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**Promouvoir et protéger
une culture partagée de
l'intégrité scientifique :
bilan et perspectives**



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Session 1 — De la loi aux pratiques : comment se déploie aujourd'hui l'intégrité scientifique ?

**« Le système français dans le cadre européen :
singularité ou alignement ? »**

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Flemish Commission for Research Integrity



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Confidential counsellors



Research integrity advisors



Research institution
university/...

Might include academic hospital



(Sanction)
(Measures)
(Aftercare)



Advice

Misconduct?

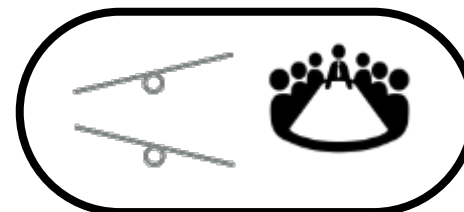
2nd advice



The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity
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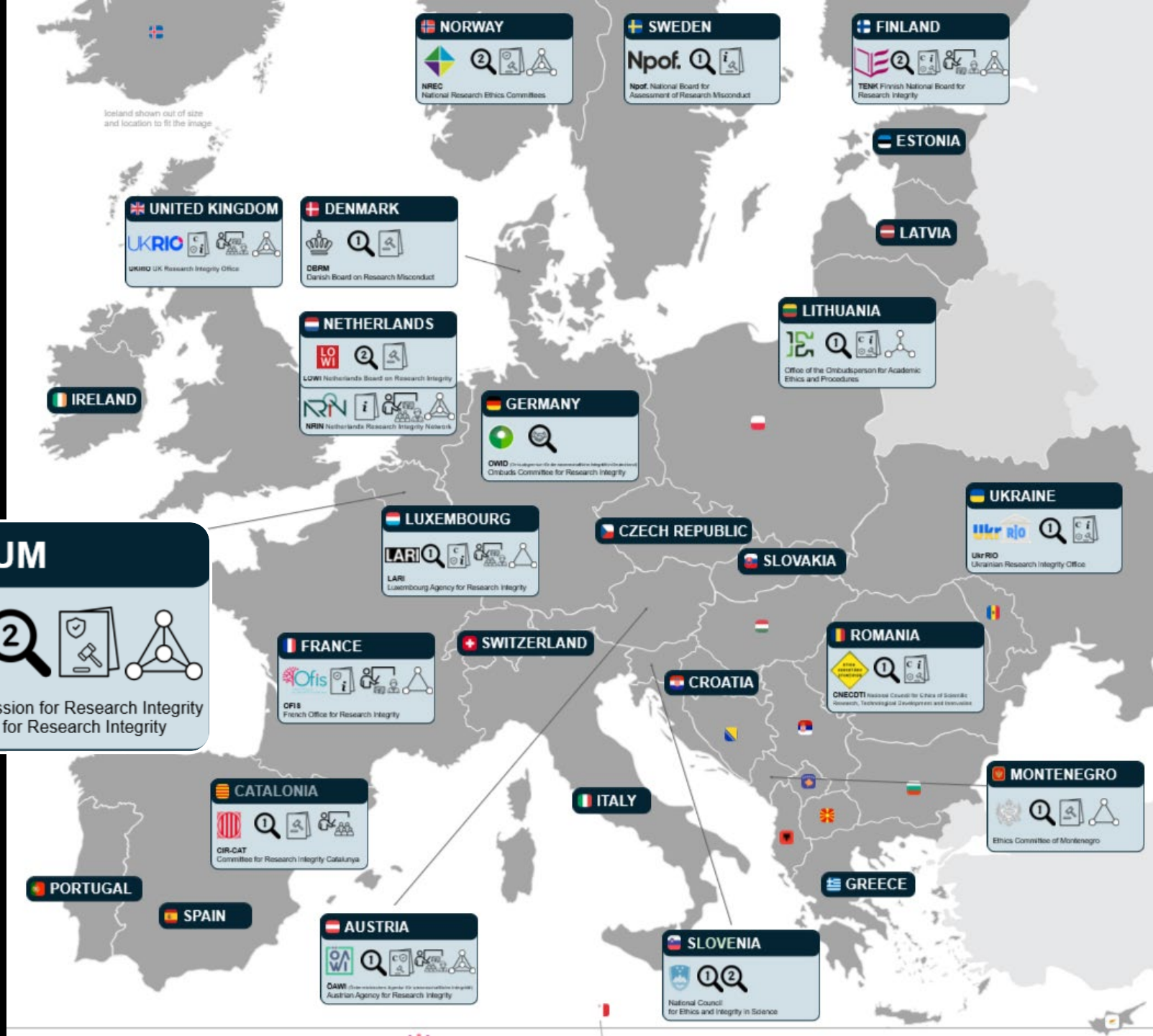
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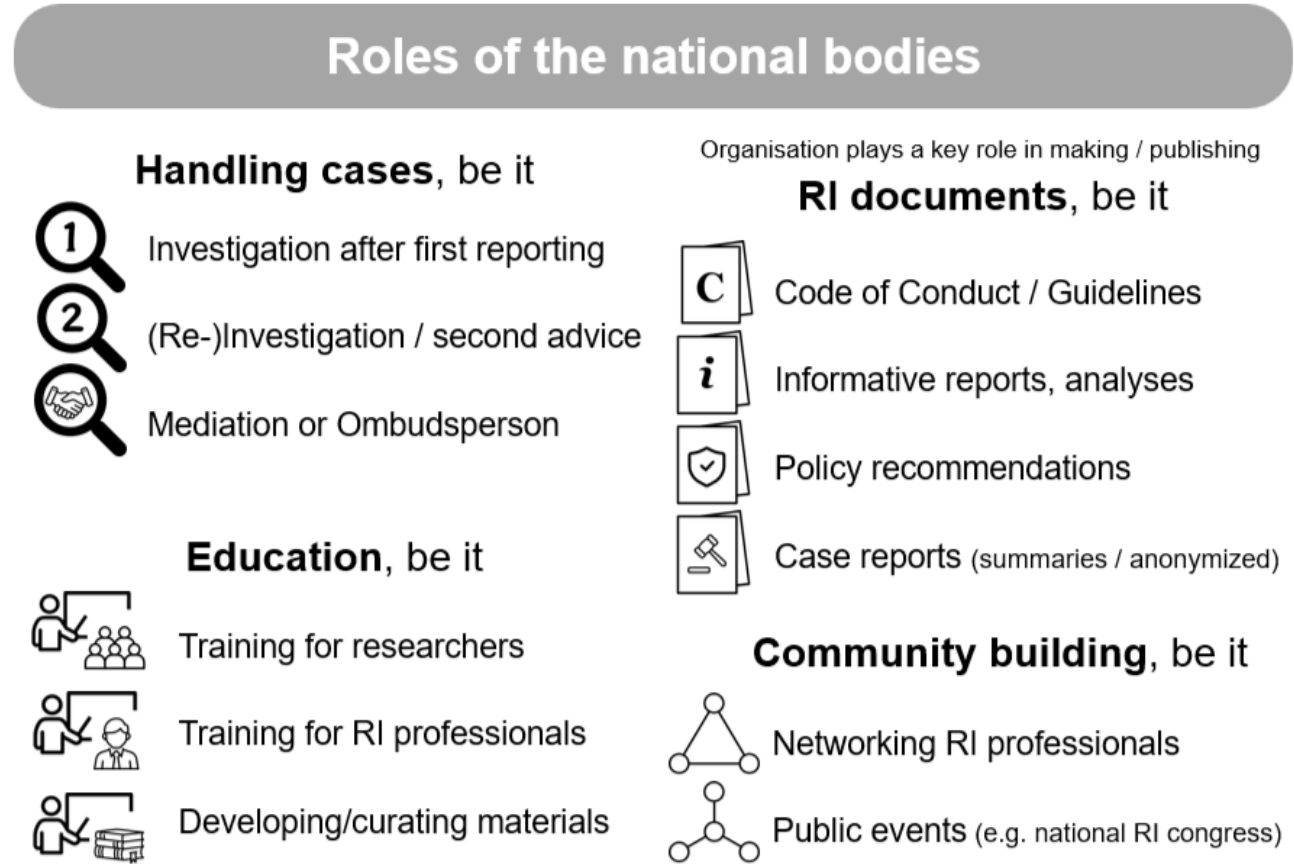
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VCWI
CSIS

VCWI Flemish Commission for Research Integrity + CSIS Higher Council for Research Integrity

How is France's national research integrity system (OFIS, RESINT, law) *different* in comparison to other countries in Europe, with respect to:

1. How legal-based the system is
 2. Case-handling (at national level)
 3. National guidance & overview
 4. Education
 5. Professionalisation & RI community
- *. Something extra that makes France special



singularité ou alignement ?

How is France *different* in European comparison, with respect to:

1. How legal-based the system is?

Research programming Act (2020), Art. L. 211-2 :

- “Research [..] must comply with the requirements of research integrity [..]. (...) Public [research] institutions [..] shall ensure that the requirements of research integrity are met [..]. They shall put in place the necessary measures to promote the values of scientific integrity and encourage compliance with its requirements. ” (Art. L. 211-2).

