INVESTMENT IN R&D ▶ R&D SPENDING
R&D intensity is above the EU average, but has stagnated in recent years. France has, therefore, made limited progress towards its national R&D target.

R&D intensity, showing public and private components (total R&D spending as % of GDP).

STRENGTH OF R&I SYSTEM ▶ R&D INTENSITY OF MEDIUM-HIGH-TECH MANUFACTURING
R&D intensity of medium-high-tech manufacturing is among the highest in the EU.

STRENGTH OF R&I SYSTEM ▶ SKILLED HUMAN RESOURCES
The French economy can benefit from skilled human resources in science and engineering.

Number of new graduates in science and engineering per thousand population aged 25-34 (2014).
**KEY CHALLENGE**  ➤ **EFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC SUPPORT TO INNOVATION**

Strong public support only leads to average innovation performance

**KEY CHALLENGE**  ➤ **SCIENCE–BUSINESS COOPERATION**

Academia-business cooperation is below average

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**COUNTRY–SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS 2017**

Simplify and improve the efficiency of public support schemes for innovation

**H2020 POLICY SUPPORT FACILITY ACTIVITIES**

Participated in Mutual Learning Exercises on:

- Administration and Monitoring of R&D Tax Incentives
- Alignment and Interoperability of National Research Programmes
- Innovation-related Public Procurement
- Open Science
- Evaluation of Business R&D Grant Schemes