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MAKE OUR PLANET GREAT AGAIN

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Following the decision of the United States to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, the President of the Republic, Emmanuel MACRON, on 1 June 2017, called on scientists, teachers, entrepreneurs, associations and NGOs, students and civil society as a whole to mobilize and join France to lead the fight against global warming. This call to pool energies in order to protect the planet demonstrates France's willingness to stand at the forefront of the fight against global warming. This call has become reality on 8 June with the launch of the web platform "Make our Planet Great Again".

In order to go further with this commitment, Frédérique VIDAL, Minister for Higher Education, Research and Innovation, and Louis Schweitzer, General Commissioner for Investment, have decided to launch a Priority Research Program dedicated to the fight against global warming.

They jointly mandate the CNRS (National Center for Scientific Research) for this program that will be based on the "1 euro per institution for 1 euro of additional funding" principle, as part of the Priority Research Programs which will provide €30 million of additional funding. The total financing effort will thus reach €60 million to be allocated to about 50 researchers projects for 5 years.

This program welcomes high level scientists living abroad (young scientists with high potential ability as well as experienced researchers), in the following fields:

- Climate change
- Earth system
- Energy transition

Interested Researchers can apply based on a project prepared together with a French laboratory. They will thus benefit from the quality of French research teams working on this topics and of their work environment.

France research ecosystem is indeed composed of universities and organizations publishing at very high level. It also has cutting-edge scientific equipment all over its territory. This program will allow scientists from all over the world to benefit from these assets. It will also strengthen the high research level of French laboratories welcoming the laureates of the Make Our Planet Great Again call.

The projects will be evaluated according to international standards.

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