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# **French Tech Capital and Community Labelling 2023-2025**

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## EDITORIAL BY JEAN-NOËL BARROT

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« The French Tech ecosystem is dynamic, diverse and ambitious. Above all, it is **present everywhere: from large cities to the small towns, both in France and abroad, through the entrepreneurs who embody it and the French Tech Capitals and Communities who bring these entrepreneurs together.** Thanks to this innovative network, ideas are born and develop, growing into genuine entrepreneurial successes.

This network emerged from a collective energy, catalysed and formalised by the Government, through the activities of the Mission French Tech. Over the past 10 years, the French State has set up an administration that is entirely dedicated to supporting French start-ups within the Ministry of the Economy, Finance, and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty, has invested. The Mission French Tech has been working for 10 years to foster the growth of a flourishing French Tech ecosystem, one that will see global leaders emerge in all territories.

To carry out its activities, the Mission French Tech has brought together committed entrepreneurs within this network of Capitals and Communities, with a two-fold goal: **to encourage the deployment of the State's actions and support** for La French Tech all over France and the world; and **to formalise this support, for entrepreneurs, by entrepreneurs.** Consolidated over the years, this network can already claim some great successes. It has rolled out the Mission French Tech's programmes as well as various State actions, and managed to bring together different innovation stakeholders at a local level; these are prerequisites for the emergence and growth of new start-ups.

As we begin 2023 - a symbolic year for La French Tech as it celebrates its 10th anniversary - we are now confirming and consolidating the French Tech Capitals and Communities network. Firstly, the **Capitals network has been reinforced, welcoming 3 new entrants:** La French Tech Bourgogne-Franche-Comté, La French Tech Paris-Saclay and La French Tech La Réunion, which is the first Capital in a French overseas region. **The network of Communities in France has 2 new entrants,** and is strengthening its coordination relationship with the Capitals.

Abroad, the French Tech Communities are still present on every continent, with **locations in 52 countries around the world!** In Europe, especially, new Communities have emerged, for example with now 3 Communities in Germany: Berlin, Düsseldorf and Munich.

What gives this network its strength is that it is simultaneously based on initiatives led by civil society, an inextricable connection with the Government, and, above all, its shared energy and projects. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the French Tech Capitals and Communities, both in France and abroad, and to the teams who manage them on a daily basis. I am thrilled at the work that you are going to be able to achieve, together with the Mission French Tech.

## EDITORIAL BY CLARA CHAPPAZ

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« In France, today, it is possible to innovate throughout the territory. An entrepreneur can create their start-up in Fort-de-France or in Saint-Etienne, raise funding in Rennes, open their production line in Amiens, then market their service or product in Paris, New York, and Singapore. We support them on each of these fronts and in each of these territories. **For 10 years, the La French Tech initiative, launched by the Government, has successfully united and rallied stakeholders of La French Tech ecosystem, leading to the emergence of a unique movement, driven by the shared ambition of entrepreneurs, and an entire ecosystem at their side.** This movement includes among others mutual aid, which is a constituent of La French Tech: sharing best practices, advice, feedback, recommendations, opinions, ideas, contacts, and so on.

The French Tech Capitals and Communities network was created through this bond, thus formalising entrepreneurs' natural impulses to construct collective successes. Hand-in-hand, the Government and all those who have committed to this network have built an innovative collaboration that is coming to fruition today.

The teams of the Mission French Tech work on a daily basis with the French Tech Capitals and Communities to fly the La French Tech flag high, **to work towards greater diversity by promoting widespread access to entrepreneurship, and to support our leading companies as well as those who will become the leaders in the coming years.**

Results are clear: thousands of events organised all over France and the world, **more than 6,000 start-ups involved**, the creation of the Tremplin, Rise and Central support programmes, the emergence of hundreds of initiatives and opportunities, and La French Tech ecosystem which, in 2022, once again beat its record for raising capital, continuing its growth whereas our European neighbours were more severely affected by the consequences of the international economic situation.

So, on the occasion of this labelling for the 2023–2025 period, I wanted to thank and congratulate the teams who keep these Capitals and Communities alive. Employees, volunteers, members, participants... They are the beating heart of La French Tech, and we look forward to continuing this ambitious adventure with them, for the benefit of the entire ecosystem.

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## THE FRENCH MISSION, IN THE TERRITORIES AND AROUND THE WORLD

The French Tech Capitals and Communities are veritable gateways for French start-ups, into the French Tech ecosystem. **With a presence all over France and in 52 countries around the world**, they bring together innovation stakeholders in their territories (start-ups, investment funds, support structures, public services, funders, large groups, research centres, etc.) and rally them in shared initiatives, in accordance with the challenges of the French Tech Mission and the local priorities of their ecosystem.

### KEY FIGURES

#### A local network

**16** **Capitals** in France including **3** new ones

**67** **Communities** abroad, including **9** new ones

**32** **Communities** in France, including **2** new ones

**52** **countries** covered around the world

#### A network driven by the ecosystem

**6,000** **start-ups** involved in the network

**1,400** **volunteers** on the boards of the Capitals & Communities network

including **70 %** **entrepreneurs**.

and **1/3** are **women**.

