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A STRONG POLITICAL VISION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN FRANCE

France has everything it needs to secure its place in the AI revolution. Talents, in abundance: great scientists, researchers, entrepreneurs, students. Decarbonized energy, abundant and provided consistently. Funding and the AI summit will be an opportunity to highlight historic levels of public and private investments, driven by French, European, and international players. Finally, data, which we have to secure and broaden access to.

At the heart of Europe, at the heart of the AI revolution, France is a crossroads for all those who want to create and innovate. In this regard, France aims to host and reinforce its talents, corporates, as well as cutting-edge infrastructures for the development and use of AI, to serve its innovation ecosystem, from startups to industry and research laboratories.

And if we succeed to position ourselves at the heart of hosting major global infrastructures, France will reduce the sector's global footprint, thanks to our low-carbon energy mix.

This is our ambition: to celebrate our pride, enable success, and bring the progress of tomorrow. To leave our French imprint on the coming century, and to develop a strong project for the deployment of AI at the European level, by supporting the emergence of the best researchers and future international champions.

This ambition must be reflected in all our research and training centers. To massively train all French people in this field. To strengthen our research centers, retain, and attract the best researchers.

This ambition will also be reflected concretely across all our territories. To achieve this, we have notably worked on identifying sites to help actors develop their projects in France. We can already announce 35 suitable sites, some of which could host projects up to 1GW. The progress driven by AI is already here. Let us deploy it across all our territories. Let us bring it into the lives of everyone. With confidence and ambition

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The strategy implemented since 2018 has made France a leader in AI

Building on an ambitious national strategy initiated and driven by the President of the Republic since 2017, France is now positioned among the global leaders in artificial intelligence.

FRANCE, A LEADER IN AI

France is experiencing rapid growth in the field of artificial intelligence (AI). Thanks to sustained innovation dynamics, world's top-level talents, record fundraising, and the establishment of major international players, the French AI ecosystem is developing and structuring itself at an unprecedented pace.

→ In 2023, France ranks **3rd in the Stanford Global AI Vibrancy Ranking** for research, training, and AI infrastructure

→ In 2025, France has **more than 1,000 AI startups**, including gems like Mistral AI, H Company, Poolside, as well as applications such as Alan, Pigment, Doctolib, and more

→ France has moved from **13th place in 2023 to 5th place** in 2024 in the Global AI Index

→ France is the **third country in the world** in terms of the number of AI researchers

→ It is now recognized as **the leading hub for generative AI in Europe**

FRANCE IS HOME TO LEADING COMPANIES AND A GLOBALLY RECOGNIZED R&D HUB

FRENCH COMPANIES ARE COMPETING WITH THE LARGEST GLOBAL PLAYERS

France is the R&D base or decision-making center for Europe of several global AI players, such as Mistral AI (valued at €6 billion), Hugging Face (€4.3 billion), and Dataiku (€3.5 billion).

+ de 1,000
IA startups
in 2025

1st European country for
foreign investment
projects in AI

€1.9 bn
raised in AI
in 2024

The structuring of French investment funds, coupled with the attractiveness of France for foreign investments, enables world-class AI companies to grow. The fundraising of our start-ups proves it.

A DYNAMIC AND ROBUST ECOSYSTEM

Since 2021, the number of AI-focused startups in France has doubled, now exceeding 1,000 companies. In 2024, these startups raised €1.9 billion. With 30% of national venture capital investments dedicated to AI, France leads ahead of the United States (28%), the United Kingdom (25%), and China (17%).

Remarkable fundraising for companies among the biggest global successes, such as Mistral AI (€1.2 billion), Poolside (€526 million), H (€250 million), Photoroom (€62 million), Aqemia (€60 million), Bioptimus (€40 million), Flex.AI (€35 million), and DUST (€16 million).

16 French unicorns have a value proposition related to AI, confirming the country's excellence in this field.

French startups are becoming more attractive and benefiting from more exit opportunities. In 2024, several major transactions marked the ecosystem. Preligens was acquired by Safran and Datakalab by Apple. Finally, LightOn went public in Paris, showcasing the maturity and dynamism of the sector.

Large French companies have also embraced AI: Thales has structured its organization around the Cortex initiative, while CMA-CGM, Iliad, and Schmidt Futures co-founded the private lab Kyutai.

France has been the top destination in Europe for foreign investment projects in AI for over five years, according to the EY barometer.

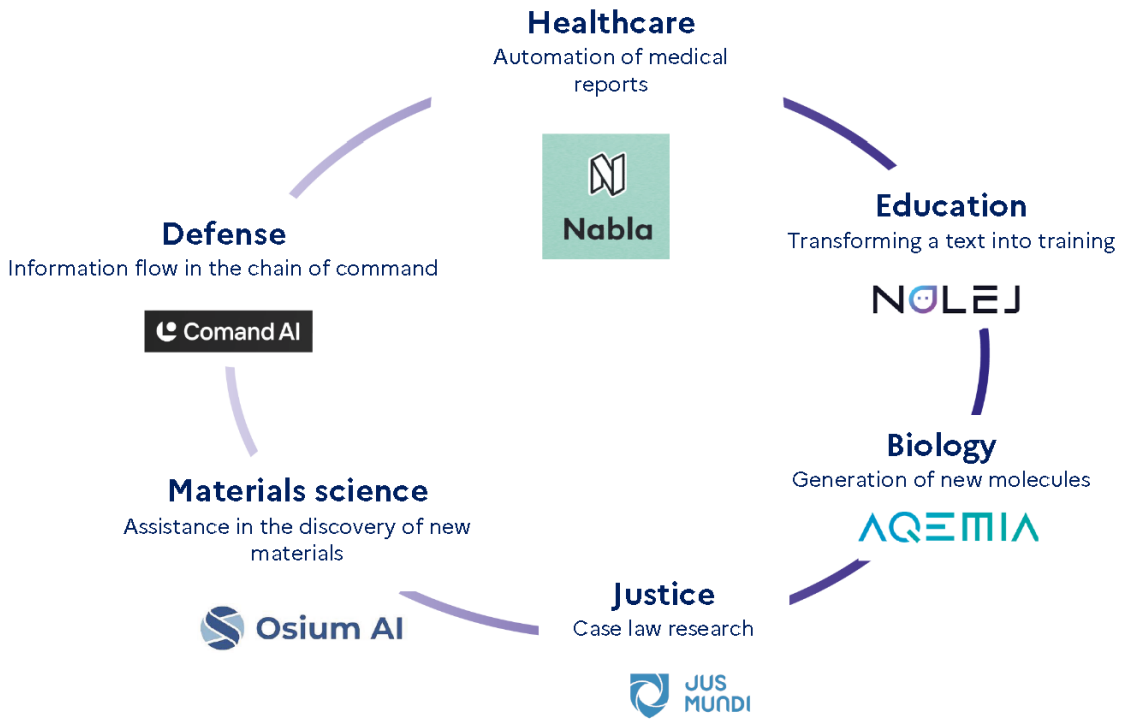
France is the main host country for the AI research and decision-making centers for Europe of global tech giants, such as Alphabet (Google), DeepMind, Meta, OpenAI, as well as Cisco, Criteo, Fujitsu, HPE, IBM, Intel, Microsoft, Samsung, SAP, and Uber.

