The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs represents, defends and promotes the interests of France and French nationals in all areas in foreign countries and international organizations.

**WORKING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

- To achieve **peace**, **security** and respect for **human rights**.
- To promote **French businesses** abroad in foreign markets and France’s **appeal** abroad.
- To help organize **globalization** which ensures balanced and **sustainable development** in the world.
- To ensure the presence of France’s **ideas**, **language** and **culture** while advocating cultural diversity.
- To manage **security** and **administrative services** for French nationals abroad.

The Ministry’s budget in 2023 is €5.5 billion, representing only 1% of the overall government budget. Half of this budget is devoted to international contributions and action. Some emblematic examples of its use:

- **€300 million** for peacekeeping operations
- **€700 million** for some 80 international organizations, agreements and programmes
- **€391 million** for French nationals abroad and consular affairs
- Nearly **€374 million** for the European Development Fund
FRANCE, THE THIRD-LARGEST DIPLOMATIC NETWORK IN THE WORLD

The Ministry is supported by a large network of embassies and consulates general abroad, which work in constant collaboration with the central administration in Paris and Nantes. France is the third most represented country in the world, after China and the United States.

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3 OUT OF 4 STAFF MEMBERS ABROAD

The Ministry is supported by 13,719 diverse, adaptable and mobile staff, 74% of which work abroad.

Equality is a priority for the Ministry
It received the AFNOR label for gender equality in the workplace thanks to its proactive policy.

Breakdown by geographical area (December 2022)

- 24% Africa and the Indian Ocean
- 21% Americas and the Caribbean
- 15% North Africa and the Middle East
- 21% European Union
- 18% Asia and Oceania
- 6% Continental Europe
- 3% of staff are posted in permanent representations.
SUPPORTING FRENCH NATIONALS ABROAD

The Ministry oversees the administrative services and protection of French nationals abroad, whether they are residents or travellers.

The diplomatic and consular services act as both a town hall and a prefecture. They are authorized to issue official identification and civil registry documents. They are also responsible for organizing certain elections.

The Crisis and Support Centre (CDCS) coordinates France’s action when there are crises abroad involving French nationals and also its emergency humanitarian action. It has developed two services to protect travellers:

- The Travellers’ advice page on diplomatie.gouv.fr/en provides a clear view of the security and health situation in each country.
- The Fil d’Ariane service sends security notifications and advice to French nationals travelling abroad.

The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs is now present on several platforms in various languages:

- On Twitter in French @francediplo, English @francediplo_EN, Arabic @francediplo_AR, Spanish @francediplo_ES, German @francediplo_DE and Russian @francediplo_RU
- Advice for Travellers on Twitter @ConseilsVoyages
- On Facebook in French @france.diplomatie, English @france.diplomacy and Arabic @france.diplo.arabic
- FrancediploTV on YouTube
- @francediplo on Instagram
- Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs on LinkedIn

And on our website, diplomatie.gouv.fr/en