# A NETWORK TO ADDRESS SHARED CHALLENGES: AN INNOVATIVE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY, FOR THE LA FRENCH TECH ECOSYSTEM

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The Capitals and Communities are private organisations, mainly non-profit, who work with the Mission French Tech.

They obtain the French Tech Capital or Community label following a demanding process, during which they must demonstrate their willingness and ability to contribute to the Mission French Tech's strategic targets in their region.

All candidate organisations have completed an application containing the following elements:

- **A presentation of the territory and a description of its ecosystem** including the number of start-ups and/or the largest French start-ups present across the territory, their main sectors, the tech events with a regional, national or international scope, the support structures as well as the largest fundraising rounds and/or investment funds with a local presence;
- **Letters of support from ecosystem stakeholders**, mainly entrepreneurs but also institutional stakeholders or major private partners;
- **A presentation of the organisation applying for the label** (for the French Tech Capitals and Communities in France, this must be a private non-profit organisation);
- **A budget and a road map for 2023**;
- All the project owners applying to renew their label have also had to provide a review of their activities over the previous labelling period (2019–2022).

The processing of the applications focused on the following criteria:

- **Administrative quality of the application**
- **Knowledge of the ecosystem**
- **Representation and support of the ecosystem**
- **A hearing**: all the Capitals had to make a presentation to a jury made up of the Mission French Tech and regional representatives of the Government. The Community applications were assessed in writing and deliberated over by a jury.

**This French Tech Capitals and Communities network was formalised in 2019 and represents an innovative collaboration between civil society and the Government, which has proven its worth over the past 3 years:**

Primarily, the French Tech Capitals and Communities are **unifying stakeholders in their ecosystem at a local level**: start-ups, investment funds, support structures, talents, etc. They are also in contact with public stakeholders:

- abroad, the Communities rely on the diplomatic network (Embassies and Consulates), the Business France offices and the International French Chambers of Commerce and Industry network,

- in France, the Capitals work with the Regional Directorates for Economy, Employment, Labour and Solidarity (DREETS), particularly on rolling out the France 2030 plan, involve public services in the French Tech Central programme, and create links with local authorities.

The network of Capitals and Communities in France has been a **key player in the launch of 3 programmes, rolled out in the different regions during the last labelling:**

- **French Tech Central**, rolled out in **13 Capitals and 6 Communities across France** to facilitate start-up access to public services. Today, **29 public services are involved in the programme with over 1,300 appointments made in 2022, thanks to which start-ups** have been able to benefit from support with regard to their administrative questions and issues.
- **Every year, French Tech Tremplin supports** entrepreneurs coming from under-represented backgrounds in the French start-up ecosystem. **Since 2019, over 1,000 entrepreneurs and aspiring entrepreneurs** have received support to create and develop their companies.
- **French Tech Rise** aims to fight the disparity in opportunities for capital raising between start-ups in the Paris region and those in other regions. Following the last edition in December 2022, and at the end of a regional selection process, **20 start-ups were put into contact with some of the largest investment funds.**

**In France and abroad, the network also actively contributes to the mass coverage of the actions undertaken for start-ups by the Mission French Tech and the Government.** The Capitals and Communities communicate to start-ups about the Mission French Tech's programmes (French Tech Next40/120, the Green20, Agri20, DeepNum20 and Health20 sector-specific programmes, the one-stop shop for industrial start-ups, and so on).

In addition, the French Tech Capitals and Communities **roll out actions upon their own initiative, and which follow the Mission French Tech's priorities and enhance its international outreach.** They have thus organised thousands of events, from Nantes to Taipei to Dubai, Toulouse or Paris, locally bringing together start-ups, investment funds, support structures, talents and public stakeholders making concrete contributions to the development of start-ups.

For example, in France, the "Connected Women" event organised by La French Tech Angers on 22 and 23 October 2022 helped amplify the communication efforts and impact of the Mission French Tech's Parity Pact at a local level. As for La French Tech Bordeaux, with regard to the ecological transition, it launched a dedicated support programme in the Nouvelle Aquitaine Region, the NA20, which contributed to the visibility of 20 innovative start-ups combining growth, job creation and social or environmental impact.

The French Tech Communities abroad organise activities to promote La French Tech to international talents and investors, for example through the scholarship for Brazilian entrepreneurs organised by La French Tech Sao Paulo, and the French Tech Capital Days – bringing together French start-ups and US investors – run by La French Tech Miami. Finally, the Communities abroad are the very core of La French Tech's influence, reflected in particular by their involvement in major international events, such as La French Tech Austin and Houston at South by SouthWest, and La French Tech Toronto at Collision, in March and June 2023, respectively.

