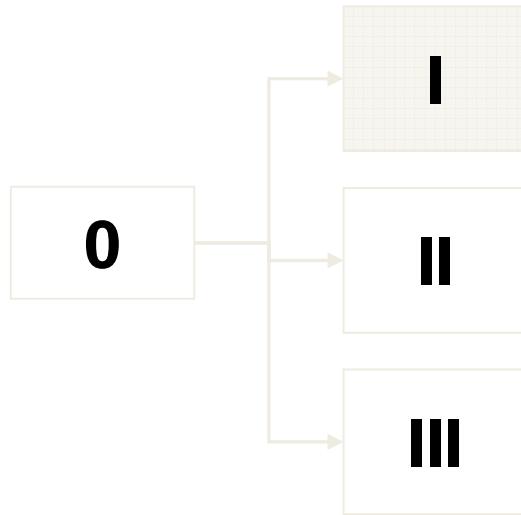




The “France 2025” Foresight Project

French- Russian Conference
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Session 2-Foresight



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Purpose and scope

« Provide [the French government with] a strategic assessment of the next 15 years : determine the future trends at play both at a global and national level, analyse their impacts on the French social and economy framework and identify the country abilities and weaknesses in seizing opportunities and dealing with risks. »

*Mission statement from the French Prime Minister to the Secretary of State
in charge of Strategic Planning & Public Policy Evaluation
April 2008*



The process

18 months, 3 outputs



Stage 1



Stage 2



PREMIER MINISTRE

Paris, le 23 mars 2009

Avertissement

par René SEVE,
Directeur général du Centre d'analyse stratégique



Le Centre d'analyse stratégique met aujourd'hui en ligne les travaux des huit groupes de travail de l'exercice « France 2025 », qui avait lancé, le 22 avril 2008, à la demande du Premier Ministre, M. Eric Besson, alors Secrétaire d'Etat à la Prospective, à l'Evaluation des Politiques Publiques, et au Développement de l'Economie Sociale et Solidaire, dont il a piloté, en juillet dernier, leur synthèse, ou plus exactement une « lecture »¹, dans son ouvrage « Dix défis pour la France »². Ce texte décrit également, dans son préambule, l'organisation menée pour « France 2025 » et rappelle son objectif : « ouvrir des débats utiles qui peuvent éclairer des décisions futures »³.

À ces huit fascicules, sont ajoutées ici, conformément à l'engagement initial pris par le Ministre, les contributions volontaires des partenaires sociaux qui participent à la « connaissance plurielle »⁴.

Les liens qui suivent ne prennent pas en compte les contributions volontaires des partenaires sociaux.



