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# Results & Outlook 2020-2021



**Expertise France** is France's public agency in charge of international technical cooperation, the second largest in Europe. The projects we design and implement strengthen public policies over the long term in developing and emerging countries. We work in key areas of development, such as governance, security, climate, health, and education. Alongside our partners, we contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For a world in common.



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## EDITORIAL

“A vital capacity for innovation”

By **Jean-Yves Le Drian**,  
Minister for Europe  
and Foreign Affairs

**F**aced with the huge challenges of a world suffering ecological emergency and undergoing alarming processes of dehumanisation, the Covid-19 crisis reminds us that international solidarity is not just a requirement for justice but also a real necessity for effectiveness.

As solidarity is the foundation of our collective response to the pandemic, so it must be the foundation of tomorrow's world. Many of the solutions to the upheavals of the 21st century can actually be found in our partners in the South. It is therefore both in our interest and our responsibility to help them build these solutions and put them into action.

The law I introduced in Parliament on inclusive development and combating global inequalities is designed for this. This law will give new impetus to our entire development policy: With consolidated resources, we



will be able to do more. And not just more but also better, thanks to redefinition of our geographical and thematic priorities, affirmation of a more partnership-based method, and clarification of how we manage our development action—from the highest level of the State to the field.

Expertise France has experience and capacity for innovation that are absolutely essential to us. To ensure that it can play its full role in this new impetus, the President of the French Republic has undertaken to double the number of international technical experts (ITEs) within the next two years. The integration of Expertise France into AFD Group and the launch of the Team Europe initiatives will also help strengthen its action capacities and, more generally, the effectiveness of France's development action.

The Expertise France personnel can count on my full support and the support of my ministry. **J.-Y. L. D.**

## EDITORIAL

“An agency as European as it is French”

By **Bruno Le Maire**,  
Minister of the Economy,  
Finance and the Recovery

I would like to pay tribute to the work the Expertise France teams accomplished in 2020. They worked tirelessly to restructure most of their projects so they include a response to the health crisis and its economic and social effects.

Expertise France has been able to adapt its technical assistance methods to provide the countries hit hardest by the crisis with a broad offer of skills, whether they are to accelerate the ecological transition, support entrepreneurship, or aid in efficient tax collection.

Expertise France is an agency as European as it is French. Technical assistance will be an essential component of the European recovery plan, and we are counting on the agency to spread French expertise throughout the European Union, by supporting other Member States in developing new themes such as the digitisation of their tax administration and the greening of public policies. I am especially pleased that the European Commission has selected Expertise France to implement a large-scale training project on environmental budgeting in 18 Member States.

In line with the commitment made by the President of the French Republic at the

Development Council, we have decided to arrange for international technical experts specialised in economic impact to be seconded to our partner countries from 2022. This will enable us to recreate the human component of our international cooperation, which has been reduced to a minimum by the drop in the number of development cooperation workers over the last twenty years.

Another key development is Expertise France's integration into AFD, which will create opportunities for our companies to become involved in AFD projects. In this respect, the upcoming adoption of the Development Bill will officialise the merger of these two institutions and the renewal of international development cooperation.

I am certain that the Expertise France teams will continue their commitment once they are integrated into AFD Group. France is fortunate to be able to count on these talented personnel. **B. L. M.**



INTERVIEW

# Responding where needed, on all fronts”



With **Laurence Tubiana**,  
Chair of the Expertise France Board  
of Directors, and **Jérémie Pellet**,  
CEO of Expertise France

In 2020, the health crisis presented a challenge to the people working in development and international technical cooperation. But 2021 will mark a turning point for French development cooperation: the provisions of the bill on inclusive development and combating global inequalities include the integration of Expertise France into AFD Group and the strengthening of the French international technical expertise system (see pages 14-15). In this interview, Jérémie Pellet and Laurence Tubiana exchange views on these major reforms.

**What is your assessment of the year 2020 for Expertise France?**

**J. P.** It was a complicated year, for Expertise France as for everyone else. The impact on our activity was limited in the end, as there was only a 5% decline compared to 2019. The impressive mobilisation of our teams, to whom I express my great thanks, enabled us not only to carry out our projects in the field, but also to respond to the health and economic emergency by setting up specific Covid-19 response measures and adapting our entire programme.