- Establishment and mandate of OFIS

Decree (26 August 2023) :

- Who defends a PhD swears an oath of obeying research integrity principles. (Unique in law! Not unique as practice)



How is France *different* in European comparison, with respect to:

1. How legal-based the system is?

∃ Legislation on RI — detailed, governmental body in charge



∃ Legislation on RI — between these two ↑ ↓



∃ Legislation on RI — generic, publicly funded national body



National body with public funding, no law/decreed



Limited national landscape



We don't know



How is France *different* in European comparison, with respect to:

2. Case-handling (at national level)

Investigation after first reporting

(Re-)Investigation / second advice

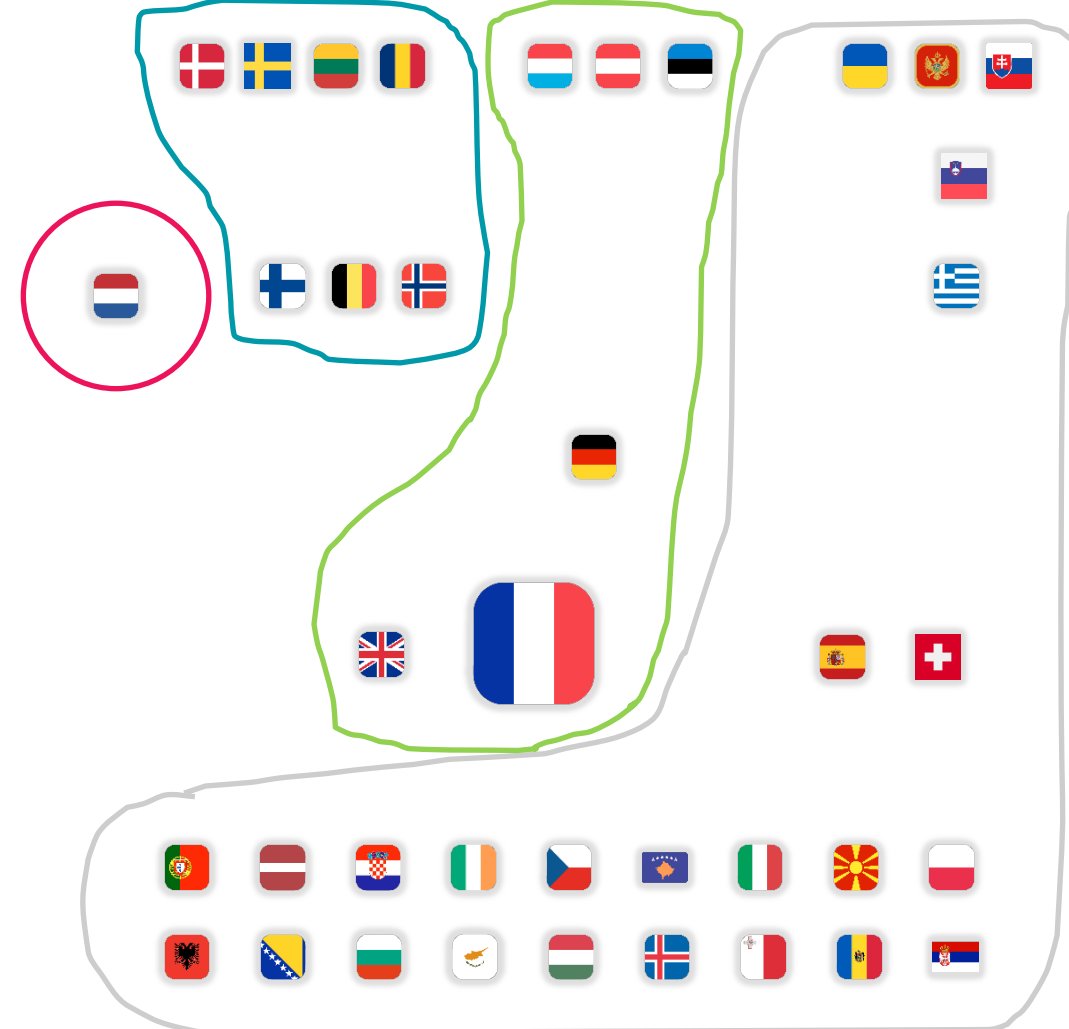
Mediation or Ombudsperson

National body — not seeing cases

No national body / we don't know



Decisions / Summaries /
Statistics / No reporting on cases



Complaint systems

In Europe mostly systems of “self-regulation”
(research institutions investigate complaints)



Krista Varantola (TENK, Finland)

Does self-regulation work?

