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From AERES to Hceres

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HCERES

Haut conseil de l'évaluation de la recherche
et de l'enseignement supérieur

A brief summary of Hceres

Haut Conseil de l'évaluation de la recherche et de l'enseignement supérieur
High Council for the Evaluation of Research and Higher Education

2000 evaluations per year :

- 1300 program evaluations and accreditation advices
- 600 research unit evaluations
- 100 institutional evaluations

220 collaborators :

- 120 staff members (full time)
- 100 scientific advisers (part time)

Budget 2017 : 18 M€

The 2013 Law on Higher Education and Research in France has replaced AERES by Hceres as an **Administrative Independent Authority**.

Nomination of a **new Executive President** and a **new College** (30 members).

The **Science and Technology Observatory** has been added to Hcéres (in charge of bibliometric indicators and analyses).

The election of a new president, **François Hollande**, and a **new majority** in the Parliament (left).

The Research and Higher Education Labour Unions asked for a new law and proposed to suppress AERES because they were against the way research and institutional evaluations were done, mainly because of rankings.

The development of the quality culture in France (after one total “cycle of evaluation” of all the HEI).

Hcéres has kept 1 mission from AERES and developed 3 new scopes of actions :

1. Evaluation agency for programs, research units and institutions (like AERES).
2. Validation of the agencies or evaluation instances that operate in France.
3. Observatory for Science and Technology (OST)
4. French Office for Research Integrity OFIS)

AERES

Government decision oriented

Agency imposed by the government

Rankings

No real partnership with institutions

Hcéres

Institution continuous improvement oriented

Agency chosen by the institution

Quality Assurance

Partnership with institutions

From end of 2015 to mid 2017 NO COMPLAINTS!

Good news : **your agency is welcome to France.**

Bad news (joke 😊) : **Hcéres will be in charge of accrediting your agency !**