

### FRANCE – THAILAND

## Scientific impact of the PHC SIAM (2007-2024)

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### GENERAL PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM

Creation: 2007

The purpose of this program is to develop excellence scientific and technological exchanges between the French and Thai laboratories, by promoting new scientific collaborations and integrating in the projects young researchers and PhD students.

Total budget (France + Thailand): 345 000 € / year

>> including budget from the French part : around 200 000 € / year

>> including budget from the Thai part : around 145 000 € / year

Average budget per project (France + Thailand) : around 18 000 € / year

Number of new funded projects per year : around 10

From 2007-2024 : 648 applications submitted 187 projects funded

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### **DATA SOURCES**

## **Campus France (2007-2024)**

- Information about the PHC SIAM applications
- List of mobilities (from France to Thailand and from Thailand to France)
- Survey 1: 2007-2020; Survey 2: 2021-2024

## **Survey (2007-2022)**

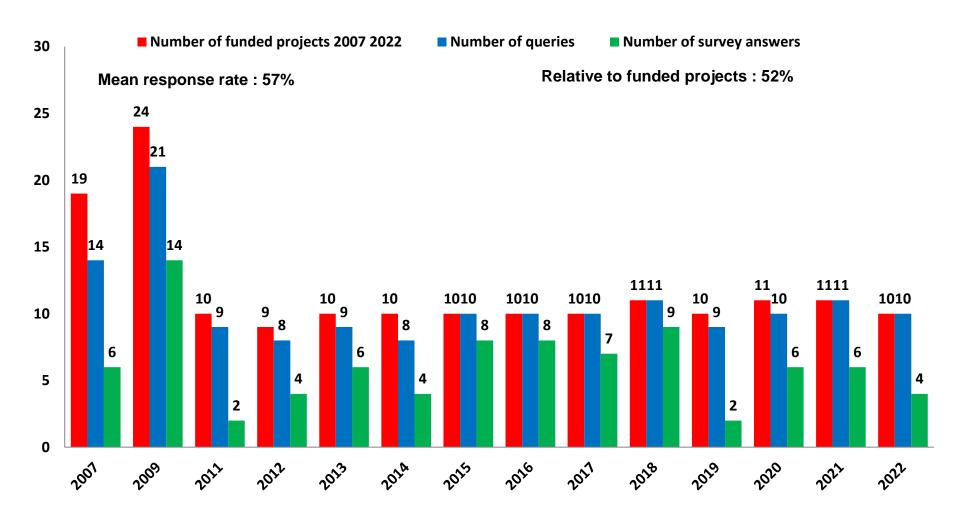
- Target: French Principal Investigators of selected projects between 2005 and 2022
- Survey 1 (2007-2018) duration : from May to June 2020
   62% response ratio (68 respondents for 110 queries)
- Survey 2 (2019-2022) duration: from January to February 2025
   50% response ratio (20 respondents for 40 queries)

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### **ANSWERS TO THE SURVEYS**

### Average response rate to the surveys: 57 % (88 answers)





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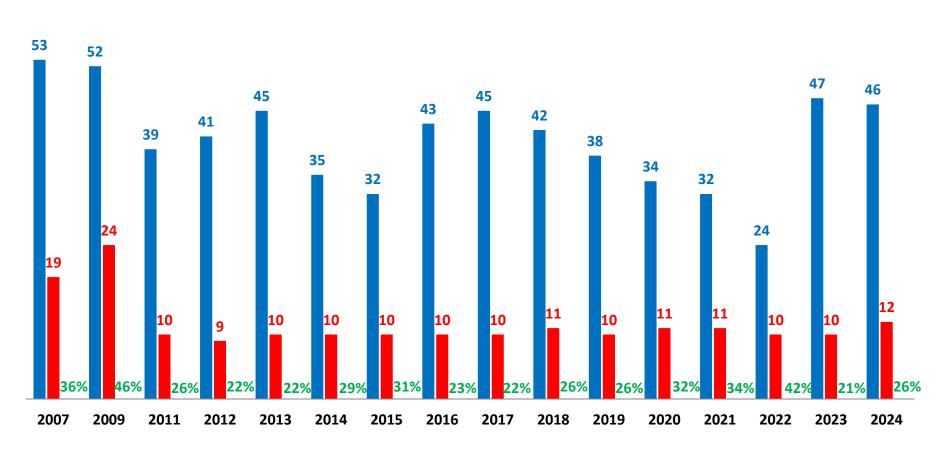
# **2007-2024 KEY POINTS**



### **NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION RATE**

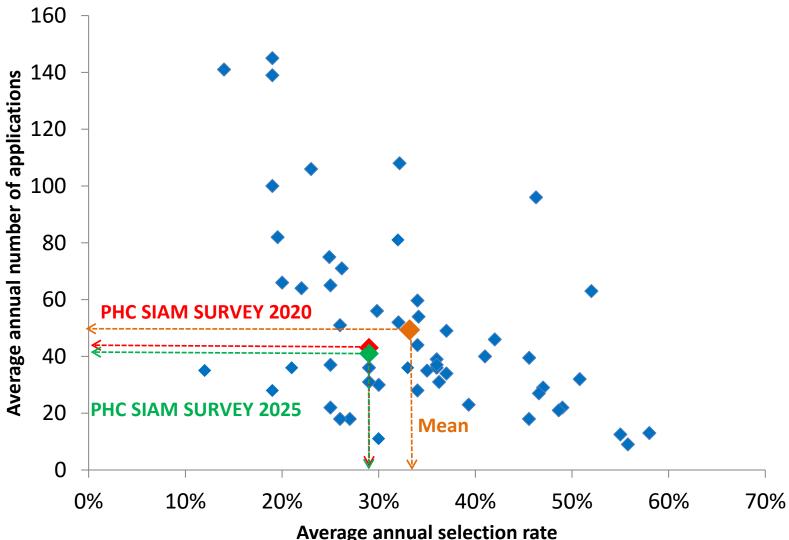
Average selection rate from 2007-2024: 29%







## **NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS VS SELECTION RATE** (2007-2024)



Average annual selection rate

Survey 2020: 43 programs Survey 2024: 55 programs



### **BEFORE THE SIAM PROJECT**

67% of the laureates have already previously cooperated with Thailand (data from 88 responses)

(mean of all programs : 46%)

This previous cooperation was with the same partner for 72% of the laureates (data from 58 responses)

(mean of all programs : 55%)

This previous cooperation was financed by the PHC SIAM for 24% of the laureates (data from 49 responses)

(mean of all programs: 19%)

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### **BEFORE THE SIAM PROJECT**

With which scientific collaboration program ?				
PHC SIAM	32%			
Thai Institutions co-funding	23%			
French Government Grant (BGF)	11%			
CNRS International Emerging Action	5%			
French National Resarch Agency (ANR)	3%			
Private sector funding	3%			
7th PCRD	2%			
Others	22%			

Data from 49 responses

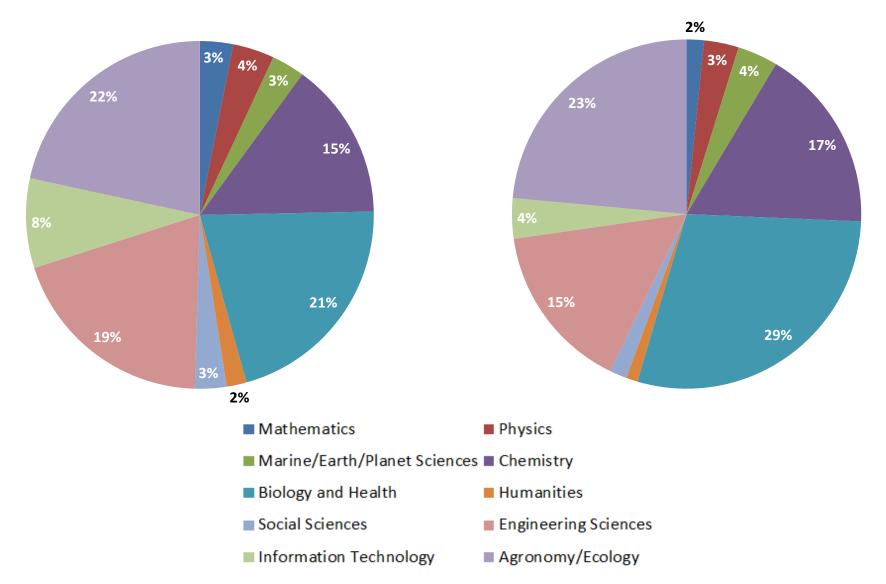
Plus 67 previous cooperations based on other exchanges (co-publication, meetings, joint PhD...)