At the same time, we continued to structure the agency and strengthen our institutional positioning, as evidenced by our participation in the Presidential Development Council held last December. We responded where needed, on all

## Supporting public policies

Breakdown of Expertise France’s activity by theme (2020)



together all the diverse development players: public actors, civil society, the private sector, and international organisations. It was therefore essential to officialise the renewal of technical cooperation via this bill, which helps put into action France’s far-reaching ambitions in official development assistance.

**In what way does Expertise France embody renewed technical cooperation?**

**J. P.** Expertise France has a legacy: that of the international development cooperation operators of the ministries that preceded it, such as Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI), which joined us on January 1, 2021. This special relationship with the entire French administration is at the heart of our DNA. But we are also renewing our approach in the context of increasing international cooperation by France and a more political European approach to development. This renewal is both quantitative and qualitative. It is embodied on the one hand by doubling by 2023 of the number of international technical experts managed by Expertise France on behalf of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (see page 14) and, on the other, by the search for a partnership approach that is based more firmly on youth, diasporas, and civil society.

**Expertise France will soon join AFD Group. How will this integration enable Expertise France to strengthen the effectiveness and accountability of its action?**

**L. T.** Expertise France is a young agency, which has developed tremendously over the last six years. It is experiencing continued growth: it has tripled its staff and activity and adapted to these changes in record time. Becoming part of AFD Group, will help bolster and structure Expertise France, which will benefit from AFD’s lengthy experience, dynamism, and visibility. But it will be a win-win partnership, as AFD will certainly benefit from Expertise France’s flexibility and its ability to project itself into crisis areas. And, together, the Group will be able to draw on the complementary skills of the two institutions. ■

fronts. Building on this momentum, we then started off 2021 strongly by organising the International Cooperation Conference (see page 19).

**The new programming law on inclusive development and combating global inequalities provides for a strong boost to French development policy. Why is technical cooperation an essential aspect of this?**

**L. T.** Technical cooperation is a core part of development policies. It is a vehicle of exchanges of know-how, experience, and expertise; as such, it fuels public policies that contribute to economic, social, and sustainable development. Through technical assistance, it also backs up these public policies in the framework of structuring projects. It provides an essential human dimension by mobilising and bringing