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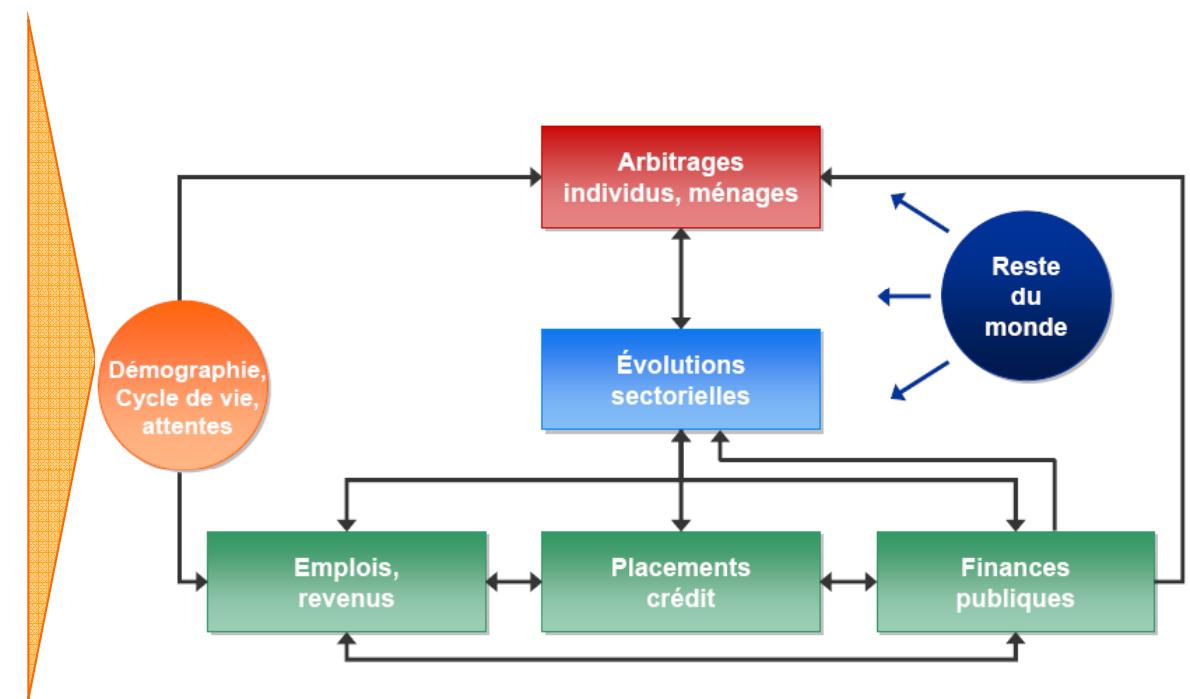
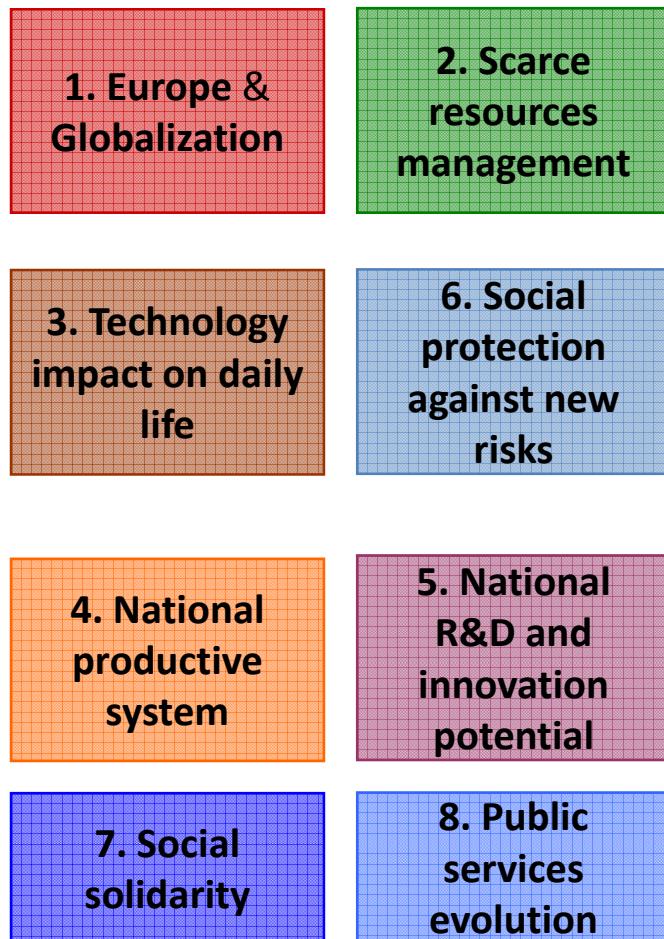
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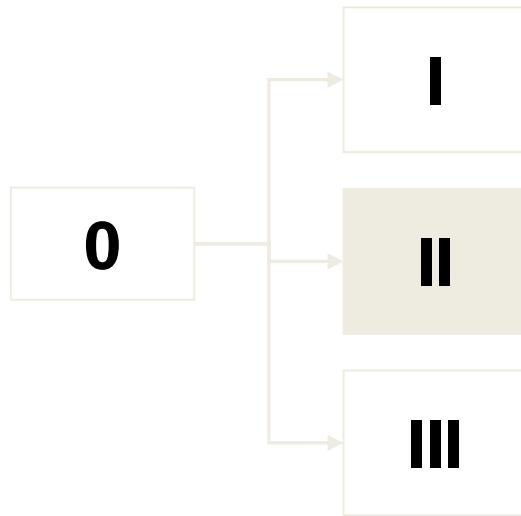