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### **SCIENTIFIC DOMAINS OF PROJECTS (2007-2024)**

Number of applications: 648 Number of funded projects: 187



### **SCIENTIFIC DOMAINS: EVOLUTION 2007-2024**

DS1: Mathematics

DS2: Physics

DS3: Marine, Earth, Planet sciences

DS4: Chemistry

DS5: Biology and Health

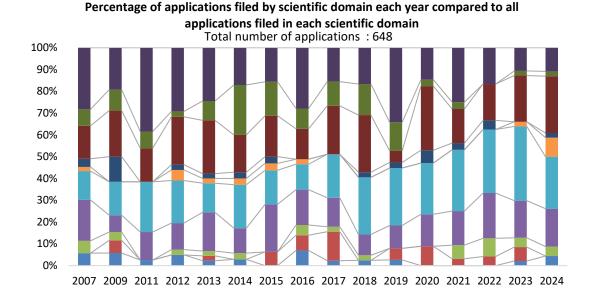
DS6: Humanities

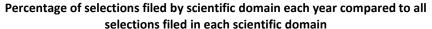
DS7: Social sciences

DS8: Engineering sciences

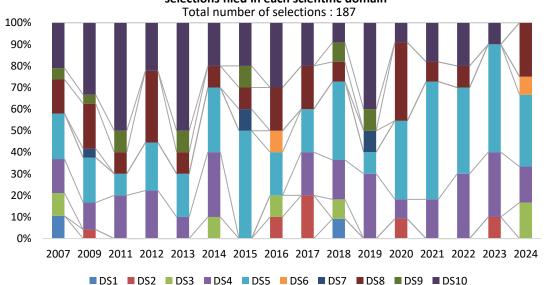
DS9: Information technology

DS10: Agronomy/Ecology





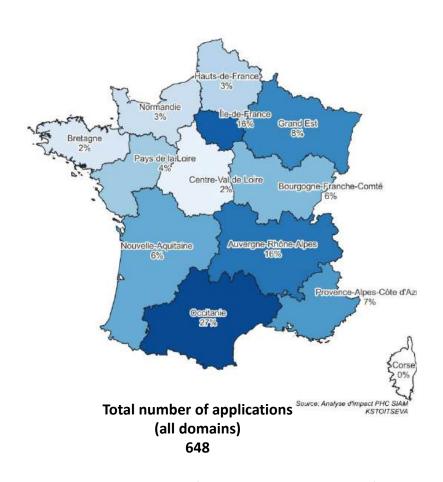
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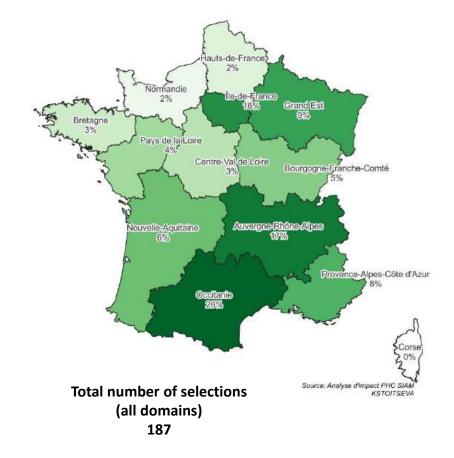




## **REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF SELECTED PROJECTS (2007-2024)**

PHC SIAM
Regional percentages of applications and selections
2007-2024

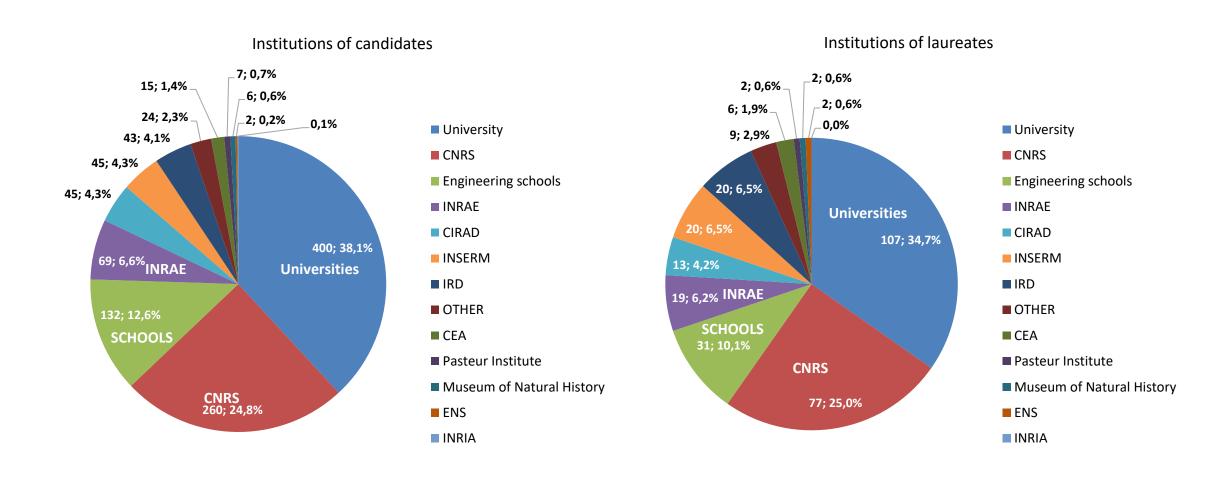




The region Occitanie is the main contributor both for applications and selections followed by Ile-de-France for applications and Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes for selections. La Réunion has two applications and one selection



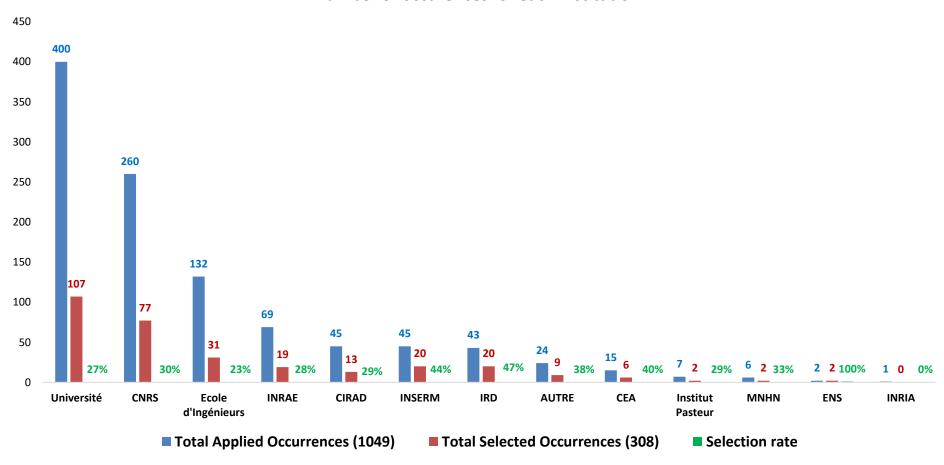
## FRENCH PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS (2007-2024)





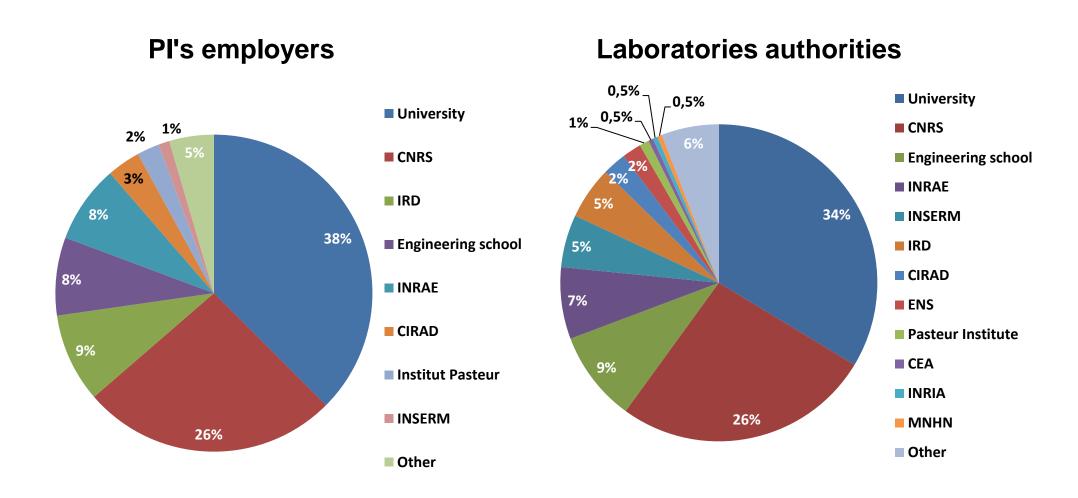
## FRENCH PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS (2007-2024)

