associations. Elsewhere, working primarily in eight countries, the Agency brings together researchers from the Northern and Southern hemispheres to work on research projects targeting national health priorities. In 2012, the ANRS became an independent agency within Inserm (French National Institute of Health and Medical Research).

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