France is home to some of the largest computing centers in Europe, both public, such as Jean Zay-GENCI, and private, with players like Scaleway, Outscale, and OVH.

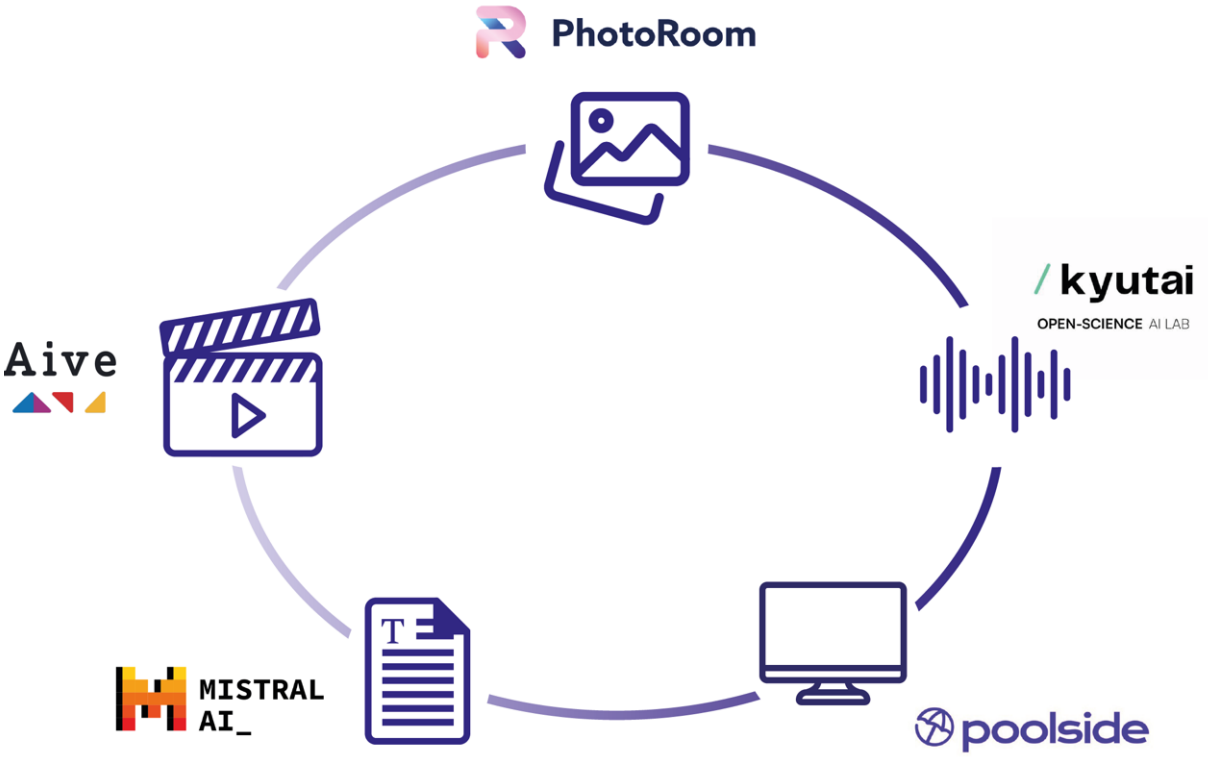
France has more than 4,000 AI researchers within its research organizations, spread across 9 centers of excellence ("AI Clusters") and its major laboratories.

Each year, more than 40,000 students and professionals are trained in AI, with the goal of reaching 100,000 trained annually.