Stage 3

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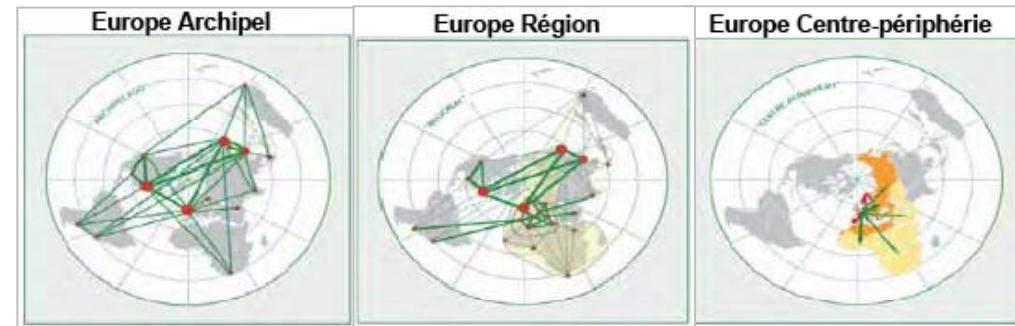
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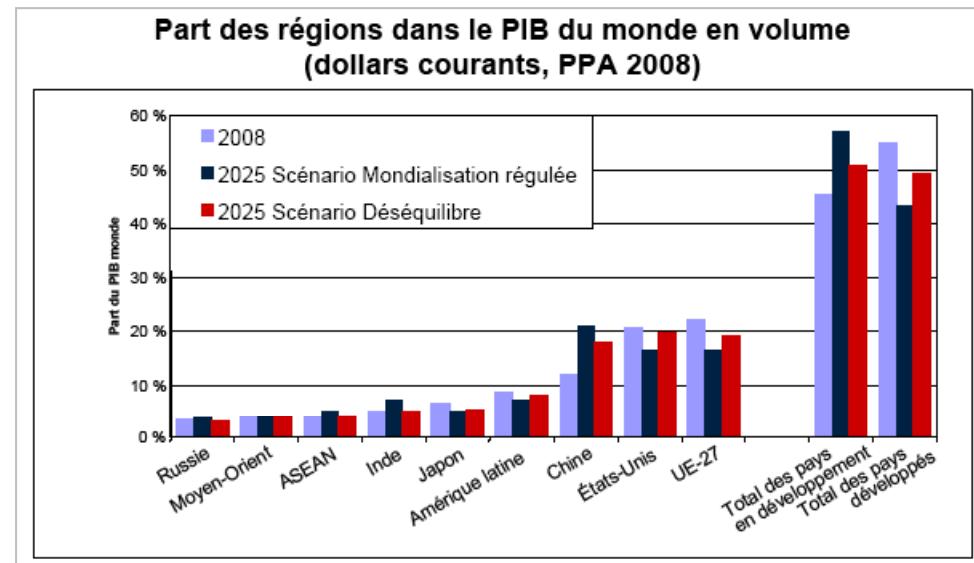
ASSERT THE EUROPEAN ‘SOFT POWER’

1. A « smaller » Europe



Long-term trends

2. New regional centres: rising Asia, uncertain Africa





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Challenge n.2

ASSERT THE EUROPEAN 'SOFT POWER'

Political options

1. Rely on EU soft power to influence global policy
 - *leader market in 2025*
 - *Norms & standards diffusion as a lever : GSM, REACH, GHG & RNW targets*
2. Preserve the EURO area integrity
3. Increase the EU budget
 - *investment needed*

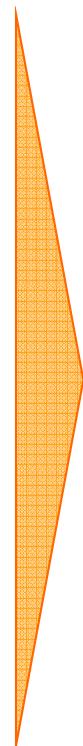
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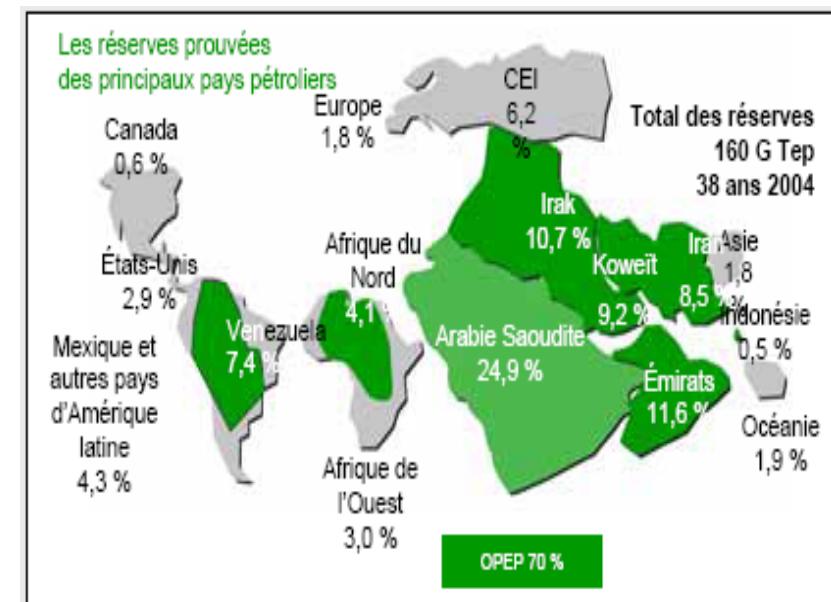
ENGAGE IN A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Long-term trends