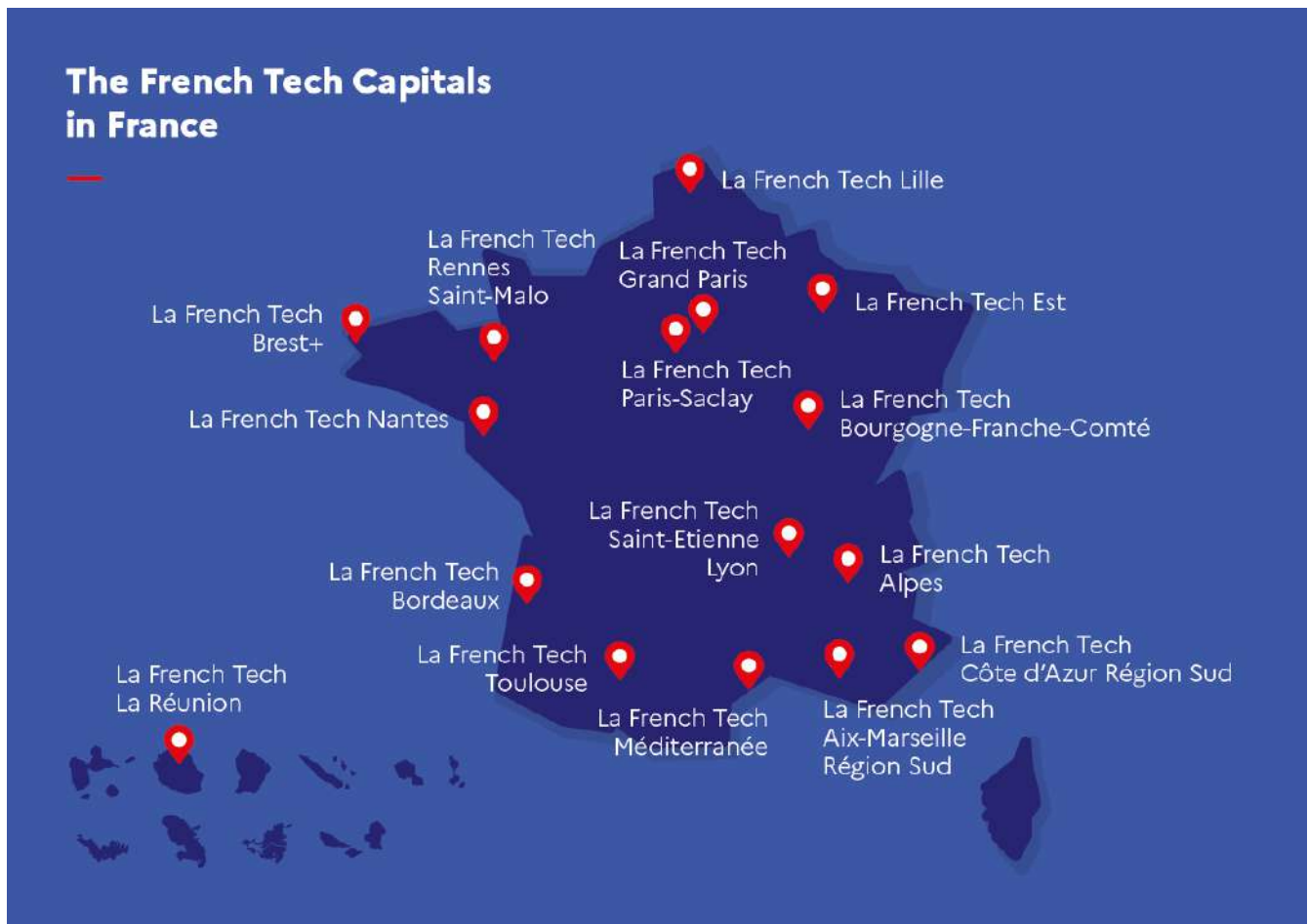
**After the first labelling in 2019–2022, the 2023–2025 labelling renews the Government’s trust in this network, while strengthening its ambition:**

- A reinforced structuring of the Capitals and Communities, fostering the collaboration between the network’s various stakeholders. The Communities in France will now have a reference Capital. There will be a greater integration of the Communities abroad into the network of international institutional stakeholders.
- The network will be more closely associated with the Mission French Tech’s strategic priorities, with, in particular, greater funding of the Capitals and the continuation of the Community Fund to financially support the network’s initiatives, with 66 projects supported for a sum in excess of €1.6 million in 2022–2023.
- The strengthening of the Mission French Tech’s teams with relation to this network, both in France and abroad.

This new stage will be embodied by a new visual identity for the French Tech Capitals and Communities, aiming to make its territorial presence and collective dimension more understandable.



## THE CAPITALS, CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE ACROSS THE FRENCH TERRITORY



The French Tech Capitals are the Mission French Tech's relays in the national territory. They have their own operational teams.

They also undertake constructive actions in line with the Mission French Tech's priorities:

- **Enabling the emergence** of world-class technological companies;
- **Developing an ecosystem** that provides technological solutions to address major social challenges and digital and technological sovereignty, with a reinforced presence of disruptive innovation and industrial start-ups;
- **Opening up the ecosystem** to all talents and all territories, in priority neighbourhoods (QPV), in rural areas, in mainland France as well as in overseas regions and territories;
- **Support the growth of the French GreenTech ecosystem and the consideration of ecological issues by all start-ups**, by placing the environmental issue at the heart of our country's entrepreneurial dynamics.

Moreover, the French Tech Capitals are associated with the Mission French Tech's strategic considerations of the actions that need implementing to address these challenges.