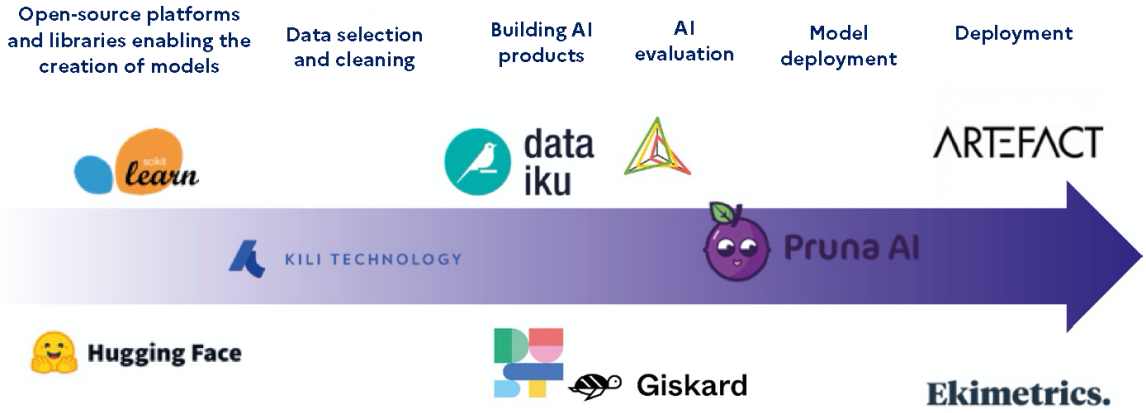
FRANCE OFFERS AI SOLUTIONS TAILORED TO ALL ECONOMIC SECTORS



FRANCE IS DEVELOPING AI TECHNOLOGIES TAILORED TO EACH MODALITY



FRANCE HAS AN AI ECOSYSTEM COVERING THE ENTIRE VALUE CHAIN



A POLICY FOCUSED ON INNOVATION AND ATTRACTIVENESS

	INVESTMENT TOOLS	TAX TOOLS
1983		**Research Tax Credit : €7 bn/year** Supporting companies investing in R&D
2004		**"Young innovative company" – 4,500 companies** Allowing startups investing in R&D to benefit from tax and social security exemptions
2010	**Investments for the Future 1 – €35 bn** Funding innovative and promising projects	
2013	**Creation of Bpifrance – €63 bn injected in the French economy in 2023** Funding and supporting French companies at every stage of their development	**Innovation Tax Credit – €300 m/year** Support SMEs incurring expenses to develop innovations.
2017	**Creation of the French Tech Visa** Simplifying the residence permit process for entrepreneurs, talents, and international investors	
2018	**Launch of the AI Strategy – €2.5 bn invested since 2018** Making France a pioneer in AI	**Single flat-rate tax** Simplify and reduce taxation on capital income
2019	**TIBI – €6.4 bn mobilized** Encouraging institutional investors to invest in the most innovative technology companies	
	Deeptech Plan – €3 bn invested since 2019 Building tomorrow's leaders	
2021	**France 2030 – €54 bn over 5 years** Supporting the entire value chain from research to the early stages of industrialization	
2023	**TIBI2 – €7 bn mobilized** Integrating new institutional investors	

Mission French Tech
Support and promote French startups by facilitating their growth, financing, and international expansion.

SINCE 2018, MORE THAN €2.5 BILLION HAS BEEN INVESTED IN RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

The **first phase of the €1.5 billion National AI Strategy (2018-2022)** has helped to structure a **strong research ecosystem.**

PHASE 1

€1.5 bn to structure research

- → Creation of **4 institutes 3 IA**
- → Construction of the **Jean Zay** supercomputer
- → Creation of the **Health Data Hub**

180 research chairs

300 doctoral programs

> 40,000 students trained in AI per year

Since 2022, the second phase, supported by €1 billion via the France 2030 investment plan, aims to make this technology a transformative lever for production and innovation.

PHASE 2

€1 bn to accelerate innovation

- → Creation of **9 excellence training hubs: "AI Clusters"**
- → Expansion of the **Jean Zay** supercomputer

From **40,000 to 100,000 students** trained in AI per year

€400 m in direct aid for public and private R&D

With phase 3, the State supports the deployment of strategic infrastructures and promotes a broader adoption of AI within society, businesses, and public services.

PHASE 3

Accelerated the spread

- → **Continuation of investments in research and training**
- → Acceleration of **AI deployment in businesses and public services**
- → Implementation of **"AI Cafés" to foster democratic debate on AI**
- → Creation of **the first European institute for AI evaluation and security (INESIA)**

HELPING THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND AND EMBRACE AI

In May 2024, the President of the Republic tasked the **National Digital Council (CNNum)** with creating a national initiative for democratic debate and educational outreach on artificial intelligence, known as "AI Cafés".

The **AI Cafés** aim to:

- → Foster a better understanding of AI's opportunities and challenges
- → Share and develop open educational resources
- → Empower individuals to take an active role in AI adoption

Since the announcement, the CNNum has gathered a broad coalition of stakeholders to support and drive this initiative collectively. The project is designed as a **permanent collaborative effort**, including:

- → A database of accessible and free AI training programs
- → The development of dedicated educational modules
- → A structured network of facilitators to support AI Café events

The goal is to raise awareness among two million French citizens — including students, employees, job seekers, and the general public—by the end of 2027, leveraging the expertise of Digital Advisors (Conseillers numériques).

BUILDING TRUSTED AI

As AI becomes increasingly central to sensitive sectors, it requires high standards of reliability and security.

France is equipping itself with the first European institute dedicated to AI evaluation and security, positioning itself as a key player in the field. This initiative will contribute to analyzing systemic risks associated with AI, supporting national regulators, and actively developing tools, metrics, and evaluation protocols for AI models.

National Institute for AI Evaluation and Security (INESIA)

Launched in January 2025, the National Institute for AI Evaluation and Security (INESIA) focuses on three key areas:

- → Analysis of systemic risks related to national security
- → Support for AI regulation implementation
- → Evaluation of AI models in terms of performance and operational safety

This initiative allows France to join the global network of "safety institutes," which includes Canada, South Korea, the United States, Japan, Kenya, the United Kingdom, Singapore, and the AI Office of the European Commission.

Its attractiveness is built on several pillars

A REPUTATION FOR TALENTS & FORMATION

FRANCE: A GLOBAL HUB FOR AI TALENTS

The excellence of its schools and universities enables France to train some of the world's top engineers, often behind cutting-edge AI technologies. Companies rely on the scientific and engineering expertise of talent educated in France, which enjoys an international reputation.

2nd in the EU in terms of publications at AI scientific conferences

7th position worldwide in terms of publications in AI-related scientific conferences

Investment in training is a cornerstone of our strategy. As part of France 2030, the AI training component aims to support the development of AI in France through a skilled and large workforce.

The country also stands out for its unique open-source ecosystem, bringing together emblematic projects such as **Mistral AI, Hugging Face, Probabl, and scikit-learn**, among the world's leading open-source AI algorithm libraries.

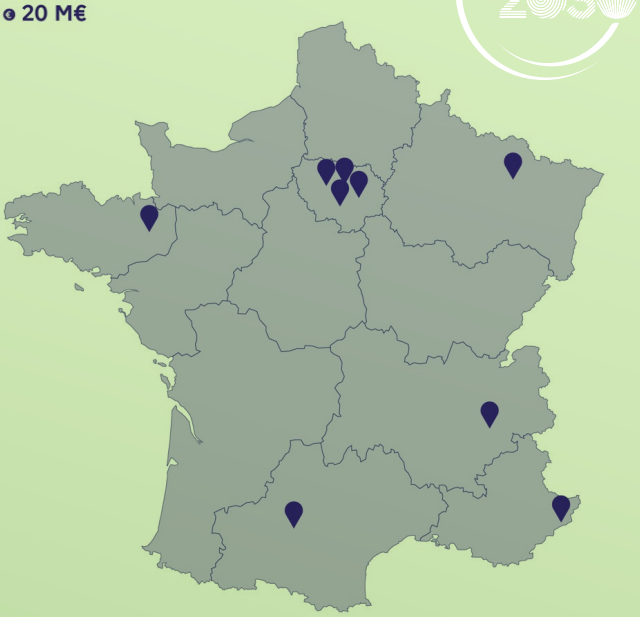
Focus on excellence training hubs in AI: the "AI Clusters"

The 3IA institutes network, launched in 2019, has facilitated the

creation of high-quality public-private partnerships, with over

40 chairs and 300 doctoral contracts funded.