# Expertise France is...



Soon to be a subsidiary of

Its role: international technical cooperation

1-Understanding our partners' needs

2-Designing tailored projects

3-Assembling relevant expertise

4-Boosting the quality of public policies over the long term

5-Evaluating and capitalising project impact



Democratic, economic, and financial governance



Peace, stability, and security

Multi-sector expertise

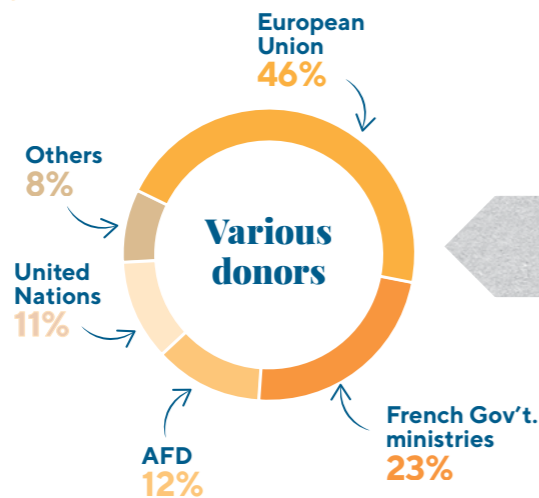


Climate, agriculture, and sustainable development



Health and human development

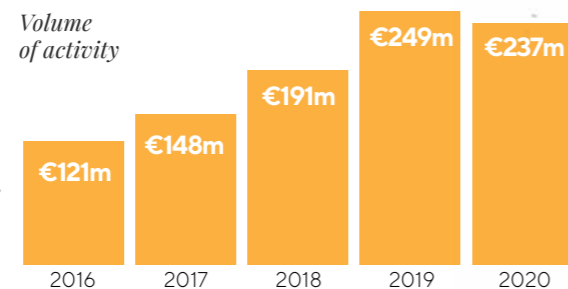
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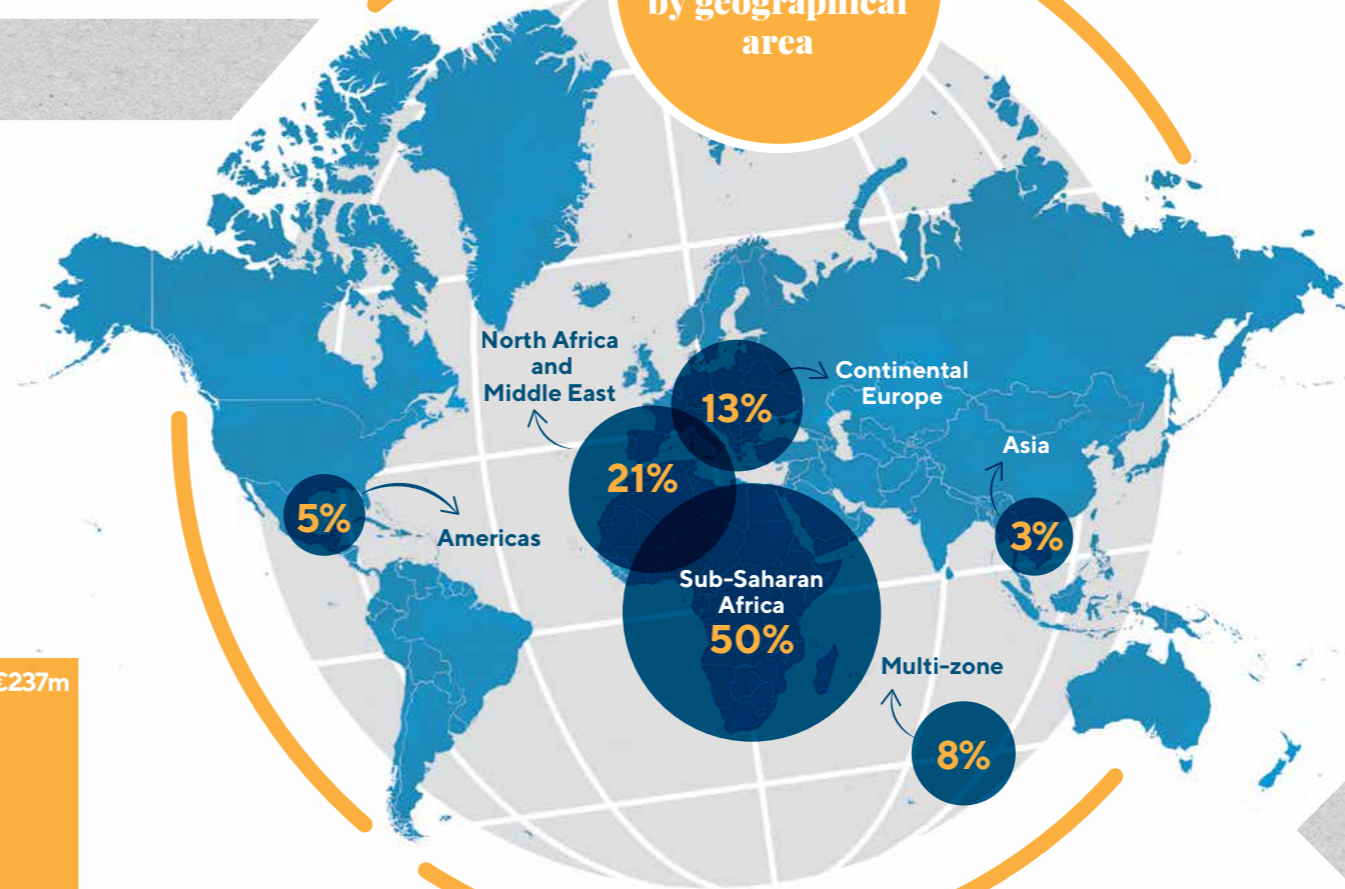
Over 400 employees at headquarters

Over 650 collaborators in the field

Activity maintained despite the crisis



Breakdown of activity by geographical area



500 projects currently implemented in 100 countries

76% of new contracts signed focus on Africa

# Our priorities in 2020-2021

## Working with African diasporas and youth

The President of the French Republic has placed diasporas and youth at the heart of the

relationship between Africa and France. Among the initiatives launched to meet this priority, France and its partner countries on the African continent are setting up "Talents in Common," a new development tool to promote the mobility of expertise. Expertise France is also involved in MEET Africa 2, a support programme co-financed by the EU and AFD for entrepreneurs from the African diaspora.