For 2023–2025, **the Mission French Tech is labelling 16 Capitals** in the French territory:

**13 Capitals got their label renewed:**

- La French Tech Aix-Marseille Région Sud
- La French Tech Alpes (formerly “French Tech in the Alps”)
- La French Tech Bordeaux
- La French Tech Brest+
- La French Tech Côte d’Azur Région Sud
- La French Tech Est (formerly “French Tech East”)
- La French Tech Grand Paris
- La French Tech Lille
- La French Tech Méditerranée
- La French Tech Nantes
- La French Tech Rennes Saint-Malo
- La French Tech Saint-Étienne Lyon (formerly “One Lyon Saint Étienne”)
- La French Tech Toulouse

**3 new Capitals:**

- La French Tech Bourgogne–Franche-Comté
- La French Tech La Réunion, **the first French Tech Capital in a French overseas territory**
- La French Tech Paris-Saclay

## FOCUS ON SIX FRENCH TECH CAPITALS

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### What are your goals for this La French Tech labelling?

“Thanks to this labelling, La French Tech Toulouse will be able to keep on supporting, accelerating and promoting its innovative companies from diverse and key sectors, such as aeronautics, greentech and agritech.”

- Sandrine Jullien-Rouquié, President of La French Tech Toulouse
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### What does this label represent, especially as Marseille has just been elected European Capital of Innovation 2023 by the European Commission?

“Aix-Marseille is a testing ground; here, start-ups innovate in their sectors of activity as well as in areas such as impact, the future of work, the ecological transition and inclusion. La French Tech Aix-Marseille consists of over 500 start-ups and 67 support structures, plus investors, large groups, and local authorities, which are there to help develop the territory.

The Capital of Innovation award won by the Aix-Marseille metropolitan area is a recognition of this collective work. We have built a solid and enthusiastic community which is developing a shared project. This relabelling for La French Tech Aix-Marseille reinforces our ambitions for 2023, and we will continue to be a stakeholder committed to inclusive and sustainable innovation.”

- Julie Davico-Pahin, President of La French Tech Aix-Marseille
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### How did you bring together all your territory's communities within the Capital?

‘We applied an entrepreneurial vision to the association. We needed to develop, and we had to. La French Tech Est activity began in Lorraine in 2015 and continued to evolve until it became clear that it was no longer sufficient or logical to remain focused on a single territory when it came to our ambitions for supporting innovation and start-ups.

So, along with the old communities, we rebuilt and structured unique dynamics in line with the Mission French Tech and all of the territories and the members' expectations, since we all had the same goal: to encourage and support the creation and growth of start-ups in the Grand Est Region.

- Maxime Grosjean, President of La French Tech Est



### **What does being a French Tech Capital mean to you?**

“Being a French Tech Capital means stimulating a territorial dynamic, saving time for entrepreneurs, and offering start-ups tangible services.”

- Cyril Texier, President of La French Tech Bordeaux



### **You have been newly labelled. What is your vision for a French Tech Capital in Réunion?**

“Our vision of an ambitious capital is firmly focused on impact! “Impact”, because it means even more synergy between our ecosystems, whether they are local, overseas or international. “Impact”, because it means more influence for our start-ups, more funding for their innovations, more support to create future unicorns! And finally, impact, because we want to be that hub that brings together all the continents thanks to our territorial specificities. The concept of ‘union’, of bringing people together, is even in our name: Réunion!”

### **What will the French Tech Capital label enable you to achieve?**

“To nurture our ambitions through proof, through something tangible! This could be through the rollout of all the Mission French Tech’s programmes, the brick-by-brick construction of our Welcome Tech Island project, or in our proximity with the Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty of France to better acquire the tools and uses that will let our start-ups become better equipped and even more competitive in terms of the many challenges they face.”

### **What are you hoping for the Réunion ecosystem over the next three years?**

“Let’s repeat it: ambition, impact and proof. Over the next 3 years, we would like to become the reference Capital, a true overseas Hub devoted to the emergence of tech champions serving a world that is more committed to its societal and environmental challenges and, of course, without letting economic performance take a backseat.”

- Elodie Royer and Manuel Warlop, co-Presidents of La French Tech La Réunion, the first French Tech Capital overseas



### **BFC Numérique, the new Capital label holder, after 3 years serving innovation in Bourgogne-Franche-Comté**

Led by the BFC Numérique cluster and thanks to the support of over 250 start-ups and 50 partners from all over the region (Dijon, Besançon, Mâcon, Nevers, Belfort, Montbéliard, Auxerre, etc), La French Tech Bourgogne-Franche-Comté Capital has been officially labelled by the Mission French Tech after 3 years as a Community. This rapidly developing tech ecosystem represents a source of innovations and solutions, particularly to address the great challenges in the region's historic activities: agritech and foodtech, healthtech, smart cities, mobility and industry 4.0, energy and materials.



### **La French Tech Paris-Saclay, a new Capital in the Ile-de-France Region, a champion of Deep Tech at a national and international level:**

Within the global cluster of Paris-Saclay, a world-class industrial and scientific innovation hub with 65,000 students, La French Tech Paris-Saclay is a non-profit association of innovative-company founders. It represents the interests of the Community of start-ups, scale-ups and project owners in the territory of Paris-Saclay, Yvelines and Essonne locally, nationally and internationally.