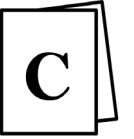
**No, does not work
if there is no extra-
institutional control**

**Yes, if there is a
national-level system**



How is France *different* in European comparison, with respect to:

3. National guidance? → Code of Conduct / Guidelines



European Code of Conduct:

EU, Belgium (Flanders), Luxembourg

National Codes:

DK (Danish Code on Research Misconduct)

NL (Netherlands Code of Conduct for Research Integrity)

UK (Concordat to support Research Integrity)

EE (Estonian Code of Conduct for Research Integrity)

FI (Finnish Code of Conduct for Research Integrity and Procedures ...)

FR (National Charter for Research Integrity)

CH (Swiss National Code of Conduct for Scientific Integrity)

RO (The Code of Research Ethics and Research Conduct, Romania)

National-level guidelines or equivalent:

DE (DFG Guidelines for Safeguarding Good Research Practice)

AT (Guidelines for Good Scientific Practice)

NO (Guidelines of the Norwegian National Research Ethics Committee)

SE (Swedish Research Council's publication Good Research Practice)

IT (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche - Guidelines on Research Integrity)

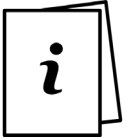
ES (The Spanish National Research Council's National Statement on Research Integrity)

IE (National Policy Statement on Ensuring Research Integrity in Ireland)



How is France *different* in European comparison, with respect to:

3. National overview / informative reports / analyses?



France shines!



Research: impacts on RI

Registry of référents

Foresight studies on RI

State of RI report (1x /2 year)

based on institutional reportings

Good practice: National Survey on Research Integrity (climate)



National Research
Integrity Barometer
(same validated protocol)

How is France *different* in European comparison, with respect to:

4. Education? + Public events for researchers? Awareness?

France shines!



Information center
Training library / redirects
OFIS Magazine / Newsletter
Regular colloquia (well-attended:
researchers, managers, experts)

Other great examples:



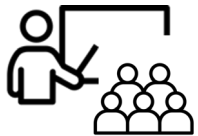
Training (for subscribing institutions)
Webinars (1x /2 months)
Annual RI conference
Roundtables with debate ~ RI



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INTEGRITÄT

Training programmes for researchers
Free e-learning platform (many topics)
Train-the-trainer programmes

Education, such as

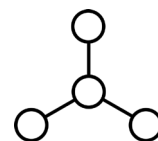


Training for researchers



Developing/curating materials

Community building, such as



Public events (e.g. national RI congress)

How is France *different* in European comparison, with respect to:

5. Professionalisation & RI community?

→ *networking among research integrity professionals, peer learning, sharing of experiences*

France shines!



Tools for référents
Workshops for référents

Espace RESINT

l'association Réseau Intégrité scientifique

Active networking,
sharing & peer learning

Other great example:



National network of RI advisors
Events + training for RI advisors
Events for ethics committees
Training

More national networks of RI professionals in:



Network coordinated by 



Netherlands Research Integrity Network



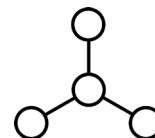
National Research Integrity Forum

Education, such as



Training for RI professionals

Community building, such as



Networking RI professionals

Something extra that makes France special? *Sleuthing!*

France plays above its weight in **post-publication peer review**.



+ ...

Brandon Stell and brothers Smith
CNRS - PubPeer

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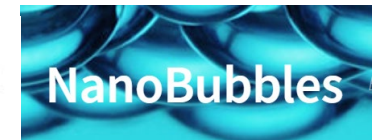
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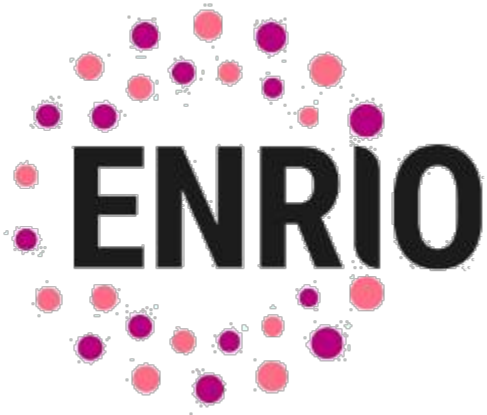
Huge endeavour to clean the research literature
(sloppy science, paper mills, organised fraud ...)



Researchers in France (and French researchers) are taking the lead!



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I'd love to connect — interact — dialogue