With a budget of €360 million, the AI Clusters program aims to amplify this dynamic by strengthening our training and research, while structuring schools and businesses in a unique setting. It creates 9 training and excellence hubs in artificial intelligence, the AI clusters. The goal for 2030 is to train 100,000 people, including 20,000 in continuing education, and to position at least one institution of excellence among the top international ranks.



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GRENOBLE
MIAI
Université Grenoble Alpes
70 M€

Focus on the "Skills and Future Professions" Program

In order to achieve the training objectives of the national strategy for artificial intelligence, the training projects supported by the 'Skills and Future Professions' program must aim to generalize AI training across the entire country, at all levels of qualifications, in initial education, through apprenticeships, and in continuing education, with a focus on AI as a core profession, double competence, or disciplinary expertise.

A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT FOR RESEARCHERS

France offers a suitable legal framework and several attractive schemes that facilitate the arrival of international talents to the country, including:

The "Talent Passport" is a long-stay visa (VLS) designed to welcome highly skilled professionals, including foreign scientists and researchers.

The "French Tech Visa" allows international talents to settle in France, specifically targeting those working in the sector of technological and innovative startups.

More than 300 'junior professor chairs' are offered each year to young researchers, allowing them to quickly access permanent positions such as university professors or research directors. **Over 45% of the awardees come from abroad**.

Bilateral programs exist to facilitate the arrival of young researchers in France (e.g., the Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide (GROW) Program of the National Science Foundation, the PhD-Track program of the Franco-German University, and various Hubert Curien (PHC) programs from the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs).

At the European level, **the ERC programs and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie scholarships facilitate** and encourage mobility within Europe, and a European directive harmonizes the procedure for welcoming foreign scientists within the EU.

INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES SPECIALIZING IN AI

Our engineering schools and universities, with our world-class researchers and strong expertise in mathematics, are highly sought after globally, and international agreements in AI are materializing.

In this regard, on February 5th, 2025, the French engineering school Ecole Polytechnique signed a protocol agreement with the United Arab Emirates Mohamed bin Zayed University for Artificial Intelligence (MBZUIA). This partnership will focus on a collaborative research and training program in AI, including the development and advancement of AI methods, tools, and training, particularly for foundational models.

Focus on the Talent Passport

The Talent Passport, a specific long-stay visa (VLS) for welcoming foreign scientists, **allows them to stay and work in France, exempting the employer from requesting a work permit.**

The conditions for accessing this visa are as follows:

→ Hold a degree equivalent to at least a Master's;

→ Be assigned a research or higher education teaching mission that specifies the nature and duration of the work entrusted to the scientist or doctoral student;

→ Have a hosting agreement.

The spouse and minor children of the holder of a 'Talent Passport – Researcher' VLS can **benefit from the simplified 'accompanying family' procedure and join France without the need for a family reunification process**.

Higher education and research institutions are exempt from the nationality requirement generally required to access public sector jobs.

They can thus hire scientists (researchers and teacher-researchers) who are non-EU nationals, subject to the application of provisions related to the protection of the nation's scientific and technical heritage.

FRANCE 2030 SERVING AI TALENT TRAINING AND RETENTION TO CULTIVATE OUR BEST COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

France has successfully consolidated its expertise in key AI research areas such as machine learning, natural language processing, and computer vision, and more recently, in key concepts such as AI system evaluation and model optimization.

The national research ecosystem is particularly robust and attractive. With the AI Clusters, the training ecosystems across the country form a natural bridge between research excellence and the expansion of AI talent

The funding of new AI excellence chairs will allow for the continuation of a genuine attractiveness policy, strengthening the university network, schools, and training programs, while bringing back French talents.

A ChooseFranceforResearch unit will be launched to support talented researchers wishing to establish themselves in France.

STRENGTHENING PUBLIC COMPUTING INFRASTRUCTURES

France continues to strengthen its strategic autonomy with three major supercomputers: Jean Zay, Adastra, and Alice Recoque.

Jean Zay

The most powerful supercomputer in France. Operated by CNRS/IDRIS since 2019, it has undergone successive expansions, increasing its **cumulative power to 125.9 Petaflop/s** with over 1,400 H100 GPUs. Since 2018, the Jean Zay supercomputer has supported more than 1,200 AI projects, including the BigScience project coordinated by HuggingFace, involving over 1,000 European researchers.

Adastra

Performance and energy efficiency. Installed at CINES in 2022, the new Adastra2 extension, acquired by GENCI in 2024, deploys technology similar to the two most powerful supercomputers in the world. Adastra2 stands out for its energy efficiency, ranking 3rd on the global Green500, with a performance of 69.1 Gflop/s per Watt.

Alice Recoque

Future French exascale supercomputer. As part of the EuroHPC program, France is investing in an exaflop-class supercomputer, which will be hosted at TGCC (CEA). Alice Recoque will be the second European exascale supercomputer. Its computing power will reach the equivalent of 25,000 NVIDIA H100 GPUs.

EuroHPC AI Factories: Towards a European Network for AI

In the summer of 2024, EuroHPC expanded its scope by opening its computing infrastructures to the specific needs of AI, with the AI Factories initiative. This program aims to create a network of AI-focused hubs, which will serve as one-stop shops for startups, SMEs, and researchers. These hubs will offer easier access to supercomputers, along with technical support and dedicated training.

In this context, Genci and Inria are leading the French candidacy for AI Factories, based on the Jean Zay, Adastra, and Alice Recoque infrastructures. This project strengthens France's position in the global competition for high-performance computing.

SUPPORT FOR INNOVATION THROUGH FRANCE 2030

FRANCE 2030 FOR STRENGTHENING OUR COMPUTING INFRASTRUCTURES AND CRITICAL LINKS IN THE AI VALUE CHAIN

Public supercomputers are a major asset in providing an alternative to the American cloud giants. France continues its efforts and facilitates access modalities.

To bring IaaS/PaaS cloud service providers closer to AI software developers, we will fund French cloud providers developing AI offerings to help them scale up.