#### Number of occurences for each institution





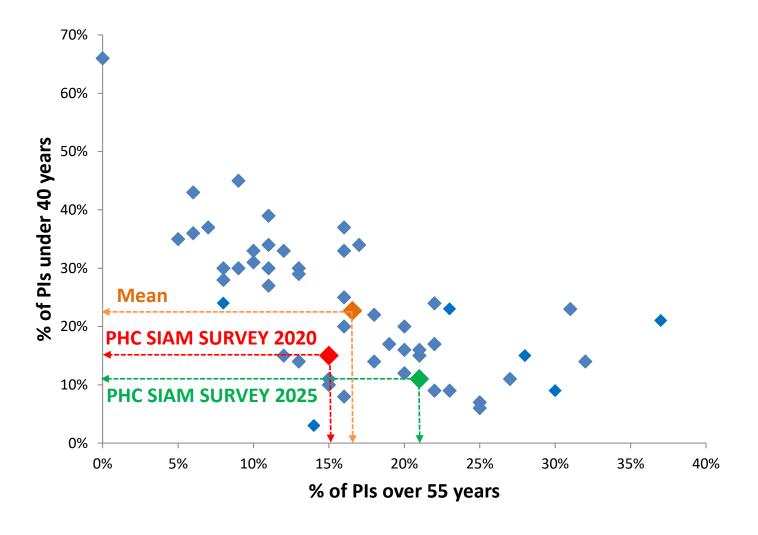
## FRENCH PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS (2007-2022)



Data from 88 responses



## AGE OF FRENCH PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS (2007-2022)



Survey 2020 : 43 programs

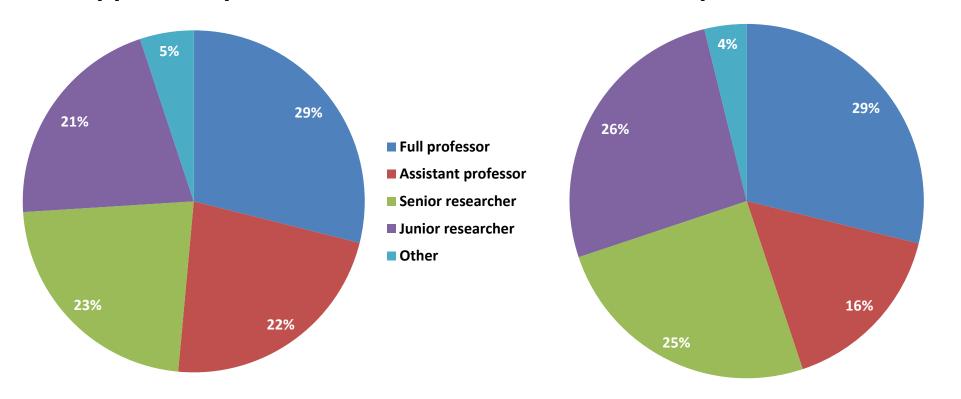
Survey 2025 : 55 programs



### FRENCH PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS: STATUS (2007-2024)

(DATA FROM CAMPUS FRANCE)





Data from 550 french applicants and 156 french laureates

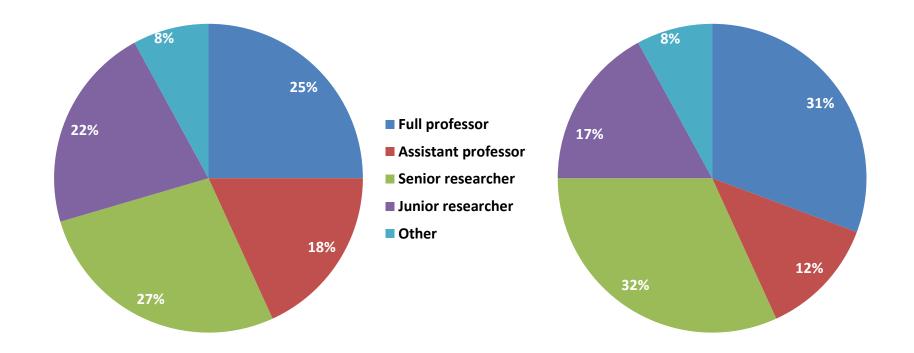


## FRENCH PIS (PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS): STATUS (2007-2022)

(DATA FROM THE SURVEYS)

## Previous professional status (at the beginning of the project)

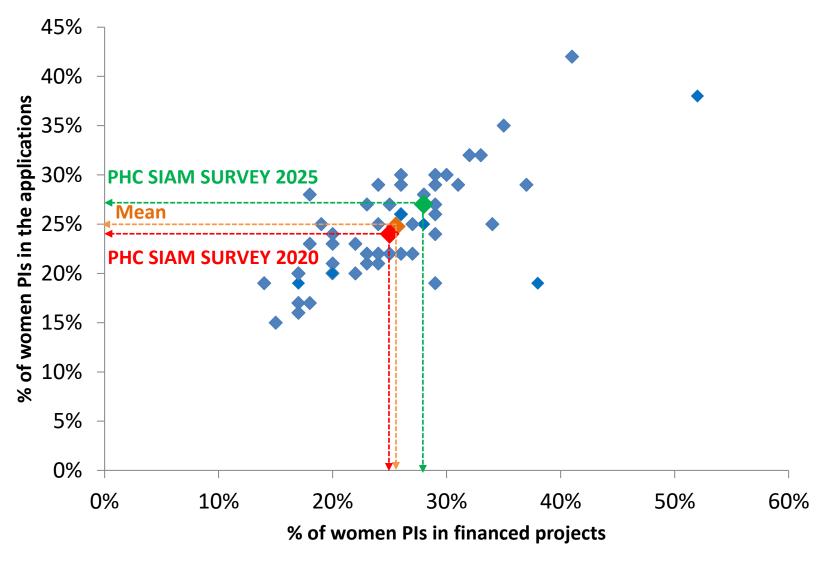
### **Current professional status**



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## **IMPLICATION OF WOMEN (FRANCE) (2007-2024)**

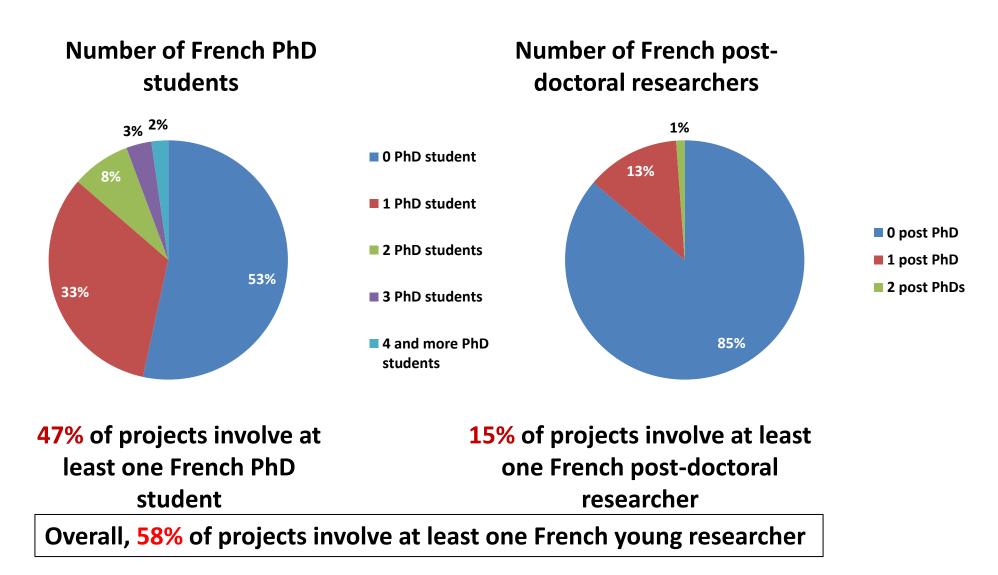


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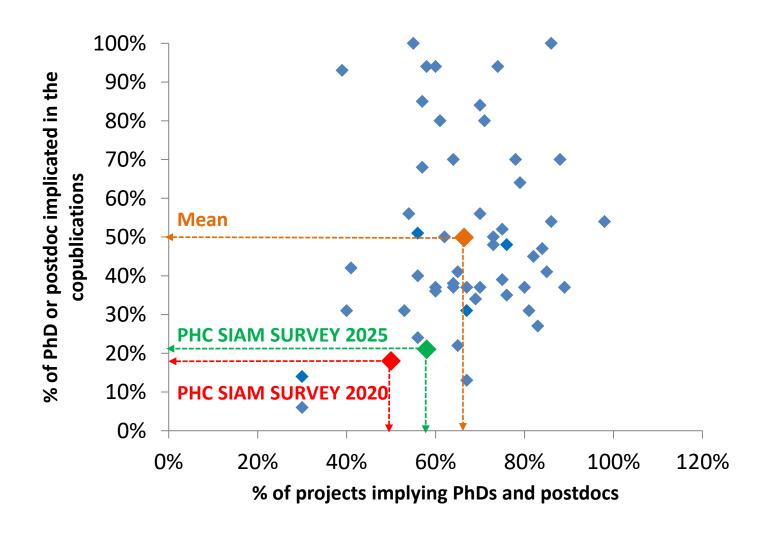


