

USA). In 1999, public expenditures on R&D in France were 0.96% of GDP (0.64% in Japan, 0.84% in the USA, 0.82% in Germany and 0.69% in the United Kingdom), compared with 1.23% for research expenditures by French businesses (2.4% in Japan, 1.8% in the USA, 1.62% in Germany and 1.18% in the United Kingdom).

The 2002 BCRD falls within the framework of initiatives launched over the last four years to enhance research personnel, laboratory funding, priority disciplinary fields (life sciences, information science and the environment) and to strengthen the synergies between public and private research.

The 2002 research budget in France is built around **five priorities**:

**Scientific employment:** the creation of jobs to implement a long-term management plan (2001-2010) of scientific employment enhancing the profile and maintaining the high quality of French public research, as well as significant measures to attract and retain outstanding research personnel.

**Youth:** measures to encourage young people to embark on research careers;

**Funding public research:** continued increases in funding of operating and investment costs in public laboratories so as to enhance their competitiveness;

**Priority fields:** once more this year, there is a very significant increase in funding for research in the life sciences and information science, with a particular emphasis on environment and sustainable development;

**Industrial innovation and research:** funding has increased significantly in these areas.

In addition, there is a new trend in France: **increased importance of European scientific and technical co-operation**. The construction of a European research area space will become an increasingly predominant reality in France with the 6th European R&D Framework Program, which proposes forging closer bilateral and multilateral S&T partnerships between its major European partner states.

#### The 2002 Budget for civilian research and development (BCRD)

The following two tables summarize the distribution of funds for public research in France.

<b>2002 Funding provided by the French Military of Research for public research establishments under its control</b>	<b>K €</b>
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<b>EPST*</b> <b>Total</b> State Funded scientific and technological establishments	<b>3,567,309</b>
CNRS	2172,067
INRA	553,268
INSERM	445,635
IRD	166,320
INRIA	96,946
<b>EPIC*</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Total</b></span>	<b>2,015,696</b>