[bit.ly/talents\\_in\\_common](https://bit.ly/talents_in_common)



## Taking action for the planet

The challenges linked to climate change and biodiversity have become urgent concerns. Expertise France provides support to many partner countries on these issues. Through the AdaptAction facility (financed by AFD) and the GCCA+ West Africa project (financed by the EU), we work with several West African countries to revise their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in preparation for COP26 on climate. The agency is also providing support for the preparation of the COP15 on biological diversity.

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## Promoting professional insertion

In Burkina Faso, training is a core aspect of support for jobs and local development. As part of this approach, the EU and Expertise France worked from 2017 to 2020 in close collaboration with civil society and the North, Sahel, and Boucle du Mouhoun regional councils,

in the north of the country. This effort is now continuing with the EU through the RENCOSS project and with AFD through the "Job-creating Territories" project.

[bit.ly/job\\_creating\\_territories](https://bit.ly/job_creating_territories)



## Working toward gender equality

Gender equality is an essential condition for sustainable development. It helps to fight poverty effectively and to promote good governance. In line with French strategy on this issue, Expertise France is working to bring about systemic change and to include gender in all its activities. To strengthen our teams' capacities in this issue, we are designing dedicated tools, such as the "Gender and Development" MOOC developed in partnership with AFD and the MEAE.

[bit.ly/gender\\_equality\\_overview](https://bit.ly/gender_equality_overview)

## Fighting large-scale pandemics



L'Initiative, implemented by Expertise France with MEAE funding, adopted its new strategy in 2020. Its ambition is to provide access to health for all and to eliminate large-scale pandemics. The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of ensuring

continuity of care for people living with HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. That's why L'Initiative is, more than ever, a key element of France's global health strategy.

[initiative2020.fr/en](https://initiative2020.fr/en)

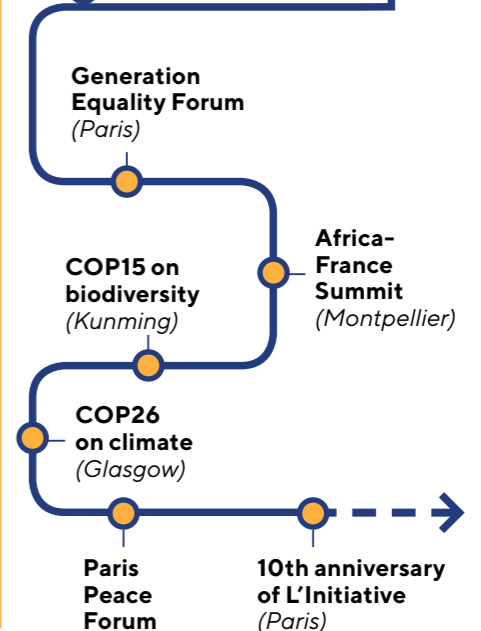


## Responding to crises

In response to the health crisis, Expertise France has made support for health systems and economic resilience a core aspect of its support. This was the case in Africa, with the "EF Covid-Health" technical support platform, and also in the Middle East, with continued stabilisation projects we are implementing in Syria, Iraq, and Lebanon. Following the double explosion in Beirut in 2020, we have been active with other players in reconstructing its port, in consultation with Team France.

[bit.ly/reconstruction\\_lebanon](https://bit.ly/reconstruction_lebanon)

## Agenda 2021



# Capacity building to face common challenges

For effective and long-lasting action, Expertise France prioritises capacity building for its partner institutions. This is the case in Africa, where we work with regional organisations on issues requiring coordinated efforts by countries.

## Harmonised statistics in Africa



With **Leila Ben Ali**,  
Acting Director of  
STATAFRIC

From 2016 to 2020, Expertise France helped guide the African Union in setting up the pan-African statistics institute “STATAFRIC.” This project was conducted as part of the Pan-African Statistics Programme, funded by the EU and managed by Eurostat. Its aim is to produce reliable and harmonised data at the regional level.

### How do statistics help make headway toward the Sustainable Development Goals?

L. B. A. They have a vital role to play. They not only help guide the development of public policies, but they also make it possible to measure the progress made. In this respect, they are a tool both for action and accountability.

### What is your assessment of the support provided by the Pan-African Statistics Programme teams?

L. B. A. The programme has made three major contributions to the African Union. Firstly, it has supported its institutional growth and established its legitimacy to lead statistical harmonisation on the African

continent. Secondly, it has contributed to the development of methodologies that have enabled our Member States to adopt international statistical standards. Finally, with more than 200 activities conducted—half of them in training—it has strengthened the capacities of statisticians to produce reliable official data and disseminate them in a timely manner. This at both the national and regional levels.