La Paris-Saclay French Tech Capital includes three of the winners of the DeepNum20 support programme, which is dedicated to start-ups operating in the disruptive innovation sector and falls within the framework of the France 2030 investment plan. The Capital brings together the entrepreneurial community of Paris-Saclay with the aim of championing, promoting and supporting start-ups around shared values, and mainly in the production of disruptive innovation (Deep Tech).

## LA FRENCH TECH PROGRAMS ROLLED OUT BY THE CAPITALS



French Tech Central also means the key locations that welcome the start-ups in all the Capitals!

### French Tech Central

The French Tech Central programme provides start-ups with local support via meetings with the public services in their territory. The offering is structured in order to address the practical needs of entrepreneurs. This programme makes it possible for start-ups to meet representatives of administrative offices in the key locations of the French Tech Capitals and organises events with public services regarding issues that generally affect start-ups.



On 28 November in Prague, the French Tech Tremplin programme won the 2022 European Prize for Responsible and Inclusive Entrepreneurship under the Czech Republic's Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

### French Tech Tremplin

Initiated in 2019 for the first time, every year, this Mission French Tech programme enables people without an entrepreneurial background to enjoy dedicated support to create their start-up. The French Tech Tremplin programme is specifically intended for people who may be far removed from the entrepreneurial ecosystem (scholarship students, wards of the State, refugees, residents of priority neighbourhoods – QPV –, etc.). 434 participants were selected for the Prépa Phase in 2022, reflecting the growing importance granted to this scheme, which has become permanent.

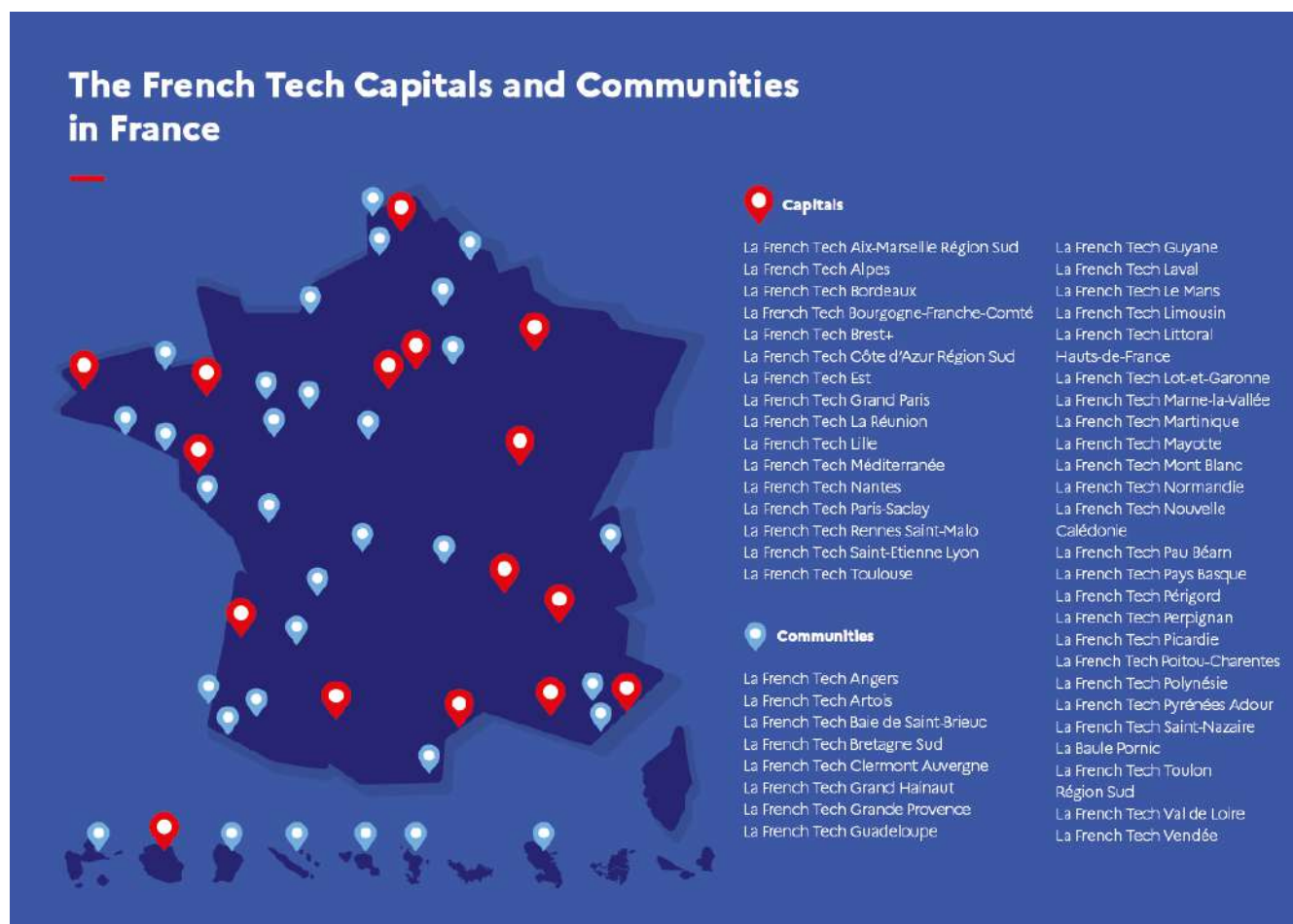


Awards ceremony on 2 December 2022 at the Ministry of the Economy, Finance, and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty. In the presence of the Minister Delegate, Jean-Noël Barrot, and the Director of the French Tech Mission, Clara Chappaz.

