



**French Network for Education
and Research in Life Sciences**
AGROECOLOGY - AGRORESOURCES - AGROFOOD

France Agro³ : Fésia, the French Network for Research and Education in Life Sciences changes its name

The former Fésia network is proud to announce the adoption of a new name : France Agro³. After more than 30 years of cooperation under the name Fésia, four French graduate schools of agriculture and life sciences— **ESA** in Angers, **ISA – Yncréa Hauts-de-France** in Lille, **ISARA** in Lyon and Avignon and **PURPAN** in Toulouse—are adopting a new name which will better illustrate their main areas of expertise in life sciences.

The new name of the consortium is rooted in three fundamental areas of expertise :

- **Agro Ecology** If respect for the environment is a global issue, then technical and biological innovations and understanding economic and social dynamics will underpin the transition of agriculture.
- **Agro Resources** Tomorrow, agricultural production will be healthier, safer and will have to ensure both profitability and responsibility from the plot to the farm, as well as at industry and territorial level.
- **Agro Food** The purpose of transformations must serve both to feed the world's population while enhancing the global food model.

France's influence over agricultural, food-related, environmental and life sciences issues is patent. The food chain is the number one employer in France with more than 3 million jobs.

"At a time when agro-environmental challenges concern the entire planet and consumer expectations have never been so high, we believe it is essential to prepare future agricultural and food managers to take into account new global and societal challenges", adds Pascal Désamais, Vice-President of France Agro³.

Active and appreciated in the international scientific community, France Agro³ enjoys partnerships with research centres such as INRA, CIRAD, CNRS, Institut Pasteur, and such prestigious international universities as Wageningen University and Research in the Netherlands, UCLouvain in Belgium, ESALQ in Brazil, and Cornell University in the United States.

Thanks to their close links with the professional community, the France Agro³ network seeks to position itself as a true initiator of changes in the sector. The France Agro³ schools also offer the complementarity of their expertise in research and innovation, a priority area of teaching excellence and a major tool of proximity to companies.

About France Agro³ : [France Agro³](#) is a leading French network of education and research in life sciences. Offering programs in English and French at the undergraduate and graduate levels in Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences, France Agro³ sets itself apart as a comprehensive and dynamic collective of higher education. Research and professional cooperation are at the heart of our activities, giving students first-hand experience and a competitive advantage on the global job market: 95% of France Agro³ graduates are employed within 6 months.

France Agro³ Key Figures:

150 partner universities on all **5** continents
26 laboratories and research teams
560 employees and **190** faculty members
400 international students hosted each year
1,200 students studying abroad each year
22,500 alumni

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