

France-Argentina Relations

Argentina, a major partner of France in Latin America

Regular high-level dialogue

Visit to Argentina by:

- Mr **François Hollande**, President of the French Republic (February 2016)
- Mr **Michel Sapin**, Minister for the Economy and Finance (March 2017)

Visit to France by:

- Mr **Mauricio Macri**, President of the Argentine Republic, met with President Hollande in Paris (July 2016)
- Ms **Malcorra**, Minister of Foreign Relations, International Trade and Culture (May 2016, June 2017)

Since 2016: 8 Argentine Ministers and Secretaries of State met with their counterparts in France

Strong cooperation in international organizations

France and Argentina's views converge on major international issues : human rights, climate change, non-proliferation, peacekeeping operations

- **France's support** for Argentina's joining the **OECD**
- France and Argentina instigated the **International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance** and are working to achieve its universal ratification
- Declaration of Intent on the sharing of diplomatic archives on **human rights violations during Argentina's dictatorship** (April 2017)

Growing economic trade

- Argentina is France's **3rd largest trading partner** in Latin America (€1.83 billion in 2016)
- **250 French companies** are working in Argentina with a total of **€3.8 billion in investments**, with a significant presence in the agrifood, automotive, hydrocarbons, retail and distribution, health and cosmetics industries
- **2017**: start of **Agence Française de Développement (AFD)** operations with €100 million in financing
- Working holiday visas issued since 2011

Long-standing and wide-ranging cooperation

- **53 Alliances Françaises**: one of the largest and longest-standing networks in the world
- Some **1,000 French people** study in Argentina every year
- Since 2016, Argentina has been an **observer member of the International Organisation of La Francophonie**
- Some **1,000 Argentine people** study in France every year
- The 3rd Decentralized Cooperation Meeting with France and Argentina to be held in 2018

France, Argentina's leading scientific partner:

- More than **100 bilateral research projects**
 - **300 annual research missions** are conducted by French researchers in Argentina
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- 4 international laboratories are working in agronomy, nanoscience, physics and computer languages