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RDA France

Activities, successes and impact

Liaising with and supporting the French Plan for Open Science and the RDA

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National context

Academic/research system

- Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur, de la Recherche et de l'Espace (MESRE – Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Space)
- Higher Education
 - 78 universities and communities of institutions
 - 3500+ higher education institutions
 - Grandes Ecoles
 - Polytechnique, Ecole Normales Supérieures, Centrale, etc.
- Research Performing Organisations
 - CNRS, INRAE, INRIA, INSERM, etc
- Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)
 - The agency funds project-based research carried out by public operators cooperating with each other or with private companies.

Open Science in France



Open Science is among the ministerial priorities

- <https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/fr/science-ouverte-50360>
- <https://www.ouvrirlascience.fr/accueil/>

2016: Law for the Digital Republic

- Promote openness and circulation of data and knowledge

National Plans for Open Science (PNSO)

2018

- Generalise open access to publication
- Structure research data and make it available through open access
- Be part of a sustainable European and international open Science dynamic

2021

- Generalising open access to publications
- Structuring, sharing and opening up open data
- Opening up and promoting source code produced by research
- Transforming practices to make open science the default principle

Open Science Policies and Plans are also defined at the level of Universities and Research Organisations

- E.g. [CNRS Roadmap for Open Science](#) (2019), [CNRS Research Data Plan](#) (2020)



In the national Open Science landscape

- Thematic infrastructures providing research data services have been included in the national research infrastructure strategy since its first inception in 2008. [2021 Roadmap](#)
- The National [Comité pour la Science Ouverte](#) (COSO) started in 2020
 - Among the Colleges: Data and Source codes & software
- The national data service [Recherche Data Gouv](#)
 - An ecosystem for sharing and opening data

Recherche Data Gouv at a Glance (November 2025)

National Research Data Platform

- 1 data repository**
+ 6800 datasets (> 120k files)
+ 3,7 M downloads
- 1 data catalogue**
Data published in the repository
or in external repositories



Competence Centres

- 39 federated Competence Centres**
Providing support to data management & dissemination

81 institutions
operating one or more services

≈ 500 staff members
dedicated to supporting research teams




#RechercheDataGouv

Local support: Les Ateliers de la Donnée



carte des ateliers de la donnée
novembre 2025

RDA France

History

- CNRS was a member of the 3 first projects funded by EC in support to RDA through Strasbourg Astronomical Observatory
 - At the national level a few meetings and a mailing list to disseminate information
 - [Sixth RDA Plenary](#) in Paris in September 2015
- RDA France was one of the 9 initial national nodes established by the [RDA Europe 4.0](#) project in 2018
 - [Web site](#) among RDA National Groups
- Support to RDA and its national chapter RDA France in the initial PNSO, renewed in PNSO2
 - Support from the National Fund for Open Science since 2019
- RDA France remained hosted by CNRS after the end of RDA Europe 4.0

RDA France priorities

› High level priorities

- › Support to the national Open Science goals and priorities
- › Support RDA Global

› Started at RDA France inception

- › Encourage more people and organisations to join RDA and participate in its activities
- › Acculturate the French academic community to the data aspects of Open Science
- › Encourage co-operation between researchers, STI professionals and computer engineers
- › Support to certification of data repositories

RDA France activities

- Dissemination of information about RDA and RDA France activities
 - General and topical mailing lists (1100+ recipients)
 - General mailing
 - RDA in France Regional Group Posts & the “historical” national mailing list
 - The historical list provides a first step before joining RDA
 - On demand participation in meetings or university courses to present the RDA in general or specific aspects
- Meetings organised by RDA France
 - Workshops and webinars
 - Annual meeting: Plenary Day and workshops, webinars
- Working Groups on specific topics
- Support to participation in RDA Plenaries

Topical RDA France activities

- Working Group on certification of data repositories common to the Data College of the COSO and RDA France
 - \simeq 200 subscribers to the specific mailing list
 - Several workshops each year
 - Networking of certified and 'on the way to certification' repositories
 - Support to CoreTrustSeal certification fee
- Working Groups on Disciplinary Data Management Plans
 - Disciplinary DMPs which can be used as examples
 - \simeq 40 volunteer experts
 - [V1](#) published in July 2025 in Recherche Data Gouv with a [methodological note](#) in HAL
- FAIR RDA France Letter
 - November 2000 - October 2025
 - 39 issues
 - 300+ subscribers to the mailing list