### **PARTICIPATION OF FRENCH YOUNG RESEARCHERS (2007-2022)**





## IMPLICATION OF FRENCH YOUNG RESEARCHERS IN THE PUBLICATIONS (2007-2022)



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Survey 2025: 55 programs



## PARTICIPATION OF THAI YOUNG RESEARCHERS (2019-2022)

Between 2019 and 2022, 14 Thai PhDs have been involved in the projects

**50%** of projects involve at least one Thai PhD student

Between 2019 and 2022, 11 Thai postdocs have been involved in the projects

35% of projects involve at least one Thai post-doctoral researcher

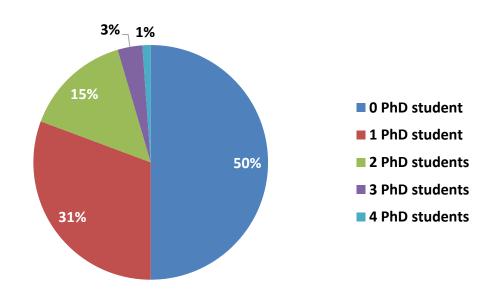
Overall, 75% of projects involve at least one Thai young researcher

Data from the survey 2025 (20 responses)

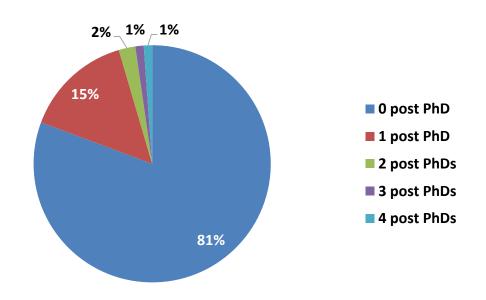


## PARTICIPATION OF BOTH FRENCH AND THAI YOUNG RESEARCHERS

#### **Number of PhD students**



## Number of post-doctoral researchers



50% of projects involve at least one PhD student

19% of projects involve at least one post-doctoral researcher

Overall, 55% of projects involve at least one French or Thai young researcher

Data from 88 responses (Surveys 2020 and 2025) and 20 responses (Survey 2025)



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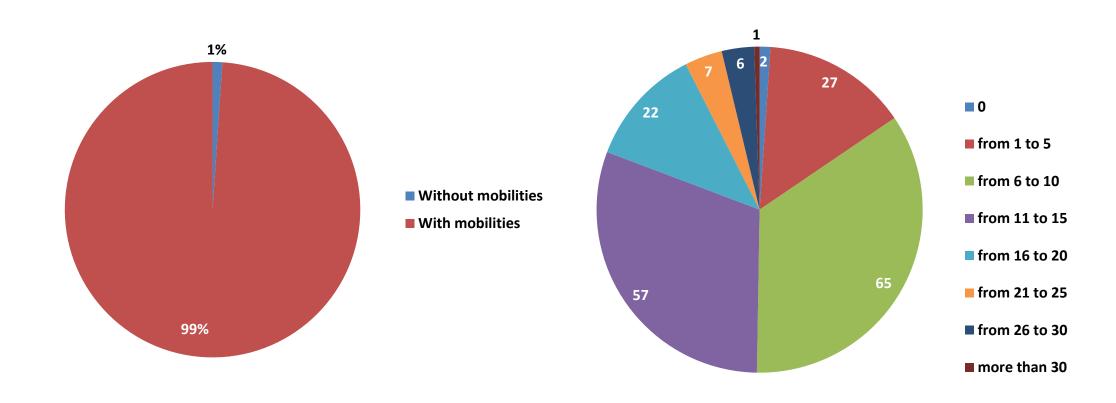
## **MOBILITY**



## **MOBILITIES (2007-2024)**

#### Projects with/without mobilities

#### Number of mobilities per project

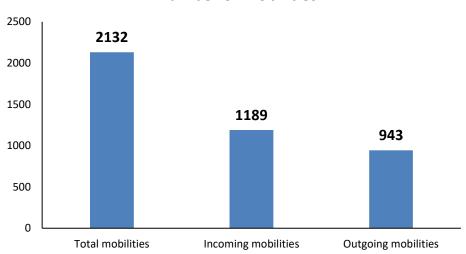


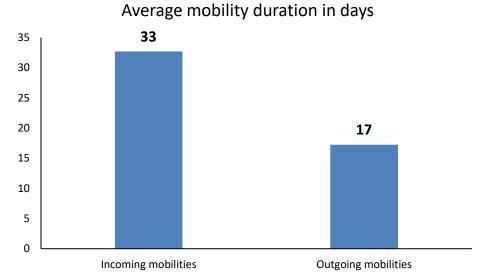
**Data from 187 funded projects** 



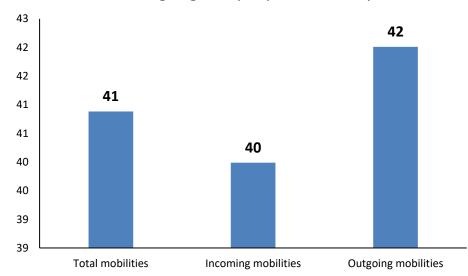
## **MOBILITIES (2007-2024)**

#### Number of mobilities

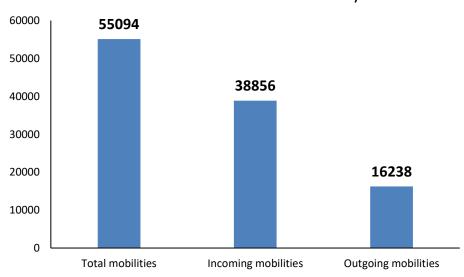




#### Average age for people in mobility



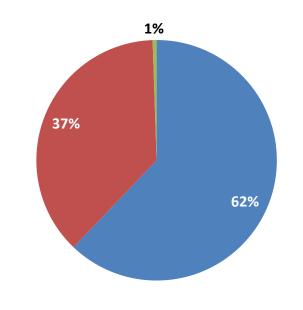
#### Total duration of mobilities in days



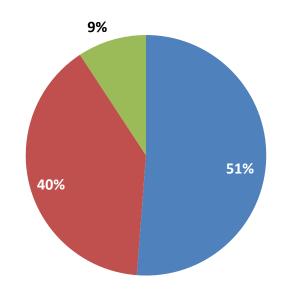


### **MOBILITY: DURATION (2007-2024)**

France → Thailand



### Thailand → France

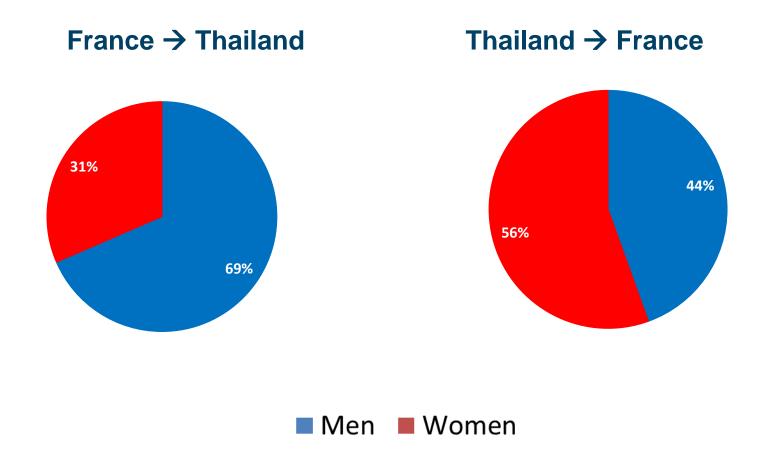


- < 15 days</p>
- between 15 days and 3 months
- > 3 months

Data from 943 outgoing mobilities and 1189 incoming mobilities



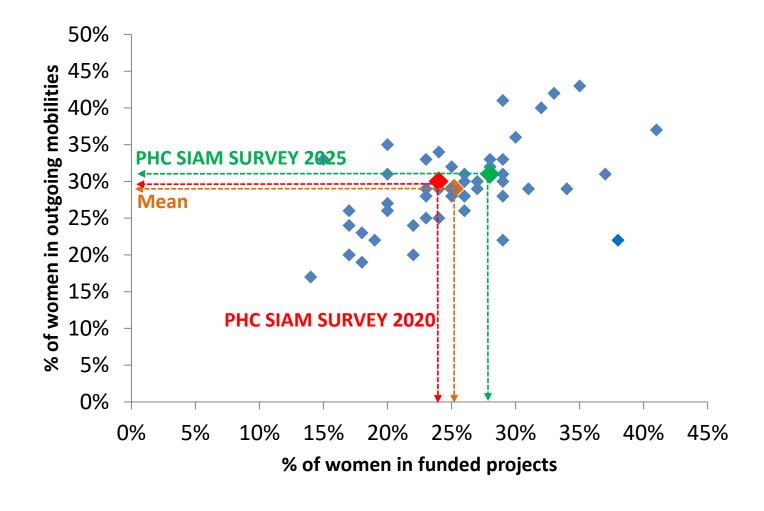
## **MOBILITY: GENDER DISTRIBUTION (2007-2024)**



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### **WOMEN MOBILITY FRANCE – THAILAND (2007-2024)**