### French Tech Rise

Launched in 2021, French Tech Rise is the Mission French Tech programme that enhances the dynamism of the French Tech ecosystems all over France. It increases the visibility of start-ups from all regions to recognised venture capital funds. French Tech Rise's goals is to ensure that the growth of La French Tech contributes to the dynamism of the economy throughout France.

# COMMUNITIES IN FRANCE, VOLUNTEER ECOSYSTEMS SERVING ENTREPRENEURS



The French Tech Communities in France are groups of volunteer entrepreneurs, and are based on the collective commitment of their members. The aim of the French Tech Communities is to lead the local entrepreneurial community, ramp up collaborations between start-ups, private catalysts and public stakeholders, and ensure the visibility of this ecosystem across the whole national territory.

They participate in certain flagship activities run by their reference French Tech Capital and can initiate their own actions addressing their community's specific challenges.

### Two new Communities have been labelled for 2023–2025:

- La French Tech Mont-Blanc
- La French Tech Marne-la-Vallée

### The 32 French Tech Communities in France:

- La French Tech Angers
- La French Tech Artois
- La French Tech Baie de Saint-Brieuc
- La French Tech Grande Provence
- La French Tech Guadeloupe
- La French Tech Guyane

- La French Tech Bretagne Sud
- La French Tech Clermont Auvergne
- La French Tech Grand Hainaut
- La French Tech Littoral Hauts-de-France
- La French Tech Lot-et-Garonne
- La French Tech Marne-la-Vallée
- La French Tech Martinique
- La French Tech Mayotte
- La French Tech Mont-Blanc
- La French Tech Normandie
- La French Tech Nouvelle-Calédonie
- La French Tech Pau Béarn
- La French Tech Pays Basque
- La French Tech Laval
- La French Tech Le Mans
- La French Tech Limousin
- La French Tech Périgord
- La French Tech Perpignan
- La French Tech Picardie
- La French Tech Poitou-Charentes
- La French Tech Polynésie
- La French Tech Pyrénées Adour
- La French Tech Saint-Nazaire La Baule et Pornic
- La French Tech Toulon Région Sud
- La French Tech Val de Loire
- La French Tech Vendée



### Why set up a French Tech Community in Marne-la-Vallée?

“Marne-la-Vallée brings together a great number of La French Tech stakeholders: start-ups, students, a network of companies, a public ecosystem conducive to the creation of companies, and a large labour pool. It is the centre of excellence of the Greater Paris Sustainable City. It seemed important to us that the City of the Future project should have greater representation within La French Tech. That is the ambition of La French Tech Marne-la-Vallée!”

- Nicolas Aube, President of La French Tech Marne-la-Vallée



### What is your connection with La French Tech Bordeaux?

“La French Tech Bordeaux has been an essential interlocutor within our community since its creation in 2019: it has successfully brought together the communities of the entire (and very large) Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region and provided support through its skilled team.”