We will continue to invest in the development of French and European public and private computing infrastructures.

We will rely on the European AI Factories initiative to develop the service and expertise offerings around our supercomputers for research and businesses.

The market for chips and graphics processing units (GPUs) for AI is characterized by its almost monopolistic nature. However, France can capitalize on breakthrough opportunities, linked to advancements in the research world, such as middleware or energy optimization of microelectronic chips.

We will support breakthrough innovation in the chip and middleware sector.

FRANCE 2030 SERVING R&D AT THE TECHNOLOGICAL FRONTIER

Excellence in research and innovation is key to positioning France among the leaders in AI. By relying on the Digital program agencies (INRIA) and Components (CEA), we are focusing our efforts on a limited number of strategic scientific and technological fields.

The goal is to foster French AI pioneers by supporting a few large-scale projects that enable the development of high-impact technologies and their adoption.

A selection of highly ambitious R&D projects will be supported to overcome the scientific and technological barriers that prevent the adoption of AI in the most critical sectors (healthcare, industry, etc.).

AI research in healthcare is crucial for our country. In order to pursue a true scientific ambition around AI in healthcare, a revamped governance model will bring together all stakeholders around an AI Health Campus project.

The French territory has many advantages for hosting dedicated AI infrastructure

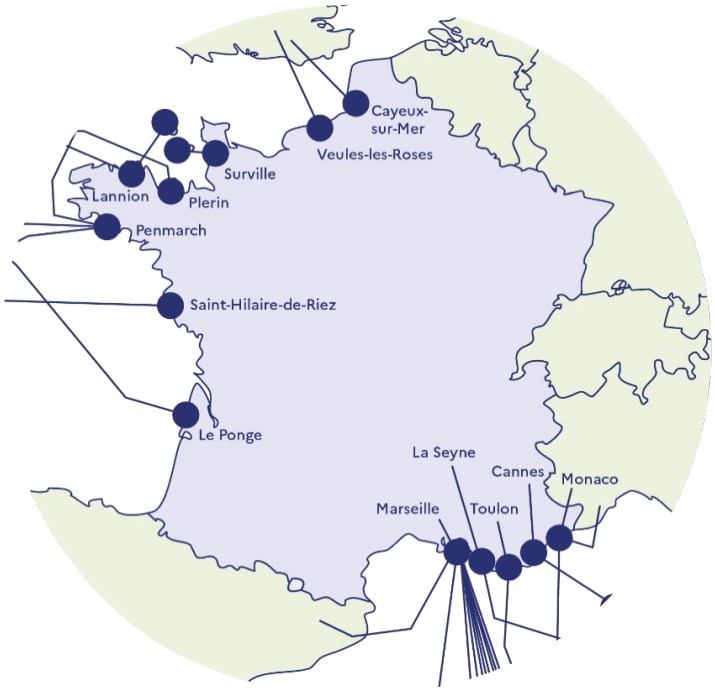
France benefits from several assets that make its territory attractive for the establishment of dedicated AI infrastructure: a plentiful supply of decarbonized energy, a strategic geographical position, and land specifically suited for data center projects.

A DECARBONIZED, ABUNDANT, AND STABLE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

A HYPERCONNECTED TERRITORY LINKED TO EUROPE AND THE WORLD

- → Mainland France is directly connected by submarine cables to North America, UK, Africa and Asia
- → Two-thirds of sub-sea cables landing in the EU are landing in France
- → Neighbor to the other 6 biggest data center host countries in Europe
- → Paris is 10-40 ms away (at light speed) from all EU capitals
- → 90% of the territory is covered by the fiber-optic network

Illustration of the submarine cable networks connected to France



AN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE SUITED FOR DATA CENTERS

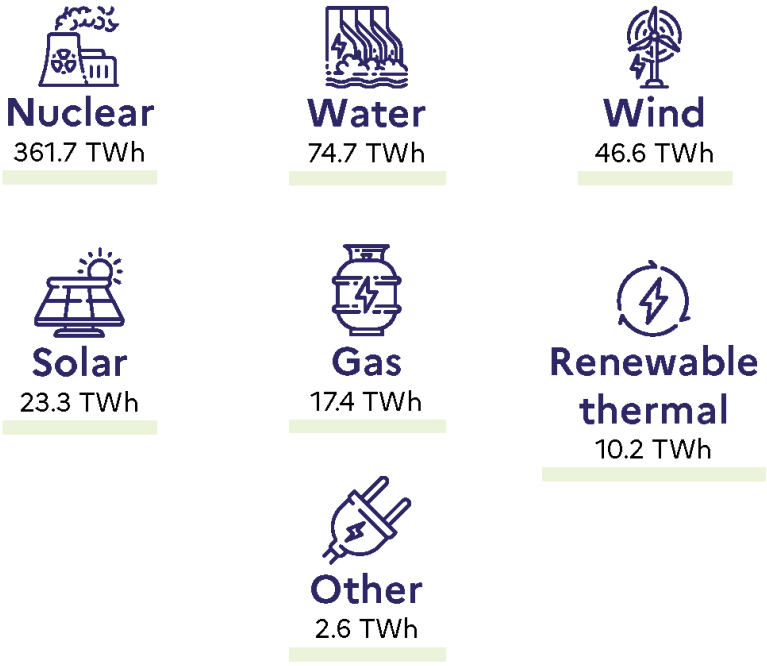
→ France has the most excess power in the EU: +89 TWh net electricity export balance reached in 2024

→ The production is expected to keep growing by 2 % p.a.

→ 95% of the electricity produced is already low-carbon

→ Only 21,3 g CO2-eq/ kWh (2024), against an average of 292 g in the EU (2023)

Electric mix – source: RTE



COMPETITIVE AND STABLE ELECTRICITY PRICES

The main electricity supplier (EDF) aims for an average selling price for existing nuclear electricity of around 70 €/MWh (supply price excluding taxes and network fees) over the next 15 years, with competitive medium-term market (4-5 years) products and, for eligible projects, long-term partnership contracts (10-15 years) for nuclear production.