Data from 187 funded projects and 943 mobilities

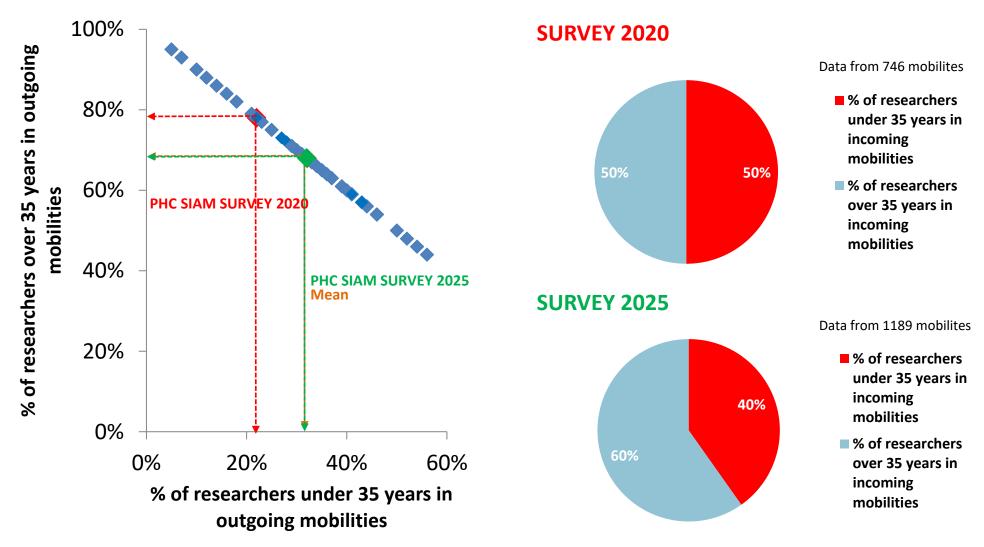
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## YOUNG RESEARCHERS MOBILITY FRANCE – THAILAND (2007-2024)







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SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION (2007-2022)



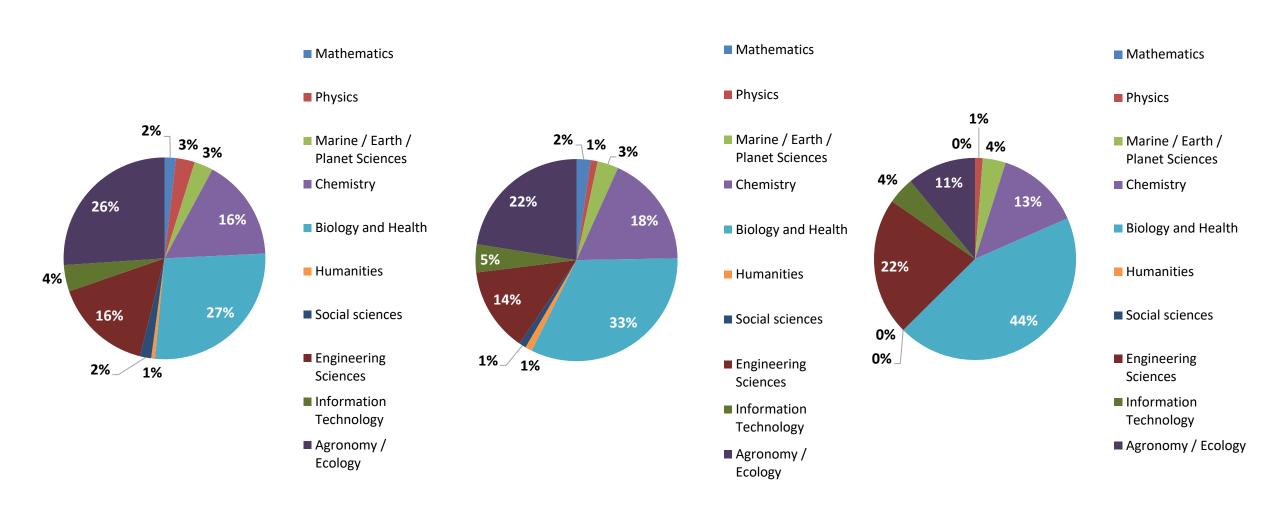
### **SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION 2007-2022**

### (DATA FROM CAMPUS FRANCE AND THE SURVEYS)

Funded projects 2007-2022

Responses to the survey 2007-2022

**Coproductions 2007-2022** 





## SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION (2007-2022) ENQUETES 2020+2025

	Number of funded projects 2020 survey	Number of funded projects 2020+2025 surveys	Average annual number of scientific coproductions per project 2020 survey	Average annual number of scientific coproductions per project 2020+2025 surveys
Mathematics	2	2	0,0	0,0
Physics	1	1	1,0	1,0
Marine/Earth/Planet Sciences	3	3	1,0	1,0
Chemistry	11	16	0,5	0,7
Biology and Health	18	29	0,9	1,2
Humanities	1	1	0,0	0,0
Social Sciences	1	1	0,0	0,0
<b>Engineering Sciences</b>	10	12	1,5	1,5
Information Technology	4	4	0,0	0,9
Agronomy / Ecology	17	20	0,4	0,5
TOTAL/MOYENNE	68	88	0,7	0,9

Overall average annual number of scientific coproductions per project 2020 : 0,70 vs 0,96 mean Overall average annual number of scientific coproductions per project 2020+2025 : 0,90

#### **Enquêtes 2020+2025**

53% of funded projects led to at least 1 scientific coproduction (vs 34% survey 2020)

43% of scientific coproductions involve at least 1 young researcher (vs 36% survey 2020)

The average annual rate of publication of young researchers implicated in the projects is 0,34 (not available survey 2020)

The average annual rate of young researchers implicated in the scientific coproductions is 1,25 (not available survey 2020)

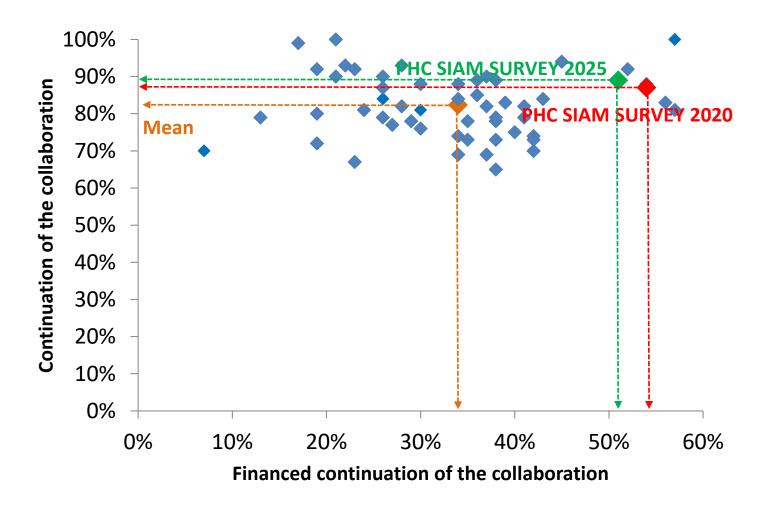


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## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A SIAM PROJECT?



### **CONTINUATION OF THE COOPERATION**



Data from 87 responses (continuation) and 72 responses (financing)

Survey 2020 : 43 programs Survey 2025 : 55 programs



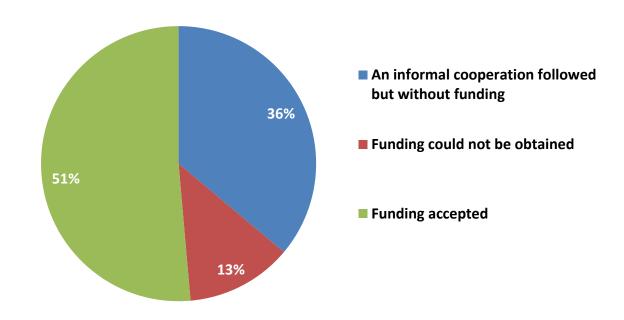
### **CONTINUATION OF THE COOPERATION**

### 89% of the cooperations continued after the SIAM project

Which activities?	
Scientific co-productions	70%
Cooperative research	65%
Researchers mobilities	58%
PhD mobilities	42%
Joint participation to PhD thesis	35%
Joint participation to conferences	30%
Co-organisation of scientific events	25%
Joint diplomas (Master, PhD)	5%
Other	13%