- Salima Alloui, President of La French Tech Lot-et-Garonne





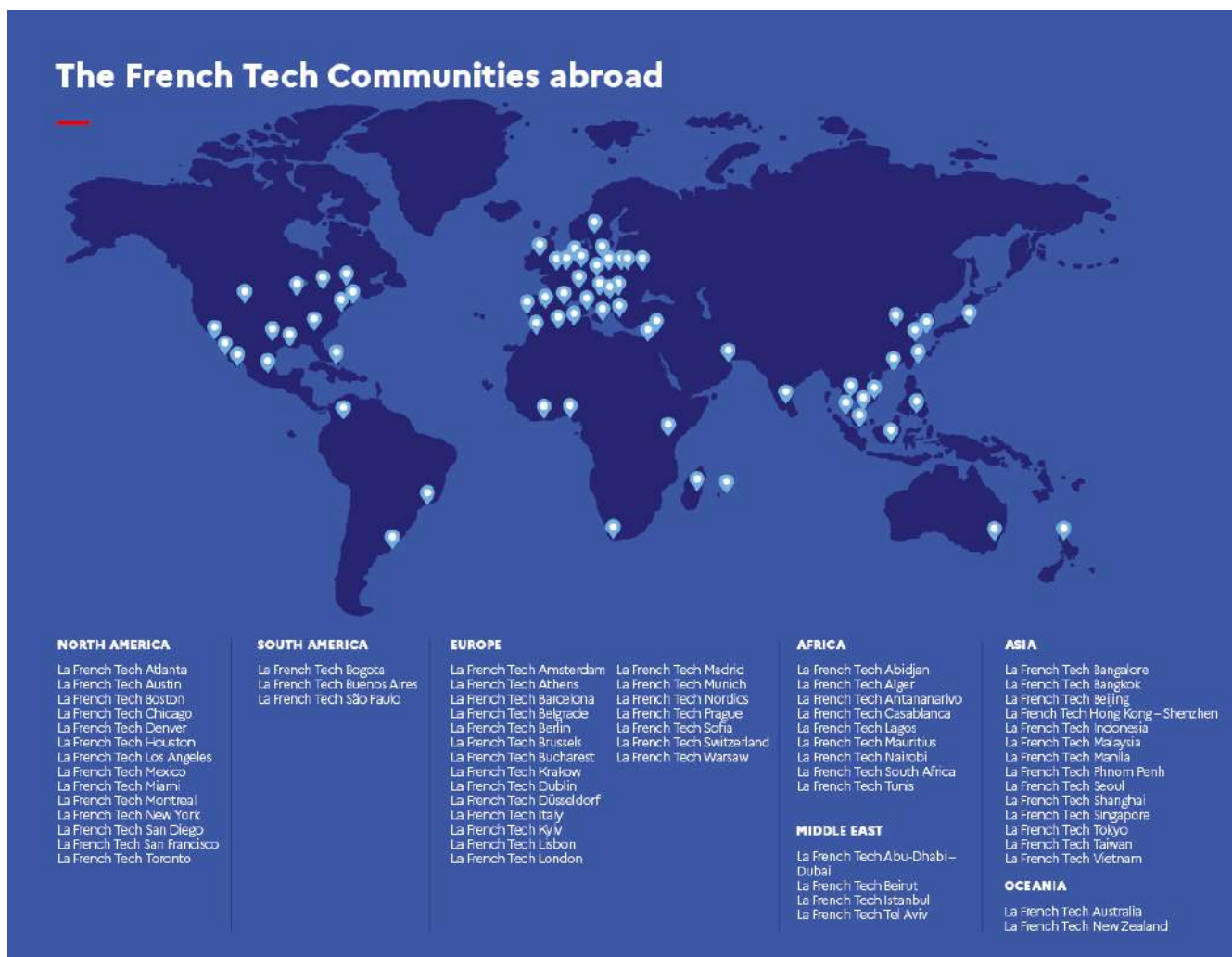
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FRENCH TECH  
**NOUVELLE  
CALÉDONIE**

### How do you promote the La French Tech label in Oceania?

“Thanks to our central position within the Indopacific Region, we can strengthen our ties with the French Tech Communities in neighbouring countries, to foster collaboration and to increase the outreach of France within Oceania”.

- Aurore Klepper, Community lead of La French Tech Nouvelle-Calédonie

# THE FRENCH TECH COMMUNITIES ABROAD, LINKING THE FRENCH ECOSYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



The French Tech Communities abroad are groups of locally-based volunteer entrepreneurs, whether French or with ties to France. As fully fledged members of La French Tech network, they contribute to our ecosystem's influence around the world.

Their purpose is to support the actions of the Mission French Tech abroad, by leading and taking part in the life of the local entrepreneurial community, supporting the development of French start-ups in their respective ecosystems, and undertaking constructive actions in line with the Mission French Tech's priorities.

Made up of founders, investors and employees of start-ups and tech companies, and any other stakeholder involved in promoting La French Tech in their geographic area, the Communities undertake their actions in connection with all the stakeholders of the French institutional and diplomatic network. Their aim is to encourage dialogue and meetings within their local ecosystem, by building bridges with the French ecosystem.

## 67 French Tech Communities abroad

The new network of the French Tech Communities abroad is made up of 67 Communities, including 9 new ones, in 52 countries:

- Europe: 21 Communities (in 20 countries, including 15 European Union Member States). Germany is the European country with the most communities: it has 3 Communities,
- Asia: 14 Communities (in 11 countries),
- North America: 14 Communities, including 11 in the United States, 2 in Canada and 1 in Mexico
- Africa: 9 Communities,
- Middle East: 4 Communities,
- South America: 3 Communities,
- Oceania: 2 Communities.

### Including 9 new Communities labelled for 2023-2025

- La French Tech Athens
- La French Tech Denver
- La French Tech Düsseldorf
- La French Tech Indonesia
- La French Tech Lagos
- La French Tech Madrid
- La French Tech New Zealand
- La French Tech San Diego
- La French Tech Warsaw

## LIST OF FRENCH TECH COMMUNITIES ABROAD

### Europe (21 Communities):

- La French Tech Amsterdam
- La French Tech Athens
- La French Tech Barcelona
- La French Tech Belgrade
- La French Tech Berlin
- La French Tech Brussels
- La French Tech Bucharest
- La French Tech Dublin
- La French Tech Düsseldorf
- La French Tech Italy
- La French Tech Krakow
- La French Tech Kyiv
- La French Tech Lisbon
- La French Tech London
- La French Tech Madrid
- La French Tech Munich
- La French Tech Nordics
- La French Tech Prague
- La French Tech Sofia
- La French Tech Switzerland
- La French Tech Warsaw