### Will the database that STATAFRIC recently created become a vehicle for regional integration?

L. B. A. This tool represents valuable progress. Until now, this data had been estimated by international agencies, but now they are collected directly by our Member States. They will provide policy-makers with a real-time view of the flows of goods encouraged by the agreement establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). Depending on how these flows evolve, the data will also help them to adopt appropriate measures. ■

Over  
**200**  
activities  
conducted from  
2016 to 2020

Read the STATAFRIC presentation sheet:  
[bit.ly/pan\\_african\\_statistics\\_programme](https://bit.ly/pan_african_statistics_programme)



Through the financing of pilot projects focused on agriculture, GCCA+ West Africa stimulates innovative local solutions that can strengthen climate resilience.

## “A regional climate mandate for ECOWAS”



By **Sékou Sangaré**,  
ECOWAS Commissioner for  
Agriculture, Environment  
and Water Resources

West Africa and the Sahel are the areas most affected by the harmful effects of climate change. They are experiencing an increase in temperatures above 2°C and a high frequency of extreme weather events that have big impact on the living conditions of local populations. In response, the ECOWAS Commission has joined forces with WAEMU and CILSS to fast-track climate action in West Africa. Its goal is to support implementation of the Paris Agreement in the region and to strengthen its resilience to climate change.

### Action to counter the climate emergency

Since 2017\*, through the GCCA+ West Africa project, Expertise France has been strengthening the capacities of ECOWAS to develop its regional “climate” mandate. This EU-funded project supports the ECOWAS Commission in working out a regional climate strategy to coordinate and pool the efforts of regional institutions and governments in climate change mitigation and adaptation. This project has also helped us define institutional mechanisms to include climate into all our action programmes.

### Developing our international leadership

The GCCA+ West Africa project also supports the strengthening of regional coordination mechanisms through the establishment of an ECOWAS Regional Advisory Group for Climate International Negotiations (RAG-CLIN). These contributions will enable the region to strengthen its leadership in the international arena.

In conclusion, all this joint work by institutions is bearing fruit, and we wish to consolidate our relations with the EU and Expertise France in the long term. **S. S.**

(\* Expertise France has been working with ECOWAS on the environment and agriculture since 2012 via AFD-funded technical assistance.

Read the GCCA+ West Africa 2020 annual review:  
[bit.ly/gcca\\_2020\\_review](https://bit.ly/gcca_2020_review)



# A partnership and peer-to-peer dialogue

Expertise France promotes dialogue between peers and between all types of experts from both the North and the South. The goal: to identify solutions adapted to needs and that can be shared on a larger scale.

“Fostering exchanges between the EU and Chile”

In Chile, a vast project for democracy is underway. On October 25, 2020, the principle of a new Constitution was approved by popular referendum. It will replace the one adopted under the military dictatorship of General Pinochet. The text, to be written by a directly elected constitutional convention, is raising much hope: 56% of citizens believe that the justice system will be improved.



By **Ana Pérez Camporeale**, coordinator of the Gender Equality Policies Area of EUROsocial+, and **Blanca Rodríguez**, Gender Expert

This figure reflects the high expectations for social change and gender mainstreaming. The Convention will be one of the first in the world to ensure effective participation of women in the drafting process and thus respect gender equality. This achievement was the outcome of negotiations in Congress by a coalition of women’s organisations. It is a victory over politicians from different sides that also helps to publicly legitimise the process.

### A platform for exchange on gender issues

Since the end of 2020, EUROsocial+, an EU-funded programme aimed at strengthening social cohesion in Latin America, has been working to include gender issues in the Chilean constituent process. Its objective is to foster a model constituent process, inspired by the experience of Latin American and European countries. To stimulate exchanges and



Multi-stakeholder dialogue is a key part of the BIODEV 2030 project, which provides support to 16 pilot countries. Here, a round table in Tunisia with the private sector.

promote gender mainstreaming in the future Constitution, EUROsocial+ has launched the “Chile-EU Dialogues,” a series of six theme-based round tables organised in partnership with the EU Delegation in Chile, the Chilean Chamber of Deputies and Library of National Congress. These round tables are very rich in academic content and also bring together high-level political leaders. They have become a privileged tool for exchanging bi-regional experiences on the various constitutional models.