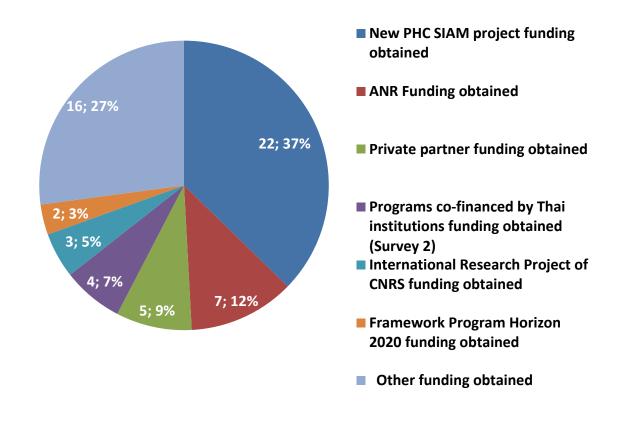


#### **51%** of cooperations have been funded following the project



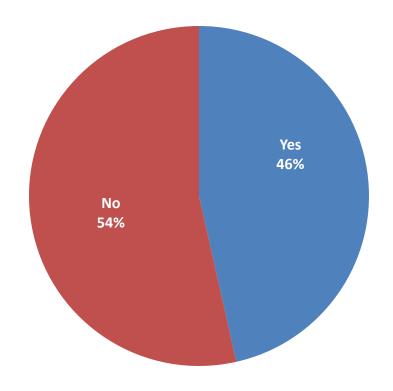


#### What kind of funded collaborations after the PHC SIAM project?



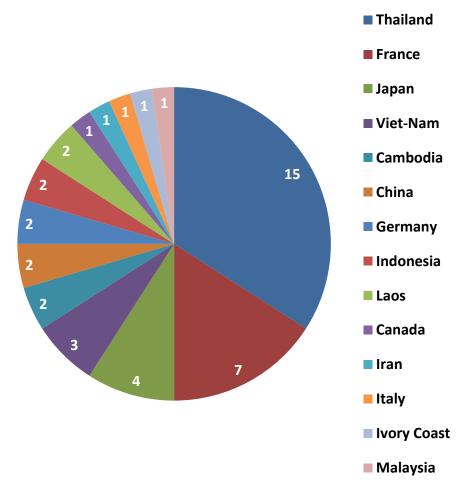


#### Has the French-Thai cooperation involved new partners?



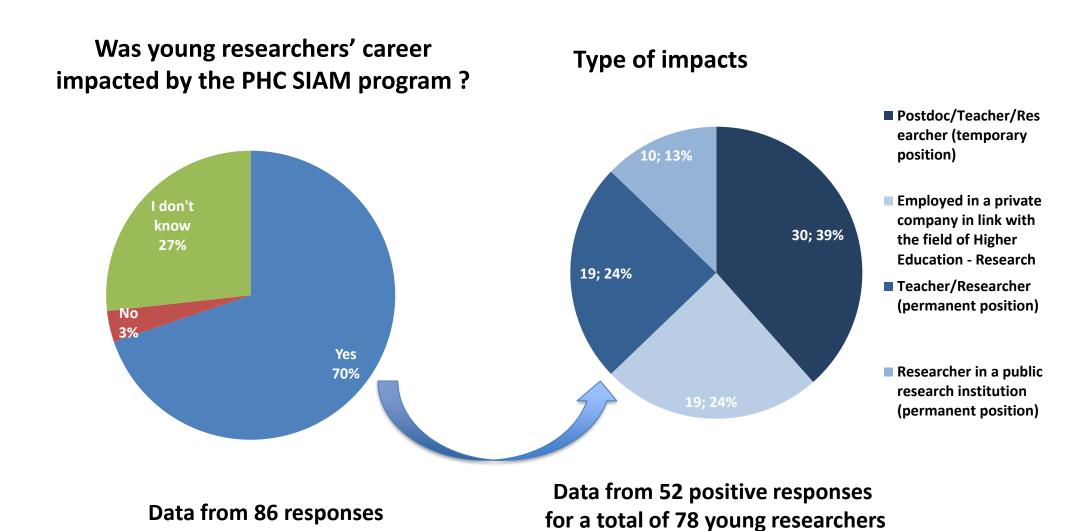


# If the French-Thai cooperation involves new partners, list with which countries



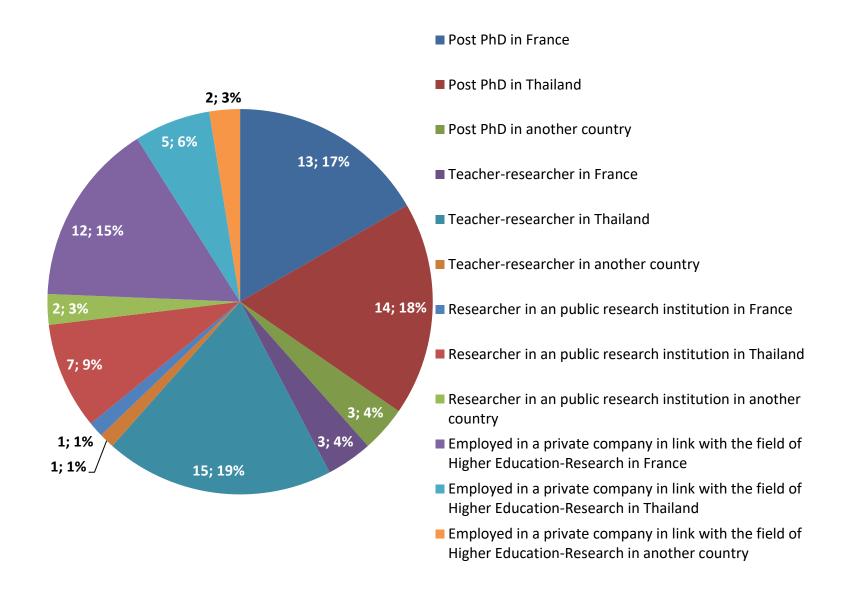


#### **IMPACT ON YOUNG RESEARCHERS' CAREER**





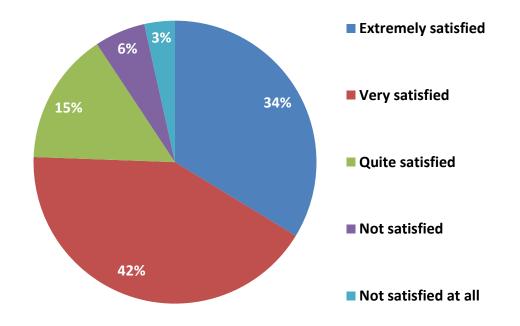
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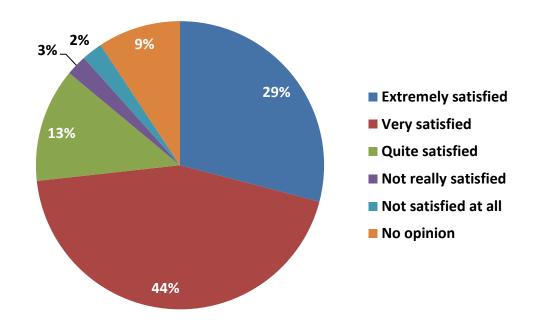
# GENERAL OPINION OF FRENCH PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS ON THE PROGRAM

#### 91% of French principal investigators are satisfied



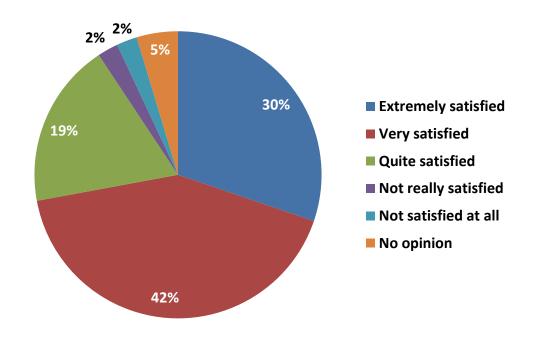


# OPINION OF FRENCH PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS ABOUT FRENCH EMBASSY HELP





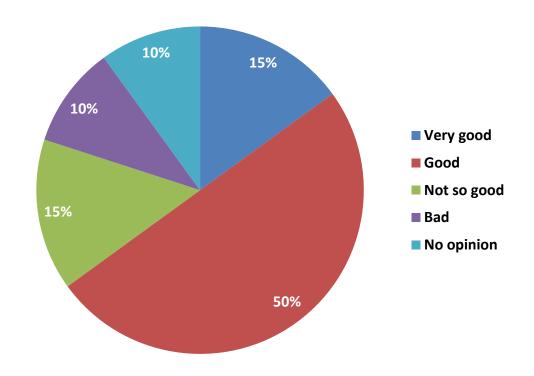
# OPINION OF FRENCH PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS ABOUT ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT





# OPINION OF FRENCH PIS ABOUT UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF THE DIFFERENT FRENCH ACTORS IN THE PROGRAM 2019-2022

(DATA FROM SURVEY 2)





# GENERAL OPINION OF FRENCH PIS ON THE PROGRAM POSITIVE COMMENTS



Strengths of this program	Number of occurencies (out of 579)	% of funded projects
Fostering an international research cooperation	76	86%
Fostering researchers' mobility	75	85%
Fostering the training of young researchers	61	69%
Fostering exchanges enabling scientific production	54	61%
Helping to know the partner country	49	56%
Simplicity of the project application process	45	51%
Easy implementation (administrative flexibility)	40	45%
Sufficient financial means for the mobility costs	32	36%
Good scientific-added value on financial investment	31	35%
Helpful to initiate other fundraising	28	32%
Financial autonomy towards your institution	26	30%
Sufficient amount of mobility time given to collaborate	20	23%
Sufficiently long duration of the projects	17	19%
Timetable for implementation	14	16%
Transparency of the selection process	6	7%
Flexibility of the programme for actions co-financed with the Thai partner	3	15%
Other	2	2%
Total number of occurencies	579	



# GENERAL OPINION OF FRENCH PIS ON THE PROGRAM NEGATIVE COMMENTS



Weaknesses of this program	Number of occurencies (out of 230)	% of funded projects
Insufficient financial means to cover a project	49	56%
Length of support too short	36	41%
Difficult to continue the cooperation	25	28%
Lack of transparency in the selection process	19	22%
Too short duration of mobilities	18	20%
Financial means insufficient for the expenditure of mobility (per diem)	14	16%
Insufficient communication on the evaluation's results	11	13%
Administrative heaviness of the missions management	11	13%
Financial means insufficient for the expenditure of mobility (transport)	9	10%
Too low number of mobilities	9	10%
Heaviness of the process of applications	7	8%
Flexibility of the program for actions co-financed with the partner	5	6%
Financial autonomy towards your institution	3	3%
Timetable for implementation	3	3%
Too long duration of mobilities	0	0%
Other	11	13%
Total number of occurencies	230	



#### PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

Preliminary conclusions suggest that the funding scheme has efficiently contributed to create (or to maintain) fruitful and long-term cooperation.

