


## Financing adult learning database

<b>Name of the instrument - Local language</b>	Prêt étudiant garanti par l'État
<b>Name of the instrument - English translation</b>	Student loan guaranteed by the State
<b>Scheme ID</b>	90
<b>Country</b>	 France
<b>Reporting year</b>	2020
<b>Type of instrument</b>	Loan
<b>Sub-type of instrument</b>	Loan for HE expanded to adults
<b>Type of entry</b>	Single instrument

<b>Short description</b>	<p>To facilitate students' access to loans, a system of bank loans guaranteed by the government was introduced for all students of higher education up to 28 years to finance their studies. The guarantee mechanism is based on a guarantee fund. This fund supports, under conditions defined by convention, part of the risk taken by banks. The loan is granted only by the banks that are partners in the operation. The loan must be repaid with interest, but repayment can be deferred until the end of the studies. The State guarantees the loan, within the limit of a special budget voted on each year. If and when this budget is exhausted before the end of the year, the partner banks stop granting loans or require guarantees.</p>
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<b>Level of operation</b>	National
<b>Name of a part of the country</b>	Not applicable
<b>Name of the region (for regional instruments)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Relevance</b>	Key instrument
<b>Legal basis</b>	Convention de partenariat 23 juillet 2008 ministčre de l'Enseignement supėriet de la Recherche et Osėo. Code

	de la consommation :L312-18 et L312-27, L321-31 et L312-33, L312-34 et L312-35, L312-36 et L312-40, L321-57 et L312-80, L312-71.
<b>Objective(s) and target(s)</b>	The France Relance plan will multiply the number of these loans by 5 in 2021 and 2022.
<b>Year of implementation</b>	2008
<b>Operation/management</b>	The guarantee mechanism is based on a guarantee fund whose management has been entrusted to Bpifrance (previously called Oséo), an organisation of business funding and development. This fund supports, under conditions defined by convention, part of the risk taken by banks. Partner banks provide the loan (la Société générale, le Crédit Mutuel, le C.I.C., les Banques populaires et les Caisses d'épargne du groupe B.P.C.E. ). They sign an annual convention that allows them to provide these student loans without a guarantee or a means test.
<b>Eligible group(s)</b>	For being eligible for a government-guaranteed student loan, the person must meet all of the following conditions: Be enrolled in an institution in France to prepare a French higher education degree: a university, a business or engineering school, in a high school for a BTS; Be over 18 and under 28 years old; Be French or a citizen of a European Economic Area (EEA) country
<b>Group(s) with preferential treatment</b>	No preferential treatment
<b>Education and training eligible</b>	Higher education degrees
<b>Source of financing and collection mechanism</b>	Bank loan guaranteed by the State. The State provides its guarantee to partner banks, via the Banque Publique d'Investissement (Bpifrance)
<b>Financing formula and allocation mechanisms</b>	The repayment can be deferred in whole or in part, allowing the student to start repaying the loan after graduating. There is no loan forgiveness, and the current interest rate does not exceed 1.5%, depending on the bank.
<b>Eligible costs</b>	Eligible costs include all types of costs, it is a loan up to EUR 15 000 to be used by the student.
<b>Volumes of funding</b>	In 2015, EUR 414 900 000 was the amount for open loans with a loan average of EUR 8 200. In 2020, the loan average is EUR 8 300
<b>Beneficiaries/take up</b>	An average of 6 490 loans per year was opened which makes 46 129 loans from 2008 to 2014.
<b>Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation</b>	Not applicable
<b>Most relevant webpage - in English</b>	Not available

<b>Most relevant webpage - local language</b>	<a href="http://vosdroits.service-public.fr/particuliers/F986.xhtml">http://vosdroits.service-public.fr/particuliers/F986.xhtml</a>
<b>Recent changes</b>	Recent changes in response to COVID-19 The number of loans granted will increase over the next few years. This decision has been taken due to COVID
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="http://vosdroits.service-public.fr/particuliers/F986.xhtml">http://vosdroits.service-public.fr/particuliers/F986.xhtml</a>