Government incentives for electricity-intensive users:

→ **a tax rebate of €10.5 /MWh** for large DC subject to conditions, especially regarding environmental performance

→ **a discount of €5.7 /MWh** off the network fee (« TURPE ») for projects with high voltage & baseload profile

AN EVER-EXPANDING HIGH-VOLTAGE GRID

→ **A steady grid**: At the heart of continental Europe, the French grid is hosting more than 150 GW of installed generation capacity and some of the most powerful industrial premises in Europe, such as ITER, CERN's LHC or the new EPR

→ **A highly reliable grid**: The high voltage grid has a 99,9995% availability. Outages longer than 3mn occurs less than one every 10 years (3 to 4 years for shorter outages)

→ **A developing grid**, with a single grid operator responsible for connecting users and fostering new investments:

- A development plan, whose main goals are to **speed up connections** for consumers and generators, **solve foreseeable bottlenecks** and cope with **climate change**
- **5 GW of data center capacity** already under connection process

SUITABLE SITES FOR DATA CENTER PROJECTS

35 sites	**1,200 ha**	Up to **1 GW**	**€10/m²** up to **€100/m²**

35 SUITABLE SITES FOR HOSTING DATA CENTERS

We have identified at least 35 zones in Mainland France that could be suitable to datacenter projects depending on their characteristics (power, land surface, availability), for a total surface area of over 1,200 Ha:

All of them are well located for connection to the high voltage grid. 15 will eventually be in a capacity to reach 750MW

For a short-list, the Government and RTE are considering setting up a fast-track process to connect projects requiring up to 1GW power capacity to the grid by 2028/2029.

Surface areas range from 18 to 150+ ha

At least 16 of them are available immediately and 9 others by 2028

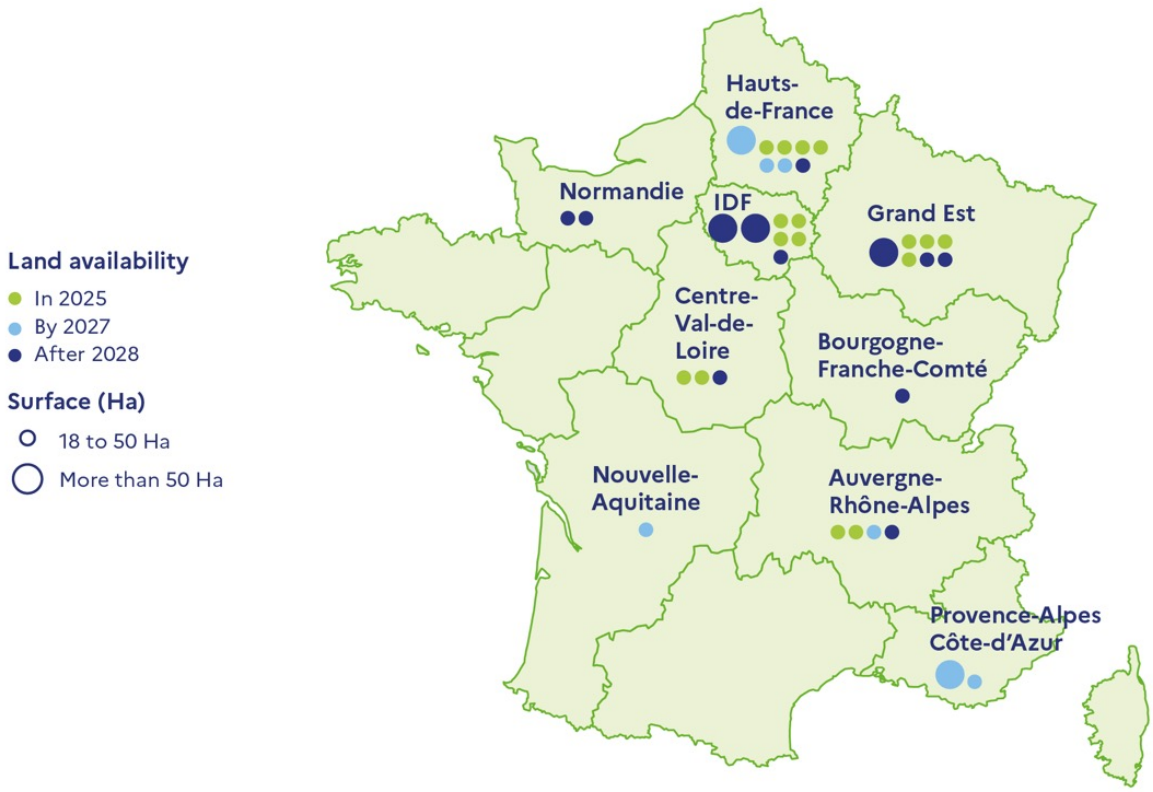
4 sites owned by EDF located close to high-voltage power stations could welcome DC projects, allowing for almost immediate grid connection.

12 are among the "France 2030 turnkey sites" and thus will be delivered with land-related permitting procedures already carried out

At least 15 are brownfield sites for redevelopment

A dedicated taskforce will support your strategic projects to alleviate any difficulty. Point of contact: franceforAI@businessfrance.fr / datacenters.dge@finances.gouv.fr

READY TO USE LOW CARBON AI-SITES THROUGH ALL OF FRANCE



STREAMLINED PROCEDURES

Procedures already accelerated by the recent Green Industry Law:

→ It has reduced the optimal authorization procedure time from 9 to 6 months.

→ It has created the status of "Major National Interest Project" (PINM) for large industrial projects (excluding data centers for now). This status allows for the acceleration of local urban planning rule adjustments (if necessary), the securing of exemptions for species protection (if necessary), and guarantees a fast connection to the electrical grid.

A new bill on 'simplifying business life' to go further on data centers:

→ A new proposed law on "simplifying business operations" is expected to soon extend the possibility of obtaining PINM status to large data center projects, thereby accelerating procedures.

→ The scope of the National Public Debate Commission (CNDP) will be revised to exclude data center projects.

→ Finally, legal procedures against data center projects will be streamlined, with the removal of the double degree of jurisdiction. This is expected to save between 9 and 18 months.

More than €109 billion in investments for infrastructure projects in France

THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS OF OUR COMPANIES AND FOREIGN COMPANIES ON OUR TERRITORY MAKE FRANCE A STRATEGIC PLAYER IN TERMS OF COMPUTING POWER.

→ The two Presidents announced their cooperation within the framework of a **Joint Framework Agreement between France and the United Arab Emirates**. This agreement includes investments up to €50 billion from a consortium of Franco-Emirati champions, aimed at creating a 1 GW campus dedicated to artificial intelligence in France. An announcement regarding the first phase of investment will be made at the Choose France 2025 Summit.

