AVENIR SOUVERAINETÉ

Avenir Souveraineté: Unveiling of an Endowment Fund to Strengthen Europe's Freedom of Action

At a time marked by growing instability and uncertainty, long-standing underlying vulnerabilities have come to light, putting established international balances to the test. Energy crises, technological dependencies and pressures on supply chains have multiplied in recent years, and even more so in recent months, thereby testing Europe's freedom of action.

In response to this urgent challenge, a coalition of European academic, industrial and institutional stakeholders today announces the creation of Avenir Souveraineté, a public-interest endowment fund supported by a High Council for Sovereignty.

Non-political and committed to upholding democratic values and the public interest, the endowment fund understands sovereignty as Europe's ability to preserve its freedom of action - particularly in the scientific, technological, industrial and democratic spheres - in a world of interdependence. In this respect, it promotes European and international cooperation, with a spirit of vigilance and foresight, while taking responsibility towards future generations into account.

Its activities focus on two complementary objectives: supporting research, innovation and the financing of strategic capabilities required to safeguard this freedom of action; and fostering a culture of sovereignty shared by citizens as well as public- and private-sector decision-makers.

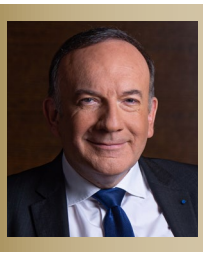


" Europe's strength lies in unity. Europeans will only carry weight on the global stage if they act as one. By making innovation a shared strategic priority and investing collectively in breakthrough technologies, Europe can safeguard its sovereignty and secure its long-term prosperity. "

Philippe AGHION, Nobel Prize laureate in Economics and member of the High Council for Sovereignty

Avenir Souveraineté already supports several initiatives, including the Chairs of Advanced Studies for Sovereignty, led by the Institut Polytechnique de Paris, Paris Sciences et Lettres University, and ESCP Business School. The fund is currently preparing the framework for a European Forum for Sovereignty, to be held in Paris in 2027, with the ambition of becoming the main annual event for European decision-makers, researchers and stakeholders addressing the major challenges of sovereignty.

A dedicated review will also extend these discussions to a wider audience. Additional initiatives will follow, focusing in particular on mobilising European networks, financing strategic innovation, and training future leaders on these critical issues.



" Europe will only achieve genuine sovereignty if it regains control of the critical technologies and industrial capabilities on which it depends. We must act collectively, at continental scale, to identify what we are missing, close strategic gaps and strengthen Europe's industrial resilience and competitiveness. "

Pierre Gattaz, Chairman and CEO of Radiall, Founding Member of Avenir Souveraineté

The Board of Directors of Avenir Souveraineté includes: Guillaume Courault (AFFO), Nassima Auvray (Orange Business), Jean-Baptiste Masson (Pasteur, INRIA and PR[AI]RIE Institutes), Thierry Tuot (Member of the French Council of State), Marc Aussedat (Vice Admiral, Retired), Carla-Julie Bastia (City of Paris), Anne-Sophie Dhiver (VIGINUM), Thibaud Frossard (Capgemini) and Alexandre Lahousse (French Directorate General of Armament).

This governance structure is supported by an initial circle of founding partners and patrons, including: EDF, Harmonie Mutuelle, ISALT, Michelin, Publicis ASD, Radiall, RTE and Safran, alongside the RADAR collective and the Défense Souveraineté association. Other European stakeholders have already expressed their interest and will join the ecosystem in the coming months, which will be announced in due course.

For more information, visit avenir-souverainete.org

ABOUT AVENIR SOUVERAINETÉ

Avenir Souveraineté is a non-partisan private-law endowment fund operating in the public interest.

Its mission is to contribute to strengthening and advancing French and European sovereignty by supporting research, innovation and public debate on these challenges.

ABOUT THE HIGH COUNCIL FOR SOVEREIGNTY

Avenir Souveraineté is supported by a High Council for Sovereignty, whose first committed members include: Nobel Prize laureate in Economics Philippe Aghion, political scientist Alistair Cole, astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti, sustainable innovation entrepreneur James Ellsmoor, former Prime Minister of Italy and President of the Jacques Delors Institute Enrico Letta, aerospace engineer Allan Petre and entrepreneur Théo Scubla.

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