### From formal parity to real parity

On both sides of the Atlantic, reality has shown that formal parity does not automatically lead to real parity. It is therefore not enough for the new *magna carta* to guarantee equal participation: Once the constituent process is over, it will be essential to ensure that women are in key positions, remain there, and are able to participate in decision-making. This is the message we wish to convey, both as part of the Chile-EU Dialogues and in the seminars we are organising with several Chilean universities. Formal parity is the starting point for rebuilding the public sphere and redefining society in a more inclusive way. **A. P. C.** and **B. R.**

Read an article on support by EUROsocial+ to the Chilean constituent process: [bit.ly/eurosocial\\_chile](https://bit.ly/eurosocial_chile)

“Essential dialogue for COP15”

**B**urkina Faso is a pilot country for the BIODEV 2030\* project, whose goal is to include biodiversity conservation in strategic economic sectors. It promotes a collaborative approach and gets all of society’s stakeholders—State bodies, civil society organisations, and the private sector—to work together.



By **Amadé Ouedraogo**, focal point of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Burkina Faso

In Burkina Faso, BIODEV 2030 will focus on agriculture and the mining sector, which, according to a study conducted as part of the project, exert the strongest pressure on ecosystems. Discussions are currently going on to decide on concrete commitments from the players concerned. This multi-stakeholder dialogue is crucial for successful implementation of national strategies and action plans developed by Burkina Faso. It will also help to prepare for the CBD COP15. We hope to achieve tangible results by 2030 that will make the sector-wide commitments long-lasting and inspire others whose actions affect biodiversity. **A. O.**

(\* BIODEV 2030 is financed by AFD and implemented by Expertise France, IUCN, and WWF France.

See the BIODEV 2030 institutional website: [biodev2030.org](https://biodev2030.org)

## 60,000 days of expertise delivered in 2020

To facilitate transfer of know-how and stimulate peer-to-peer dialogue, Expertise France sends

experts to its partner institutions for short or long-term missions. In 2020, despite the

health crisis, the agency was able to deliver the equivalent of 60,000 days of expertise.



# A renewal in French cooperation

The strengthening of technical cooperation should help give new impetus to France's actions to promote inclusive development and the fight against inequalities around the world.



## Increasing devolution in the field

Expertise France has project offices in more than thirty countries as well as pooled offices shared by several projects, for example in Tunisia and Guinea. Our presence in the field, alongside the beneficiaries, promotes flexible implementation in coordination with Team France. It also ensures that partners assume ownership of the activities and that these latter are in line with local needs and realities.

## A gradual transformation of ITEs

The International Technical Expert (ITE) system is a longstanding and vital tool in our strategy of influence throughout the world. It began a gradual transformation this year, with the number



By **Michel Miraillet**,  
Director General,  
Globalisation,  
Culture, Education  
and International  
Development, MEAE

In Chad, the PASST2 project, financed by AFD and implemented by Expertise France, has mobilised French public expertise to strengthen maternal and child health (see page 19).

Foreign Affairs and its partner Expertise France to build the management and effectiveness of the system on a new foundation, by introducing greater clarity and anticipation.

Climate and the environment, health, economic diplomacy, improved governance: these are the main issues that will have to correspond to the future creation of ITE positions, and this in all the priority areas for French influence, particularly in Africa and the Indo-Pacific region. Alongside Expertise France, the Ministry will support this evolution of the system so that expertise remains more than ever an asset fully in line with France's interests abroad. **M. M.**

Read a presentation of the ITE system:  
[bit.ly/international\\_technical\\_experts](https://bit.ly/international_technical_experts)

“New synergies with AFD and Proparco”

Expertise France will soon join AFD Group. What will this change bring to France's partner countries?

R. R. When Expertise France joins AFD Group, our partners will have access to a French development offer that is consolidated, comprehensive, and clear. They will continue to be able to rely on the skills and jobs specific to Expertise France, Proparco, and AFD, and at the same time, they will benefit from new operational and functional synergies enabling us to do more and better.

How does this integration fit in with the broader evolution of French development policy?

R. R. The decision by the President of the Republic to integrate Expertise France into AFD Group is a sign of his dedication to development, of which technical cooperation is a pillar. Within AFD Group, this renewed conception of French development policy is reflected by our partnership approach in particular. Expertise France

embodies this approach at the service of development cooperation, including with European players.

In concrete terms, what do AFD and Expertise France offer young Africans and Europeans who want to take action for development?