→ **AMAZON** (USA): Amazon announced at the Choose France Summit in May 2024 that we will invest more than €1.2bn and create more than 3000 permanent jobs in France. This investment includes increased Amazon Web Services cloud infrastructure, to support France's flourishing generative AI opportunity. Our investment is part of a €6 billion investment plan to expand cloud infrastructure in France through to 2031. This is anticipated to contribute €16.8 billion to France's GDP while supporting an average of 5,271 full-time jobs annually in the local supply chain.

→ **APOLLO** (USA): **Apollo, a leading global provider of long-duration capital solutions at scale, to provide capital to power next-gen infrastructure in France**

Advancing leading-edge AI capabilities will require substantial investments in infrastructure, with over $1 trillion of investment expected globally by 2030. Apollo has significant experience providing scaled, long-duration capital solutions and since 2022 has invested approximately $25 billion in next-generation infrastructure assets around the world. Apollo is working diligently on several projects and is prepared to finance Energy Projects with up to €5.0 billion of long-term capital and believes its capital base can assist France's AI competitiveness while meeting the growing need for energy to power economic growth.

→ **BROOKFIELD** (USA): Brookfield Asset Management has announced plans to invest €20 billion in AI infrastructure in France.

Up to €15 billion of datacenter investment will be led by Brookfield's portfolio company, Data4, one of Europe's largest datacenter developers, headquartered in Paris. Data4 has existing plans for over 500 MW of datacenter capacity located across several regions in France, with an ambition to treble that by 2030 as part of today's announcement.

A further €5 billion of investment is planned in associated AI infrastructure, including potentially data transfer, chip storage and energy, from future investments made by Brookfield in France.

→ **DIGITAL REALTY** (USA): since the start of La Courneuve Digital Park in 2020 (fully completed in 2025), Digital Realty is investing and will invest significantly in data centers throughout Paris and Marseille regions, with 13 new datacenters and a total investment value over €5 billion. The Company is currently planning to potentially invest up to another €1 billion in datacenters in Paris, increasing the total portfolio in France to more than 25 datacenters assembled since 1999.

These six hybrids, six hyperscale and one colocation datacenters account for 666 MW of grid connections. These facilities support 2,220 jobs (direct and indirect).

→ **ECLAIRION** (France): **Eclairion deploys complementary capabilities across the territory with its new site**.

After the delivery to its Bruyères-le-Châtel (Ile de France) site of the first platform exclusively dedicated to hosting supercomputers for AI and scientific computing, with a final power of 100MW, Eclairion announces a new investment phase for the start of construction on a second site. In Bessé-sur-Braye (Pays de la Loire), with greater power, this new platform will integrate the feedback already acquired, further optimizing the offer offered to end users. Eclairion is developing a new generation of data centers combining cutting-edge technologies, energy optimization, and reduction of environmental impact.

→ **EQUINIX** (USA): Equinix, the world's digital infrastructure company, has always considered France a critical market for IT innovation, connectivity and low carbon abundant electricity and is committed to providing the infrastructure needed to drive France's AI leadership. Equinix is making significant investments in France, with additional investments of more than €630 million planned and the roll-out of its €750M investment plan announced in 2022, with 10 data centers operating in Paris and 1 in Bordeaux. Equinix is also stepping up its support for France's energy transition by signing seven 20-year Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) adding over 100 MW of capacity in France. Equinix, with the French government's strong support, is committed to bold expansion and long-term investment in the market

→ **EVROC** (Sweden): evroc, the European cloud company, will build its first AI factory in Mougins, France, creating a 96 MW hyperscale datacenter with a designed capacity for up to 50,000 GPUs. The project, expected to be completed in 2025, could see investments up to EUR 4 billion at full capacity. Moreover, evroc plans to secure two additional 100+ MW sites in France. The company's AI-first approach, from infrastructure design to sustainability measures, will strengthen Europe's AI capabilities while maintaining strict EU data sovereignty. evroc will also expand its Sophia Antipolis oRice with a dedicated AI team.

→ **FLUIDSTACK** (United Kingdom): Fluidstack announces a partnership with the French Ministry of Economy to deploy the world's largest AI supercomputer in France, with a capacity reaching 1 GW. Supported by an initial €10 billion investment, this project aims to position France as a global leader in AI by leveraging nuclear power, a 100% carbon-free energy source. Scheduled for launch in 2026, this supercomputer will accelerate innovation, strengthen France's digital sovereignty, and create thousands of skilled jobs across the region.

ILIAD (France): **the Iliad group renews its ambitious AI strategy and boosts its investment to over €3 billions**, through a variety of initiatives:

- a strategic alliance with InfraVia to build hundreds MW of data center capacity for Opcore (our datacenter subsidiary);
- the increase in Scaleway's computing capacity to over 5,000 GPUs, as well as the development of all inference solutions on the sovereign cloud;
- the intensification of Kyutai research, Europe's 1st private-initiative laboratory dedicated to open AI research, with the open-source release of a new live translation model;
- a unique partnership with Mistral to offer all Free Mobile subscribers the new Pro version of Le Chat Mistral, a premium AI assistant.

→ **TELEHOUSE** (Japan): a global leader in high-connectivity data centres and subsidiary of KDDI Group, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with French company APL Data Center, a specialist in datacenter engineering and construction. The MOU outlines plans for the design and construction of eco-friendly spaces capable of hosting up to 25,000 GPUs dedicated to inference processing, located in Region Sud and Île-de-France. The investment amounts to €400 million. The group aims to bring these specialised data centres into operation by 2026.

→ **MISTRAL** (France): **Mistral AI continues its development by launching the largest supercomputer in Europe**.

As a pioneer in generative artificial intelligence, Mistral AI is introducing its first AI cluster in Essonne, France. Equipped with the latest generation of chips, this will be the largest AI cluster in Europe. This scalable datacenter will support Mistral AI's growth and its research and development activities. With this cutting-edge infrastructure which will be up and running by summer 2025, Mistral AI strengthens its technological independence, furthering its ambition to democratize artificial intelligence with high-performance, optimized, innovative, and open-source models, products, and solutions.

→ **PROLOGIS** (United States) **announces an investment of over €3.5 billion to support the growth of artificial intelligence in France**.