The *Journées RDA France 2025*

- 8th Annual meeting, 12-28 November + 4 December
- Plenary day 17 November
 - Presentations by Ministry and CNRS representatives
 - Presentation from Hilary Hanahoe (RDA Global) and Francoise Genova & Laurence El Khouri (RDA France)
 - Presentation and discussion of adoption cases and feedback on trustworthy repository activities at RDA P25 and IDW 2025
- Webinar: Recherche Data Gouv
- Workshops
 - How to participate in the RDA and RDA France (x2)
 - How OPIDoR enriches its services for research source codes and software – Inist and WG5 of the Ateliers de la Donnée
 - Workshop on Data Repository Certification – CoreTrustSeal criteria 2026-2028
 - + Webinar Activities of the Source codes & software College

<https://rdafrance2025.sciencesconf.org/>

Other meetings in 2025

› RDA France workshops

› Certification of data repositories

- › Beginners, OAIS, DataVerse, 4 February
- › Advanced, criteria seen as difficult, CoreTrust Seal evolution, 11 September

› How to participate in the RDA, 10 & 12 February

- › Pre-RDA Plenary Workshop

› Active participation in the organisation of

- › RDA Workshop [Workshop The Value of RDA for Policies](#), 10 & 15 May – through RDA France participation in RDA Regional Assembly
- › this meeting, in close collaboration with RDA Europe

RDA France and the RDA

- Support to RDA Global funded by the National Fund for Open Science
- Regional Advisory Board/Regional Assembly
- Dissemination of information about the RDA and its activities to the French community
- Support to the community for participating in the RDA
 - Information about new Groups and Recommendations
 - Support to propose new subjects – BoFs
 - Support to Plenary registration fees and newtorking of Plenary participants before, during and after the Plenary
 - VP16: 55, VP17:80, VP18: 68; IDW2022/P19: 33; P20: 28+26; IDW2023/P21: 21+17, VP22: 45, P23: 8+26, VP24: 55, IDW2025/P25: 7+20

A few facts about French participation in the RDA

- Currently 694 members of RDA in France Regional Group
- 10 organisations members of the Organisational Assembly
- 23 RDA Groups (active or historical) have or had a co-chair from France
- There are always been a French member in TAB since the beginning (except for a short period)
- Provision of adoption stories
 - On-going, to be developed

Meetings in the RDA framework

- Meetings organised or co-organised by RDA France
 - Workshop in French La RDA pour les Nouveaux Venus – RDA for Newcomers, 19 April 2021, colocalised with P17
 - [Recettes sans Frontières – Recipes without Borders](#), P18 Networking session, 9 November 2021
 - In the framework of RDA 10 year Anniversary
 - Certification of data repositories, beginners' workshop in French, 30 May 2023
 - Regional Support to Certification of Data Repositories, 21 novembre 2023, co-organised with several partners
 - [Webinaire RDA France](#), in the RDA Around the World framework, 30 January & 1 February 2024
- Capacity to organise meetings in French in collaboration with the RDA

Conclusion

Support to RDA Strategic Plan

- Globalise
 - Could participate with the organisation of meetings in French
- Sustain
 - Dissemination towards French Research Organisations
- Empower
 - Support progress in research data management practice and policy is a core RDA France aim
- Innovate
 - Maximise potential and impact of RDA Outputs and Recommendations
 - Dissemination
 - Adoption stories

In the national context

- RDA activities come in support to multiple facets of the French national open science policy
 - Dissemination
 - Adoption
 - E.g. National PID Strategies
 - Participation in RDA Groups to push the national topics, point of view, knowledge and requirements
 - E.g. maDMP, Data Stewardship, National Data Services, Evaluation, etc
- Development of RDA France own activities linked to the initial aims, the national context and community requests
 - Certification of data repositories is cited in the PNSOs
 - DMPs are recognized as a key tool
- RDA France is one of the actors of the French national Open Science landscape and networks and works in collaboration with its other components
 - COSO, Recherche Data Gouv, also COARA France
 - A recent example: liaison with [the French Reproducible Research Network](#)

Community building

- Regular webinars on How to participate in RDA and RDA France
 - Some of them before the RDA Plenaries
- Listen and respond to the community needs, linked to the national priorities and activities
 - Data Management plans
 - Activities around source codes & software
- The power of virtual meetings
 - Less time consuming for the participants
 - Inclusive (no cost)
- Supporting participation in the RDA Plenaries has been a strong leverage for building the national RDA community
 - Registration fees
 - Networking activities before, during and after the meeting