

# Glossary: National Center for Scientific Research

Statistics Explained

The **National Center for Scientific Research** abbreviated as **CNRS** (from the French *Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique* ) is the largest governmental research organisation in France and the largest fundamental science agency in Europe. Founded in 1939, CNRS has the following missions:

- to evaluate and carry out all research capable of advancing knowledge and bringing social, cultural, and economic benefits for society;
- to contribute to the application and promotion of research results;
- to develop scientific information;
- to support research training;
- to participate in the analysis of the national and international scientific climate and its potential for evolution in order to develop a national policy.

## Further information

- [National Center for Scientific Research - CNRS](#)

## Related concepts

- [Applied research](#)
- [Basic research](#)
- [Research and development \(R & D\)](#)