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Bienvenue en France - Welcome to France

**Timeframe:** Announced on November 19th, 2018. Set up starting September 2019.

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**Responsible authorities:** Ministry of Higher education, research and innovation; Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs; Ministry of the Interior.

**Reasons / Objectives:**

France is the 4th country in the world in terms of inward mobility students after the USA, the UK and Australia, but despite its advantages, the number of students in mobility increases slower than in other countries that have developed a strategy to attract them. The strategy “Bienvenue en France” sets two objectives: welcome 500,000 foreign students by 2027 (there are 324,000 today) and foster outward mobility for French students.

**Main measures adopted:**

The strategy revolves around 6 axes of action:

1. Simplify the visa procedure

Simplifying the visa procedure will be done with the cooperation of the Ministry of the Interior. It will consist in the set-up of a single desk for all procedures and in the digitalization of all documents; priority will be given to foreign students; a specific residence permit will be issued for students to come back to France.

2. Double the number of training programmes in *Français Langues Étrangères* (FLE – French foreign languages) and in English
Higher Education Institutions (HEI) that propose intensive *Français Langues Étrangères* modules for non-French-speaking students will be supported by the creation of a 10M€ fund. Distance learning offer for FLE programmes will be developed, and the creation of university specific programmes and diplomas for foreign students and scientists refugees will also be eligible for the fund.

3. Create a quality label

A label “*Bienvenue en France*” will be created and attributed to HEI that fulfill the requirements. As of today, 70 HEI are applying to this label.

4. Apply different admission fees and increase grants

Starting September 2019, students that do not come from the EU-zone that enroll for the first time in a higher education programme will have to pay different yearly admission fees: 2,770€ for a licence programme (bachelor level) and 3,770€ for a master or doctorate programme. Moreover, exemptions’ conditions and the amount of grants will be improved. It is estimated that approximately 1 out of 4 students will benefit from either a exemption or a grant.

5. Develop France’s influence abroad

French campuses as well as training programmes of French HEI are to be developed abroad. With the help of local actors, the objective is to create a coherent training offer in foreign countries in order to reinforce France’s attractiveness abroad.

6. Launch a worldwide communication campaign

“*Bienvenue en France*” will be supported by a worldwide communication campaign under the supervision of Campus France, which will aim at fostering the desire of student to come study in France.

**Funding:** 10M€ allocated to the newly created “*Bienvenue en France*” fund.

**References:** [MESRI : Bienvenue en France](#) [1]

### Suppression of the numerus clausus and renovation of medical studies

**Timeframe:** Announced on September 18th, 2018 in the framework of the future law project “*Ma Santé 2022*” (My health 2022) that reforms the health system in France. Working groups on medical studies renovation starting mid-October 2018; proposals are to be given to the Ministries at the end of November 2018. Set up of the higher education side of the reform starting September 2019.

**Status:** Announced on September 18th, 2018. Working groups are currently ongoing. Law project “*Ma Santé 2022*” submitted to the parliament during the first semester of 2019.

**Responsible authorities:** Ministry of Higher education, research and innovation; Ministry of solidarity and health.

**Reasons / Objectives:**

In the framework of the law project “*Ma santé 2022*”, that reforms the health system as a whole in France, both Ministries have jointly announced the suppression of the numerus clausus and the renovation of medical studies with three main objectives. Firstly, raise the number of medical professionals (specifically in rural areas). Secondly, open up medical studies by fostering bridges
between programmes. Finally, improve students’ well-being and support them in the definition of their career plans.

**Main measures adopted:**

As soon as 2019:

- Instituts de Formation en Soins Infirmiers (IFSI – nurse care training institutes) will now stop recruiting on the basis of a competitive examination and will be linked to the Parcoursup procedure.
- Advanced programmes for nurses shall be more promoted to students to foster participation to such programmes.
- The future framework of medical studies will be defined in the law project “Ma santé 2022”.
- The 2nd cycle of medical studies will be revised.

Until 2022:

- The numerus clausus will stop starting September 2020.
- Medical studies admission procedure will be changed.
- The 3rd cycle of medical studies will be revised.