R. R. AFD and Expertise France are already developing numerous programmes together to meet the aspirations of African youth. In particular, MEET Africa 2 and Talents in Common are two complementary programmes for mobilising the diaspora, ranging from young entrepreneurs with job-creating projects to technical experts who put their skills at the service of public policies in their countries. ■



With **Rémy Rioux**,  
CEO of AFD  
Group

Read a presentation of Talents in Common:  
[bit.ly/talents\\_in\\_common](https://bit.ly/talents_in_common)

290 international technical experts will be deployed in 2023

of women and men who advise, support, and assist our bilateral and multilateral partners undergoing an increase from 140 today to 290 in 2023.

This reinforcement of the ITE network, which was requested by the President of the Republic, is a unique opportunity for the Ministry for Europe and

# Synergies with Team Europe

As Europe's second-largest development cooperation agency, Expertise France is committed to working alongside its Team Europe partners. This collaborative work provides efficiency and added value, especially in situations of crisis and fragility.

*"A new strategy for the Sahel"*



With **Sandra Kramer**,  
Director for Africa at the  
European Commission's  
DG INTPA

## Sahelian States face multiple vulnerabilities. How is the EU helping them to cope?

**S. K.** The security, economic, social, and environmental challenges facing the Sahel show that the situation on the ground is continuing to deteriorate. EU support will have only limited impact if there is no strong commitment by local authorities to improve their governance. Shared responsibility must be at the heart of our partnership.

The new EU Sahel strategy adopted in April 2021 seeks to support the G5 Sahel countries (Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad) in key sectors such as security, justice, social nets, development of the private sector, and protection of natural resources. To this end, the EU will give priority to a comprehensive, integrated, and multifaceted approach. It will mobilise all forms of development cooperation,

including budget support and grants to local NGOs. This new strategy should also help us support our partners in strengthening their governance and respect for human rights. These issues are essential to building a security-development contiguuum in the region. The EU and the G5 Sahel countries must address these challenges collectively.

## What is the added value of the Team Europe approach to these challenges?

**S. K.** The Team Europe approach clearly strengthens our impact. Through it, we can call on contributions from all the EU institutions and combine the resources mobilised by the Member States and the European financial institutions. This approach also allows

us to better coordinate the programmes we fund and to strengthen our strategic dialogue with our G5 Sahel partners. It also increases our visibility and accountability to European citizens.

## What is the role of European development cooperation agencies such as Expertise France?

**S. K.** They play a decisive role. European development agencies provide technical advice and analysis of vulnerabilities to tackle, in order to strengthen



## In Mali, a comprehensive approach

To contribute to stabilisation in Mali, Expertise France uses an approach that simultaneously addresses security and development issues. In cooperation with the local authorities, the agency carries out projects to support the defence and security forces as well as the civil protection services. It also supports initiatives to redeploy essential services such as health and to address governance and State reform issues.

the links between security and development. Their expertise is also essential to the EU in designing and implementing the most appropriate responses in line with Team Europe's policy objectives. ■

In Burkina Faso, the EU and Expertise France have supported local initiatives to promote training and employment, as pictured here in northern Burkina Faso, bordering Mali.

Read an overview of Expertise France's action in Mali:  
[bit.ly/expertise\\_france\\_mali](https://bit.ly/expertise_france_mali)

*"SAVE helped us through the crisis"*

**W**eCode Land offers training in the digital field. But because it above all acts as

a meeting place, our business was hit hard during the lockdown in Tunisia in spring 2020. However, those troubled times enabled us to demonstrate our capacities for resilience. Despite the decline in our sales, our start-up has remained economically viable. We were eligible for the SAVE\* initiative: thanks to the repayable advance granted to us as part of SAVE, we overcame our cash flow difficulties and got through the crisis. At the same time, we continued to develop some of our projects, such as our online networking platform. Our business activities are now up and running again. They are all the more crucial now that Covid-19 has made the role of digital technology a permanent fixture and highlighted the need to propose solutions to promote youth employment. **W. K.**



By **Wala Kasmi**,  
founder and CEO  
of the Tunisian start-up  
WeCode Land

(\* Managed by Smart Capital and the CDC of Tunisia, the SAVE initiative was financed by the EU as part of Innov'1 - EU4Innovation, a project implemented by Expertise France.

Read a presentation of the Innov'1 - EU4Innovation project:  
[bit.ly/innovi\\_project](https://bit.ly/innovi_project)

# Lessons from the field

Expertise France and its partners are working to identify and share good practices, an essential approach for more effective development cooperation actions.