**Asia (14 Communities):**

- La French Tech Bangalore
- La French Tech Bangkok
- La French Tech Beijing
- La French Tech Hong Kong – Shenzhen
- La French Tech Indonesia
- La French Tech Malaysia
- La French Tech Manila
- La French Tech Phnom Penh
- La French Tech Seoul
- La French Tech Shanghai
- La French Tech Singapore
- La French Tech Taiwan
- La French Tech Tokyo
- La French Tech Vietnam

**North America (14 Communities):**

- La French Tech Atlanta
- La French Tech Austin
- La French Tech Boston
- La French Tech Chicago
- La French Tech Denver
- La French Tech Houston
- La French Tech Los Angeles
- La French Tech Miami
- La French Tech Mexico
- La French Tech Montreal
- La French Tech New York
- La French Tech San Diego
- La French Tech San Francisco
- La French Tech Toronto

**South America (3 Communities):**

- La French Tech Bogota
- La French Tech Buenos Aires
- La French Tech São Paulo

**Africa (9 Communities):**

- La French Tech Abidjan
- La French Tech Alger
- La French Tech Antananarivo
- La French Tech Casablanca
- La French Tech Lagos
- La French Tech Mauritius
- La French Tech Nairobi
- La French Tech South Africa
- La French Tech Tunis

### Middle East (4 Communities):

- La French Tech Abu-Dhabi – Dubai
- La French Tech Beirut
- La French Tech Istanbul
- La French Tech Tel Aviv

### Oceania (2 Communities):

- La French Tech Australia
- La French Tech New Zealand



#### **What does it mean to you to be one of the newly labelled French Tech Communities abroad? What do you expect from being part of this Capitals and Communities network?**

"To us, being a French Tech Community is being part of a network which is solid, reliable, credible, passionate and benevolent. These qualities resonate with our values. Being part of LaFrench Tech is for us an opportunity to be part of a global network comprising French Tech Capitals and Communities, Business France (the French Trade Office), Atout France (the French Tourism Bureau), Bpifrance, the Chambers of Commerce, the diplomatic network, etc. The goal is to work together with these institutions, because we believe that we complement each other and we all have the same mission. This mission is to support French companies, both in a benevolent and professional manner, in their development on the US market. Pulling our strengths together will allow us to carry this mission outstandingly!"

- Sylvie Almeri, Community Lead of La French Tech San Diego



#### **As one of the first French Tech Communities in the network, what does it mean to you to have your label extended for 2023-2025?**

"What does it mean? Many things. First of all, it means being able to forge links. We have seen that La French Tech is a strong symbol of identification. We have also seen that the international image works locally too - we have had a lot of requests for contacts since the end of the health restrictions due to the COVID-19 epidemic. Being under the Red Rooster banner allows us to organise high quality events and maintain communities of experts, both French and francophile, around tech."

- Emmanuel Paget, board member of La French Tech Shanghai



**What does it mean to you to be a French Tech Community abroad?  
What is your feedback as a Community based in Germany?**

"The commitment of La French Tech Munich is to support the creation of European champions by promoting exchanges between France and Germany. By acting as a privileged point of contact for entrepreneurs from both countries, we contribute to the smooth functioning of the Franco-German couple - which is key to European sovereignty. The subjects that are close to our hearts for this 2023-2025 labeling and which will be the subject of a series of initiatives are focused on gender parity and social diversity in the Franco-German tech ecosystem, the ecological transition and talent. Our motto: 'We build bridges across the Rhine' ".

**How important is it for you to spread a strong European message and show the strength of French Tech communities in Europe?**

"The French Tech network in Europe is a team of committed women and men, willing to work together to promote French technology in Europe and ready to support the innovation, leadership and success of our French start-up entrepreneurs. This is an opportunity to join forces to support the emergence of the European champions of the next decade. The whole team of La French Tech Munich is proud to be part of this movement and to bring these values to Germany.

This year's major event, La Nuit Franco-Bavaroise des Start-ups (French-Bavarian Start-up Night), which aims to strengthen the links between the Bavarian economy and French start-ups, will allow thirty innovative French (and Bavarian) start-ups wishing to establish themselves in Bavaria (and France) to pitch and make contact with representatives of the industrial world and investment funds from southern Germany (and France)."

- Karine Fouque, President of La French Tech Munich

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# THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE UP THE FRENCH TECH CAPITALS AND COMMUNITIES

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## French Tech Capitals

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The Mission French Tech is the French administration responsible for helping the ecosystem of French start-ups form and flourish, in France and abroad. Part of the Directorate General for Enterprise within the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty, the Mission coordinates and oversees the French Tech ecosystem with its network of 16 Capitals and 99 Communities, in France and abroad. It also supports start-ups by making it easier for them to interact with the administration via a network of more than 60 French Tech contacts. The Mission French Tech supports the most mature start-ups through the French Tech Next40/120 programme, as well as start-ups operating in sectors identified as strategic as part of the France 2030 plan with its first sector-dedicated programmes: Green20, Agri20, Health20 and DeepNum20. Finally, through the French Tech Tremplin program, the French Tech Mission enables people without an entrepreneurial background to create their own start-up anywhere in France.

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