

Joint Declaration of Intent

on Bilateral and European Cooperation in Research and Innovation
within the Framework of the Weimar Triangle

between

the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Space
of the French Republic

and

the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space
of the Federal Republic of Germany

and

the Ministry of Science and Higher Education
of the Republic of Poland

The Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Space of the French Republic, the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland (hereinafter referred to as “The Participants”), in accordance with the trilateral Joint Declaration on the Future of Europe of 1991 and the Joint Statement on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Weimar Triangle of 2021, recognise their fruitful cooperation in the field of science, research, technological development and innovation and are conscious of the shared values that unite the three countries for the benefit of Europe.

On the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the trilateral Joint Declaration on the Future of Europe, the Participants have convened in Genshagen Castle (Germany) on 11 March 2026 for a trilateral conference to exchange on challenges of developing

science platforms in the framework of the Weimar Triangle. The event involved scientists from France, Germany and Poland and focused on ways of securing research data, promoting research exchange and facilitating matchmaking.

The Participants acknowledged the significance of scientific cooperation and technological innovation among the three countries as fundamental drivers of economic growth to strengthen European technological sovereignty for the benefit of our societies. The Participants emphasised their intention to intensify the collaboration between France, Germany and Poland in the fields of research and innovation.

The Participants recognised the French initiative “Weimar of Excellence” supporting cooperation platforms of European University Alliances as an important step towards this cooperation. The Participants acknowledged the German programme “Network for the future – Weimar Triangle: Science for Europe” supporting early career scientists in their successful research cooperation by mutual exchange. The Participants also noticed the Polish programme Strategic Partnerships NAWA that can be used by researchers from Poland and i.a. Germany and France to foster trilateral cooperation and international exchange.

Considering the shared interest in strengthening their cooperation, the Participants have come to the following common understanding:

1. The Participants intend to continue and deepen their **dialogue on research and innovation**, fostering also the exchange between researchers, research institutions and scientific organisations. The Participants will encourage the French, German and Polish Research and Intermediary Organisations to further intensify their collaboration at bilateral, trilateral and European level.
2. The Participants have the intention to examine the extent to which bilateral **instruments** can successfully forge the cooperation in the Weimar Triangle in accordance with the available financial resources and to what extent these instruments can be extended to trilateral activities. In this sense, they share the interest to explore ways, mechanisms and competences to enhance initiatives for strengthening the cooperation.
3. The Participants confirm the importance of and the need for cooperation in **priority areas of mutual interest**.

4. As a further means of supporting bilateral and trilateral cooperation in research and innovation, the Participants encourage French, German and Polish scientists to deepen cooperation in joint projects within the **European Research and Innovation Programmes**.

This Joint Declaration of Intent may be amended at any time by written consent of the Ministries. Each Participant may end cooperation under this Joint Declaration of Intent at any time. It should inform the other Participants in writing of its intention to end cooperation at least six months prior. This Joint Declaration of Intent is not intended to and does not create any legally binding rights or obligations.

Signed in Genshagen, Germany on 11 March 2026 in triplicate in English language.

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