Implication of women laureates (27%) better than the general mean (25%)



Average annual scientific coproductions per project close to the average of the other programs (0,9 vs 0,96)

Rather good rate of average annual publications for young researchers involved in the scientific coproductions (1,25)

Continuation of the cooperation (89%) better than the general mean (82%) (with 51% with new fundings versus 34% for the general mean)

Only 33% of new cooperations (mean of all programs : 54%)

Implication of young researchers laureates (11%) below the general mean (23%)





Only 55% of funded projects with the participation of at least one french or thai young researcher Only 27% of french and thai young researchers involved in the scientific coproductions (mean of all programs : 52%)

Rather low implication of young researchers in the mobilities but similar to the mean of all programs (32%)

Rather low rate of average annual publications for young researchers involved in the projects (0,34)

The ongoing cooperation is financed by a new SIAM funding for 37% of the Pis



## **COMPARISON SURVEY 2020 (2007-2018) – SURVEY 2025 (2007-2022)**

- Response rate : 2020 : 62% (68 responses), 2025 : 50% (20 responses)
- Stability in the average annual number of applications (survey 1 : 43, survey 2 : 41)
- Small decrease in the number of selected projects carried by young researchers (11% vs 15%)
- Small increase in the number of women applicants (25% vs 27%) and laureates (28% vs 26%)
- Better participation of young french researchers to the projects (+8%) and for their involvement in the scientific coproductions (+3%)
- Better rate outgoing mobilities of french young researchers (+10%) but decrease for the incoming mobilities of thai young researchers (-10%)
- Stability in the outgoing mobilities for women researchers (+1%)
- Stability in the average annual number of scientific coproductions per project (0,9 vs 0,7)
- Small increase of the continuation of cooperations (+2%)
- Small decrease in the continuation of cooperations with financing (-3%)

#### PRELIMINARY RECOMMANDATIONS

- Encourage new cooperations
- Encourage young researchers applications
- Enhance scientific coproductions (from the surveys : 43% of projects with no scientific coproduction)
- Increase the participation of young researchers to the projects and the scientific coproductions
- Promote both outgoing and incoming mobilities of young researchers



French national ministries (MESR / MEAE) will provide a complete analysis of the survey. It will be sent to the recipients of the funding who participated in this survey.

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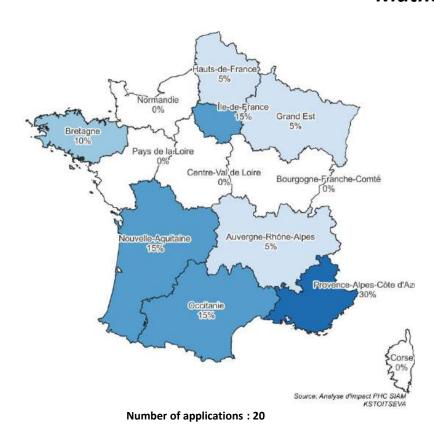


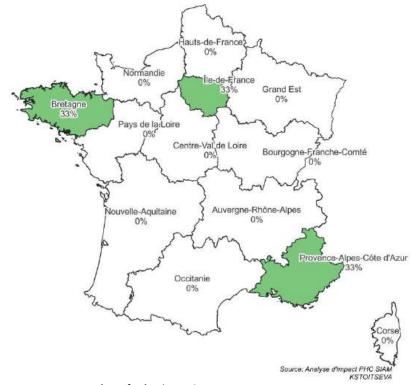
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# ANNEX REGIONALISATION AND SCIENTIFIC DOMAINS (CARTOGRAPHIES)



# PHC SIAM Regional percentages of applications and selections Mathematics 2007-2024



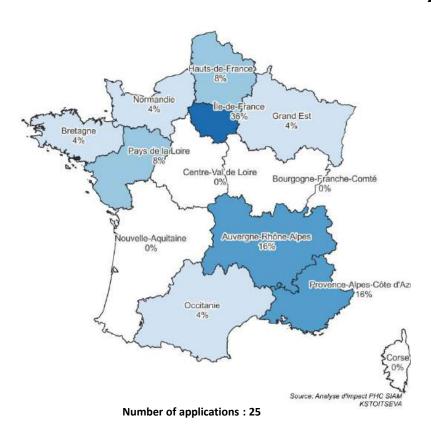


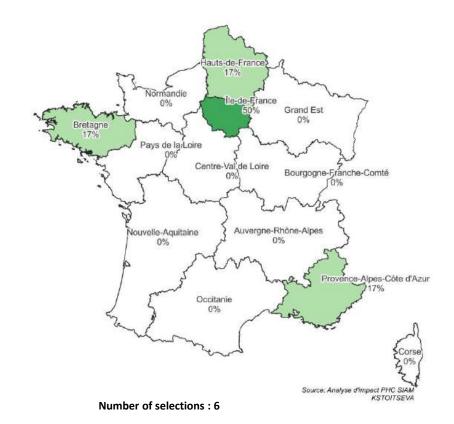
Number of selections: 3

Eight regions are concerned for applications with Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur ahead. Only three regions are concerned for selections.



# PHC SIAM Regional percentages of applications and selections Physics 2007-2024

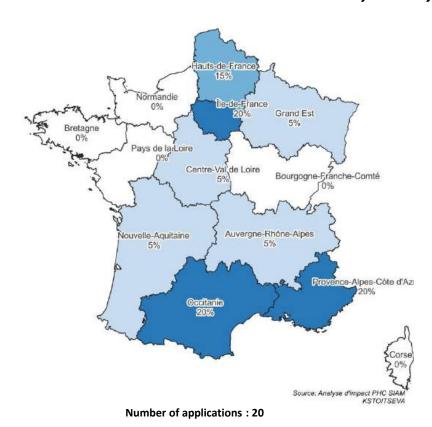


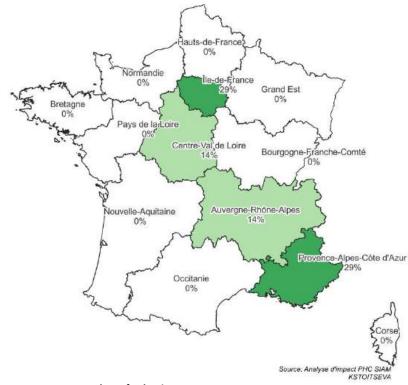


Nine regions are concerned for applications with Ile-de-France ahead but only four benefit selections (with Ile-de-France still ahead)



# PHC SIAM Regional percentages of applications and selections *Marine, Earth, Planet Sciences* 2007-2024





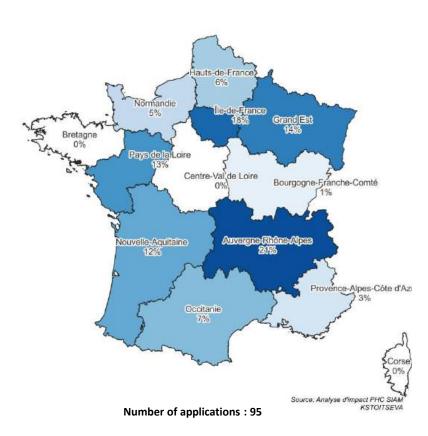
Number of selections: 7

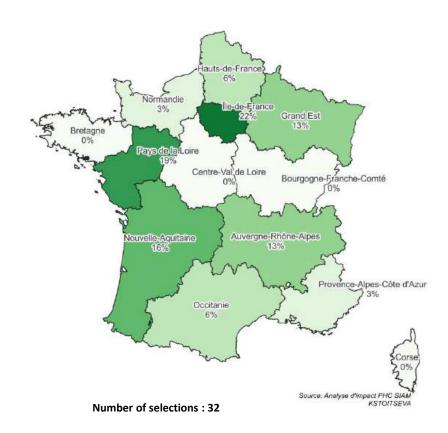
Nine regions are concerned for applications (including La Réunion) but only five benefit selections including La Réunion (with Ile-de-France and Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur ahead)



