The Banque de France
THE BANQUE DE FRANCE DELIVERS

3 core missions

1. AN INSTITUTION OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

2. A NATIONAL CENTRAL BANK

- Monetary strategy
- Financial stability
- Services to the economy

3. A FORWARD-LOOKING INSTITUTION

4. ACTIVE IN FRANCE, EUROPE AND WORLDWIDE
1800
Creation by Napoleon Bonaparte

1936-1945
Nationalisation

1999-2002
Organisation of the transition to the euro
The first euro banknotes are put into circulation

1803
Gains the monopoly over the issuance of banknotes

1993
The Banque de France becomes independent

2017
Launch of the new economic and financial education portal “Mes questions d’argent”
It preserves confidence in the currency
- The Bank manufactures banknote paper and prints euro banknotes
- The Bank guarantees the quality and authenticity of banknotes in circulation

It maintains price stability and facilitates the financing of the economy
- The Bank participates in the development of the monetary policy strategy for the euro area to maintain price stability
- The Bank refines the banking system
- The Bank prepares and publishes economic research and financial and monetary statistics
THE BANQUE DE FRANCE CARRIES OUT

- monetary strategy

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3rd

billion new banknotes manufactured and delivered

1

ranking Eurosystem central bank for research (by number of listed publications)

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140 billion euro

Total amount of France’s net gold and foreign exchange reserves

2,436 tonnes

The weight of France’s gold reserves 4th largest holding in the world

2018 data
The Bank supervises the financial sector on behalf of the supervisory authority
— Monitoring of banks and insurance companies
— Protection of depositors
— Prevention of money laundering and the financing of terrorism

The Bank ensures the smooth operation and security of
— Payment systems
— Settlement systems
— Cashless payment instruments

The Bank participates in the prevention of systemic risks
— By contributing to the development of international regulations
— By ensuring these regulations are properly observed
THE BANQUE DE FRANCE ENSURES

financial stability

banks inspected

802

inspections on behalf of the ECB (European Central Bank)

50

on-site inspections: insurance firms, banks (excl. European supervision), business practices

192

billion euro, average daily flow of settlements processed by retail payment systems in France in December 2018

24

2018 data
To companies:
— The Bank publishes in-depth research and statistics on the economy
— The bank assesses the financial soundness of companies and attributes ratings
— The Bank acts as a credit mediator between companies and credit institutions to help businesses experiencing financing difficulties
— The Bank maintains registers of payment and credit repayment incidents which it makes available to banks and merchants
— The Bank assists and guides VSEs

To individuals:
— The Bank protects consumers of financial services
— The Bank facilitates public access to appropriate banking services
— The Bank oversees the right to a bank account procedure
— The Bank takes strong action to prevent situations of overindebtedness

To the State:
— The Bank administers the Treasury’s account (which must always be in credit)
— The Bank organises auctions of Treasury securities (issuance of French government debt securities on the market)
THE BANQUE DE FRANCE IS A KEY SUPPLIER OF

services to the economy

- 56,979
  basic bank accounts opened by credit institutions at the Banque de France’s request under the right to a bank account procedure
- 177,591
  overindebtedness cases resolved and closed
- 10,565
  jobs saved through credit mediation
- 37,300
  statistical series disseminated
- 3.3
  million consultations of FIBEN (the Banque de France’s company credit rating database)

2018 data
THE BANQUE DE FRANCE IS ACTIVE ON

3 levels

In France  In Europe  Worldwide
THE BANQUE DE FRANCE IS ACTIVE

in France

- Branch
- Branch carrying out cash operations
- Economic centre
- Economic centre carrying out cash operations
- Cash management centre
- Household debt centre (HDC)
- Cash centre

The 13 regional directorates are indicated in yellow (e.g.: Lille).
Departmental branches are in roman type (e.g.: Tours).
Economic centres are in italics (e.g.: Bayonne).

The French overseas departments note-issuing bank (IEDOM) conducts the same missions under delegation from the Banque de France in the French overseas departments and collectivities, that have the euro as their currency.
THE BANQUE DE FRANCE IS ACTIVE

in France

Breakdown of staff by age bracket
(% of total headcount at 31 December 2018)

- Under 30: 34%
- Age 30 to 39: 24%
- Age 40 to 49: 16%
- Age 50 to 54: 8%
- Age 55 and over: 18%

Breakdown of staff by category

- 9,973 administrative and general staff (34%)
- 2,496 professional and higher category staff (18%)

Breakdown of staff by gender

- 6,509 men (64%)
- 5,960 women (36%)

10,257 full-time equivalent employees in 2018

42% of staff work in the country-wide branch network
THE BANQUE DE FRANCE IS ACTIVE

in Europe

The Banque de France is a leading member
— of the European System of Central Banks (ESCB):
  the European Central Bank (ECB) + the 28 national central banks
  of the member countries of the European Union
— of the Eurosystem: the European Central Bank (ECB)
  + the 19 national central banks of the euro-area countries
— of the ECB’s Governing Council:
  the President + the Vice-President + 4 members of the Executive Board
  + the governors of the 19 national central banks of the euro area.

The ECB’s Governing Council is the Eurosystem’s main decision-making body.
The Banque de France plays a leading international role, and is widely respected for its expertise and its contribution to economic and financial research.

The Bank is an active contributor to international economic initiatives, providing its analyses and participating in the implementation of decisions.
CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

at the Banque de France

An economic and civic commitment
— Preventing and resolving overindebtedness
— Promoting banking inclusion and microcredit
— Fostering regional development and business growth
— Supporting charitable initiatives
— Contributing to responsible investment

An educational and cultural commitment
— Improving the economic and financial education of the general public
— Supporting research through sponsorship
— Diversifying our cultural sponsorship

An environmental commitment
— Taking account of climate-related risks
— Reducing our environmental footprint

Commitment towards staff
— Fostering gender equality and diversity
— Encouraging skill acquisition and career development
CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

at the Banque de France

entrepreneurs assisted by VSE correspondents

3,877

visitors toured the Bank during the European Heritage Days

8,018

secondary school pupils instructed in economic, budgetary and financial issues

13,567

reduction in energy-related greenhouse gas emissions

1.9%

2018 data

tonnes of coins collected (or EUR 1.9 million)

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François Villeroy de Galhau
Denis Beau
Sylvie Goulard

Governor
First Deputy Governor
Second Deputy Governor

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Governance of the Banque de France
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