Prologis is the global leader in logistics real estate. As such, it owns premium sites in the world's major data center markets.

Prologis is strengthening its commitment to digital infrastructure with a projected **400MW project in the Île-de-France region**, incorporating heat reuse into public infrastructure and greenhouses, fostering a **technological and sustainable ecosystem**. This project is part of a broader plan with **435MW already secured in Europe, including 184MW in France, and an additional 400MW to be secured by Q3 2025**. The project will create **200 direct jobs** and **700 indirect jobs**, with project delivery scheduled for **2030**.

→ **SESTERCE** (France): **the French company Sesterce is launching a major investment plan for the deployment of AI infrastructure in France**. In the first phase of the project, Sesterce would deploy a datacenter in Drôme to provide its training and inference services and host computing capacity, for an investment of 400 million euros. The ambition is to continue in the Grand Est region with the target of having 600 MW by 2028.

These announcements **complement those from the last Choose France Summit in May 2024, which recorded over 56 investment projects in France**, totaling more than **€15 billion**, with **€7 billion dedicated to AI, among**.

→ **Accenture** has announced the opening of **two generative AI centers in Paris and Sophia Antipolis**, benefiting **large enterprises and academic excellence hubs** (Institut Polytechnique de Paris, Sciences Po, ESSEC, Inria);

→ **Microsoft** has announced a €4 billion investment, the largest to date in France, to support growth in the new AI-driven economy.

Our AI ecosystem is launching new products and services, while companies integrate AI technology at all levels. Here are some examples:

Mistral AI accelerates its growth:

→ **Launch of Le Chat Pro**: The application integrates **powerful new features** and can now be used for **complex multilingual reasoning tasks**, such as **text comprehension, transformation, and code generation**. **Le Chat Pro Mobile** will be offered **free for one year to Free Mobile subscribers**, enhancing access to cutting-edge tools for **optimal use**.

→ **Partnership with Dassault Systèmes**: Dassault Systèmes and Mistral AI launch **LLMaaS by OUTSCALE**, a solution that combines **a sovereign and secure cloud infrastructure** with Mistral AI's **high-performance and sustainable LLM models**. LLMaaS provides industries with a **generative AI platform**, ensuring **intellectual property protection** while leveraging **Mistral AI's precision, responsiveness, and sustainable performance**.

→ **Partnership with France Travail**: The launch of **ChatFT** introduces a chatbot connected to internal legal documentation, providing users with **quick and efficient access to essential information**. This reduces search time for employees and citizens while **improving efficiency and satisfaction**. Additionally, the new **MatchFT tool** automatically suggests relevant events to users to **accelerate their return to employment**, such as **training sessions, workshops, o conferences**, by analyzing conversations and matching them with appropriate opportunities.

→ **Partnership with Veolia**: Mistral AI is integrated into the **Veolia Secure GPT platform (+LLM Mistral)**, allowing Veolia's clients to **query real-time data on plant operations**. For example, a municipal water manager can **access operational information** and retrieve **sensor data** from the system.

→ **Partnership with Stellantis**: A **personalized and reliable AI assistant** is seamlessly integrated into **Stellantis' vehicle architecture and onboard hardware**, combining **Edge and Cloud models**. It can **interact with vehicle data** and **third-party applications**.

→ **Launch of Le Chat Universités**: This initiative serves as a **think tank**, bringing together key players to **deploy AI in French universities**. Members include **Ed Tech** and universities such as **Rennes, Haute-Alsace, Paris-Est Créteil, Bordeaux Montaigne, Nîmes, Montpellier, and the National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts**. The goal is to equip **students, teachers, researchers, and administrative staff** with **Le Chat Université** for educational and research purposes.

Helsing signs multiple strategic partnerships:

→ **Partnership with Mistral AI**: This strategic partnership places Mistral AI at the forefront of AI integration in the defense sector. Building on Helsing's expertise in defense applications, such as developing the HX-2 strike drone and enhancing the Eurofighter's electronic warfare capabilities, this collaboration paves the way for the next generation of defense technologies. Mistral AI enhances Helsing's capabilities with advanced AI solutions, focusing on the development of Vision-Language-Action models to optimize future robotic platforms. These models will enable seamless communication between autonomous systems and human operators, increasing operational efficiency in complex scenarios. This partnership marks a major breakthrough for European defense technologies, combining AI innovation with real-world applications.

→ **Partnership with Loft Orbital**: Loft Orbital and Helsing form a strategic partnership in space and defense, aimed at developing next-generation AI-powered ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance) satellites. They are launching a multi-sensor AI-driven ISR constellation that will boost military operational speeds tenfold by 2026. Ten low Earth orbit (LEO) satellites equipped with various cameras and RF sensors will utilize Helsing's AI-powered onboard processing to identify and classify military assets in real-time worldwide, complementing sovereign defense capabilities. With high responsiveness, short revisit times, and low latency, this system enables tactical use of space-based intelligence. An automated AI-supported ground segment will provide high-value services and continuous updates, ushering in a new era for European space defense.

Among the 600+ use cases recorded as part of the "AI for Efficiency" call for expressions of interest, aimed at selecting the best artificial intelligence projects to be presented at the AI Action Summit, many illustrate high-quality partnerships and carry strong potential for the future.

→ **Renault is completely rethinking its production chain around AI**. Tools developed in-house allow the company to plan movements and optimize the loading of its truck fleet, an innovation that saves several million euros annually and significantly reduces its carbon footprint. The automaker also uses AI, in partnership with Dessia, to generate innovative industrial designs to improve product quality, reduce design time by 80%, and decrease resource usage by a factor of 3.

→ **SNCF is putting all of its data to work to enhance the traveller experience**. The company has systematized the collection of data from its rolling stock and uses artificial intelligence for early detection of failures. This leads to a significant reduction in malfunctions and limits less effective routine checks. SNCF is also developing chatbots with real-time access to the latest news, capable of effectively interacting with users in case of traffic disruptions.

→ **The media outlet Brut has fully integrated AI into its content production process**. AI does not replace human work but enhances its performance and quality. Brut uses generative AI to automate some redundant writing tasks, extract information from various data sources, and synthesize it. Its AI solution, developed in collaboration with its editorial team, AI experts, and the start-up GladIA, allows the company to focus on the quality of published articles and the reliability of the information.