PHC SIAM
Regional percentages of applications and selections

Chemistry 2007-2024

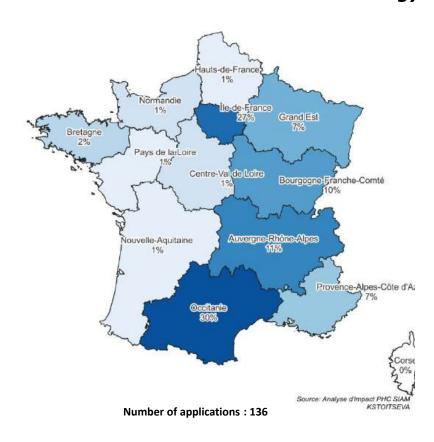


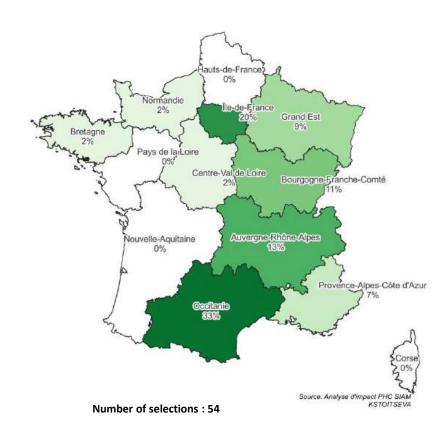


Ten regions are concerned for applications with Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes ahead. Nine regions are concerned by selections with Ile-de-France ahead.



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Biology and Health 2007-2024

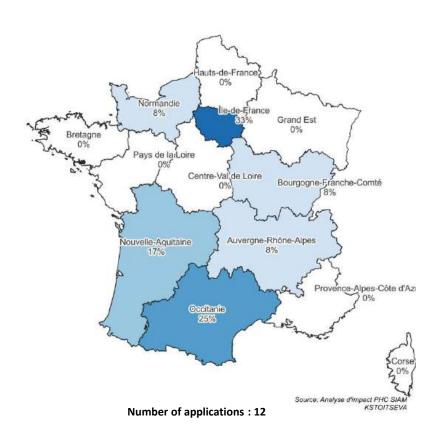


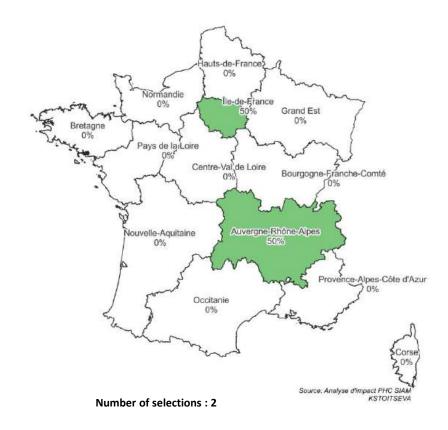


Twelve regions are concerned for applications with Occitanie ahead but only nine benefit selections (with Occitanie still ahead)



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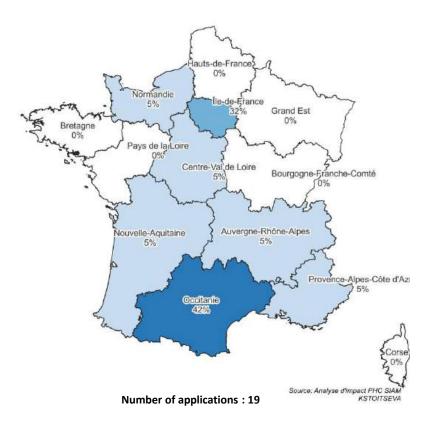


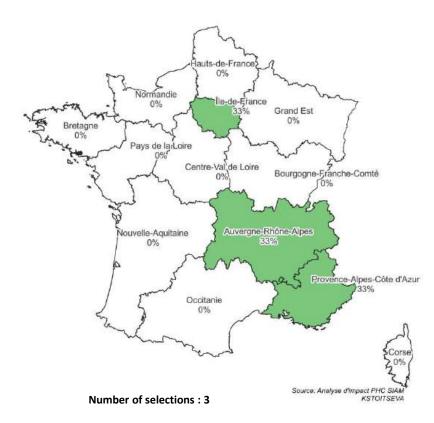
Six regions are concerned for applications with Ile-de-France ahead but only two benefit selections (Ile-de-France and Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes)



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Social Sciences 2007-2024

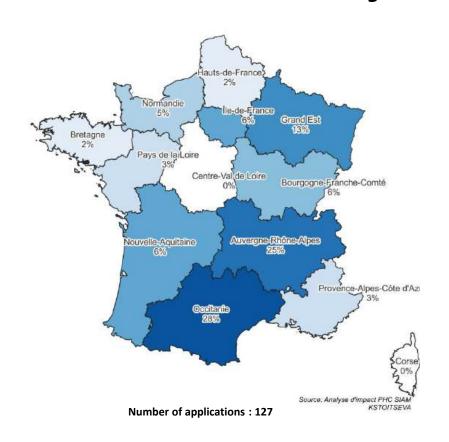


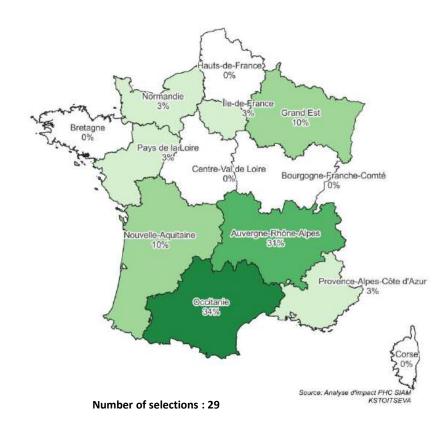


Seven regions are concerned for applications with Occitanie ahead but only three benefit selections (Ile-de-France, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur)



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Engineering Sciences 2007-2024

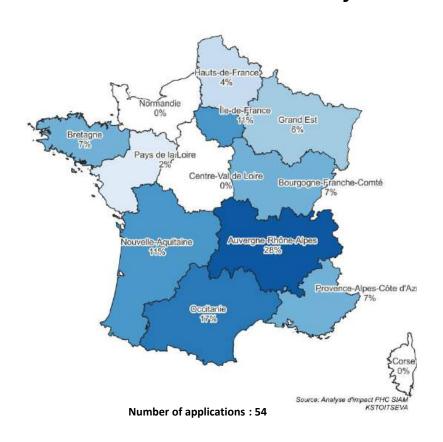


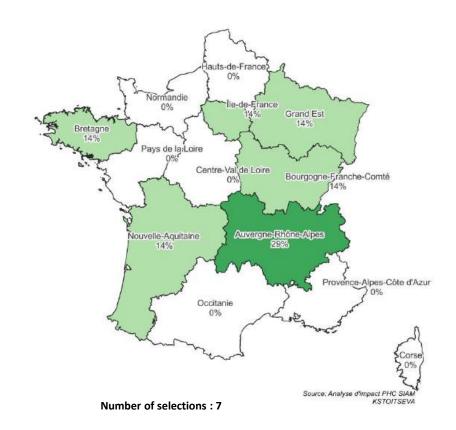


Twelve regions are concerned for applications (including La Réunion) with Occitanie ahead. Eight regions benefit selections (with Occitanie still ahead)



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Information technology 2007-2024



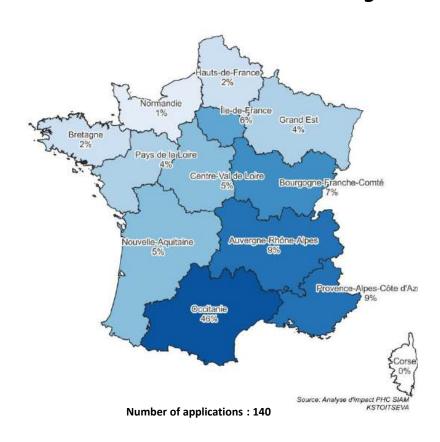


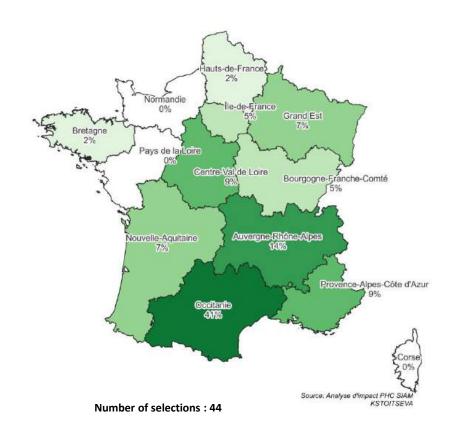
Ten regions are concerned for applications with Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes ahead. Only six regions benefit selections (with Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes still ahead)



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Agronomy/Ecology 2007-2024





Twelve regions are concerned for applications with Occitanie largely ahead. Ten regions benefit selections (with Occitanie still largely ahead)