



# FIRST EUROPEAN SESSIONS ON INNOVATION

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President of the French Republic,  
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**Cité des sciences et de l'industrie**

## PROGRAM

- 09.30 am**      **Speeches by**
- **Claude Allègre**, former minister and conference chairman, France
  - **Bernard Kouchner**, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, France
  - **Christine Lagarde**, Minister for the Economy, Industry and Employment, France
- 10.30 am**      **Five parallel sessions:**
- 1 - Improving the funding of innovative start-ups  
**Stéphane Boujnah**, Managing Director, Deutsche Bank  
**Jonathan Kestenbaum**, Chief executive - NESTA, United Kingdom
  - 2 - Intellectual property and patents  
**Michel Vivant**, Professor of law at Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, France  
**Miroslava Kopicova**, First Vice-Chairman of the Research and Development Council, Czech Republic
  - 3 - Better valuing public research and transferring results to the socio-economic world  
**Jean-Jacques Payan**, former Director of CNRS, former Director of Research of Renault, France  
**Carlos Martinez**, Secretary of State for Research, Spain
  - 4 - Building a European network of science and technology universities  
**Professor Jean-Pierre Finance**, President of the French Rectors' Conference, France  
**Professor Margret Wintermantel**, President of the German Rectors' Conference, Germany
  - 5- Developing a scientific culture and the teaching of elementary sciences and techniques  
**François d'Aubert**, former Minister of Research, President of Cité des sciences et de l'industrie, France  
**Luigi Berlinguer**, former Minister of Universities and scientific and technology research, Italy
- 12.30 am-2 pm**      Lunch
- 2pm-2.30pm**      **Speech by**
- **Valérie Pécresse**, Minister for Higher Education and Research, France

**2.30pm-3.30pm Roundtable 1**

“Building a European space for research and innovation: regional policies and innovation”

- **Lars Leijonborg**, Minister for Higher Education and Research, Sweden
- **Luc Chatel**, Secretary of State for Industry and Consumer Affairs, France
- **Philippe Busquin**, MEP, former European Commissioner
- **Alain Rousset**, Chairman of the Aquitaine Regional Council, Chairman of the French Association of Regions, France

**3.30-4.30pm Roundtable 2**

“The Lisbon agenda and the Knowledge Society: How to mobilise resources, creativity and innovation in Europe”

- **Mariano Gago**, Minister for Science, Technology and Higher Education, Portugal
- **Mikko Alkio**, Secretary of state in charge of labor and employment, Finland
- **Patrick Ollier**, Hauts de Seine representative, Chairman of the Economic Affairs, Environment and Territory Committee of the French National Assembly, France
- **Federico Mayor**, former Director-General of Unesco, Spain
- **Professeur Adrian Smith**, Director-General of Science and Research the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills, United Kingdom

**4.30-4.45pm**

Break

**4.45 pm**

**Speech by Mr Nicolas Sarkozy,**

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