

Infographic: France and Mexico's strategic partnership

Growing economic exchanges

- ➔ Amount of trade: €4.3 billion (2014) / + 16% per year since 2009
- ➔ French exports: €2.53 billion
- ➔ French imports: €1.73 billion
- ➔ 3700 French businesses export to Mexico (54% major groups; 46% SMEs)
- ➔ 550 French companies employ 110,000 people in Mexico
- ➔ French investments: €2.2 billion (6th largest European investor)

Measures to strengthen economic and trade relations between France and Mexico:

- Creation of an investment fund in the aeronautical sector to support French SMEs
- Establishment of lines of credit to promote exports by Mexican enterprises to France
- Holding of an economic forum and seminars in the form of business to business ("B2B ") meetings
- Signing of several agreements: between Business France and ProMéxico, national trade and investment promotion agencies; agreements in the field of research and innovation; cooperation agreement between MEDEF and COPARMEX, French and Mexican business confederations

Ever-closer cooperation and exchanges

Tourism and visas:

- More than 200,000 French tourists visit Mexico every year
- An agreement is being negotiated to create a "working holiday" visa

French community:

- 17,700 French nationals registered with the Consulate, 2/3 holding dual nationality.

Bilateral cooperation:

- A Franco-Mexican Strategic Council brings together some 40 members in the two countries.

Educational cooperation:

- 3 French and Franco-Mexican high schools (*lycées*) teaching 4260 pupils: Mexico City, Cuernavaca, Guadalajara.
- 250,000 pupils learning French, from primary to university levels.
- 36 Alliance Française centres, 9 of which under contract.
- 2500 Mexican students in France — France is the 3rd largest destination for Mexican students.
- 1,500 French students in Mexico (2nd largest foreign contingent)
- 3 major scholarship programmes (320 scholarships per year)
- Creation of 3 new technology training centres in the fields of energy (with Schneider), design and management of industrial products (with Dassault Systems), and aeronautics (with Safran)

Scientific cooperation:

- France is Mexico's 3rd largest scientific partner
- 600 co-publications per year
- French research institutes present in Mexico:
 - National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)
 - Research Institute for Development (IRD)
 - French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD)
 - National Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM)
 - Pasteur Institute