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Alliance Française is the national French network of cultural and language training centres worldwide. The network is coordinated by the Alliance Française Foundation (Fondation Alliance Française). For over a century, the Alliance Française has been seeing through an ambitious project: spreading French language and culture well beyond the borders of France. Known the world over, the Alliance is present in 129 countries where it has adapted its recipe to over a thousand local committees, each with its very own personality, and devoted to more than 420 000 students. The site gives an overview on its activities.

The Alliance Française was created in 1883 in Paris under the aegis of Paul Cambon and Pierre Foncin, around personalities such as Jules Verne, Louis Pasteur, Ferdinand de Lesseps, Armand Colin and Jules Renan.

Today, it is the leading cultural network worldwide, with 850 establishments in 136 countries on all five continents. Each year, 500,000 people, of all ages, attend Alliances Françaises to **learn French** and more than 6 million people participate in their **cultural activities**.

What is an Alliance Française?

Each Alliance Française is a local not-for-profit organisation operating autonomously with no political or religious commitments.

All Alliances Françaises work towards **three essential tasks**:

- Offering French classes for all, both in France and abroad
- Spreading awareness of French and Francophone culture
- Promoting cultural diversity

Alliances Françaises have **shared values** which drive the network, acting as the basis for all their actions:

- Respect for cultural diversity, a passion for exchanges and solidarity
- The values of the not-for-profit sector
- Conviviality
- Striving for excellence in all activities undertaken
- Modernity and innovation

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