“Guinea has built a resilient health system”



With **Dr. Sakoba Keita**, CEO of ANSS Guinea

**D**r. Sakoba Keita was involved in the response to the Ebola epidemic of 2014–2016. He emphasises the need to strengthen health systems to better control future epidemics in West Africa.

### How did Guinea react to Covid-19 in the spring of 2020?

**S. K.** Measures were taken as early as mid-March. Regional Multipurpose Epidemic Alert and Response Teams (ERARE) had been set up in Guinea's eight regions, and their investigations identified Covid-19 cases. Their efforts have helped to control the spread of the virus. We have

greatly improved the speed of case detection: what took over three months in 2014 required only five days in 2020!

### How did the Ebola experience prepare Guinea for Covid-19?

**S. K.** Guinea is often faced with outbreaks of epidemics: not only Ebola, but also Lassa fever, measles, and others. It was therefore crucial to strengthen epidemiological surveillance and prepare a response system. We have been working on this since 2015 with many partners, including the European Union and France. Among other things, we've developed an alert system that goes from the central level, via the ANSS, to the regional level,



via the ERAREs. Our staff has also been trained and equipped in infection prevention and control. Additionally, we now have laboratories to analyse samples as well as suitable infrastructure for patient care.

### What lessons have you learned from these crises?

**S. K.** The efforts we made in anticipation, structuring, analysis, and coordination have made us more efficient in dealing with epidemics. These must be considered in conjunction with other sectors, such as livestock and the environment, as WHO's "One Health" approach recommends. International cooperation has played a central role in this long-term work,

whether in terms of sharing expertise, training, or material support. With the support of more than fifty partners, including Expertise France, we have built a resilient health system to serve the country's people. ■

Expertise France has been working alongside Guinea for many years to strengthen our health system.

## Discussing a #WorldInCommon

Expertise France held the International Cooperation Conference on February 9, 2021. It was a concrete example of the renewal of international development cooperation, as it brought together development stakeholders from all backgrounds: government administrations, international organisations, researchers, and civil society. Its objective is to develop effective and sustainable solutions together, to build a world in common.



Watch the International Cooperation Conference in replay: [bit.ly/cooperation\\_conference](https://bit.ly/cooperation_conference)

Read the project presentation sheet: [bit.ly/passt\\_2](https://bit.ly/passt_2)

## Capitalisation of knowledge: now more than ever

From 2016 to 2020, Expertise France supported the implementation of a maternal, neonatal, and child health programme in Chad as part of the Health Sector Support Project (PASST2), with AFD funding. Capitalisation has made it possible to identify good practices on various subjects: identification of training needs in the

field, organisation of hospital mentoring missions, monitoring and evaluation of the capacity building for care personnel, and others.

# Expertise France at a Glance

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## Acronyms

- **AFD:** Agence Française de Développement
- **ANSS:** National Agency for Health Security (Guinea)
- **CDC:** Deposit and Consignment Office (Tunisia)
- **CILSS:** Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel
- **DG INTPA:** Directorate-General for International Partnerships of the European Commission
- **ECOWAS:** Economic Community of West African States
- **EU:** European Union
- **IUCN:** International Union for Conservation of Nature
- **MEAE:** Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (France)
- **MEFR:** Ministry of the Economy, Finance and the Recovery (France)
- **WAEMU:** West African Economic and Monetary Union
- **WHO:** World Health Organisation
- **WWF:** World Wildlife Fund

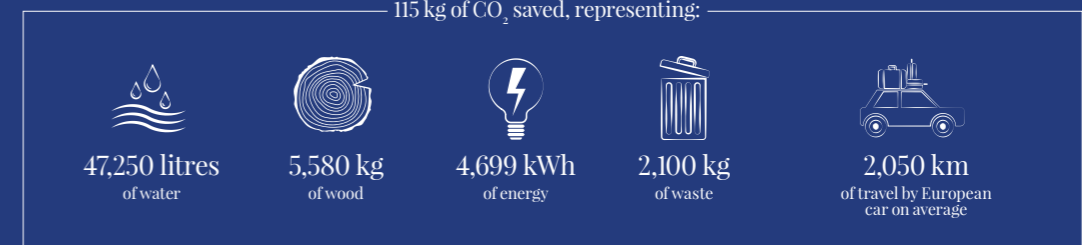
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