1. Climate change : the 2°C threshold triggers on new risks
 - *5% healthcare costs in OECD attributed to environmental degradation*
1. The end of the petrol era?
 - *potential reserves vs low price/low investment dynamics*



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Challenge n.3

ENGAGE IN A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Political options



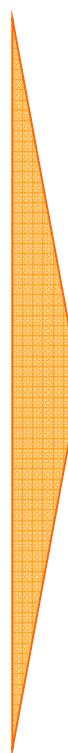
1. Higher oil prices will NOT solve climate change:
 - *coal substitute for electricity production*
 - *Aggravates social inequalities/ resistance to carbon tax*
2. Need for global regulation
 - *EU ETS as a model*
4. Technological progress crucial but not enough
 - *Green techs needed (energy efficiency) counterweighted by rebound effect*
 - *Reorient consumer habits*

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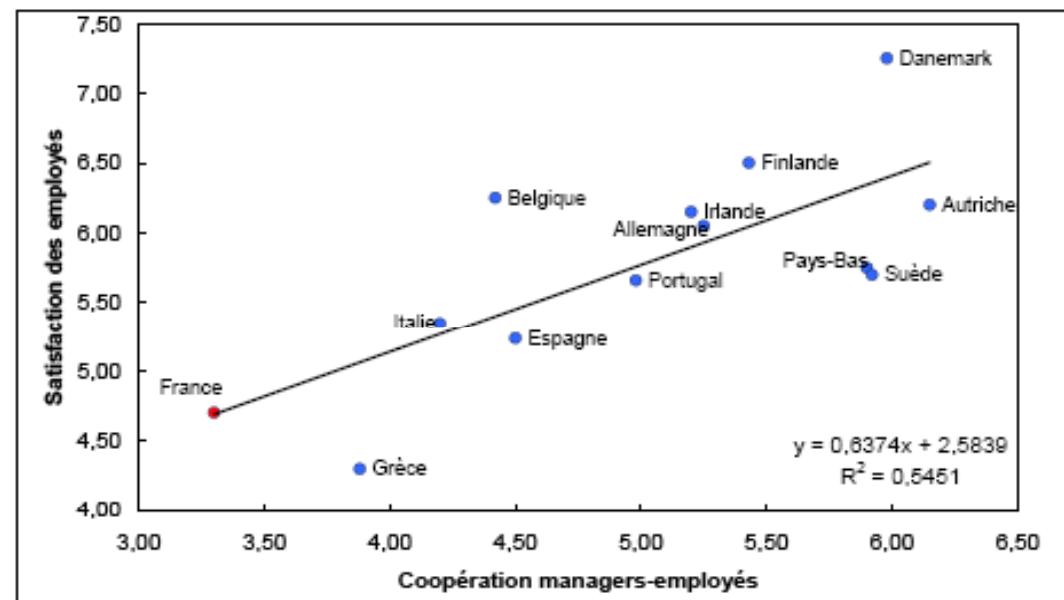
Challenge n.4

RECONCILE EMPLOYMENT WITH SELF-FULFILLEMENT IN THE FRENCH MARKETPLACE

Long-term trends



1. Bottom-up orientation of production: toward a services economy?
2. Trust gap between French employers & workers



3. Greater production flexibility might impact workers' welfare

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Challenge n.4

RECONCILE EMPLOYMENT WITH SELF-FULFILLEMENT IN THE FRENCH MARKETPLACE



Political options



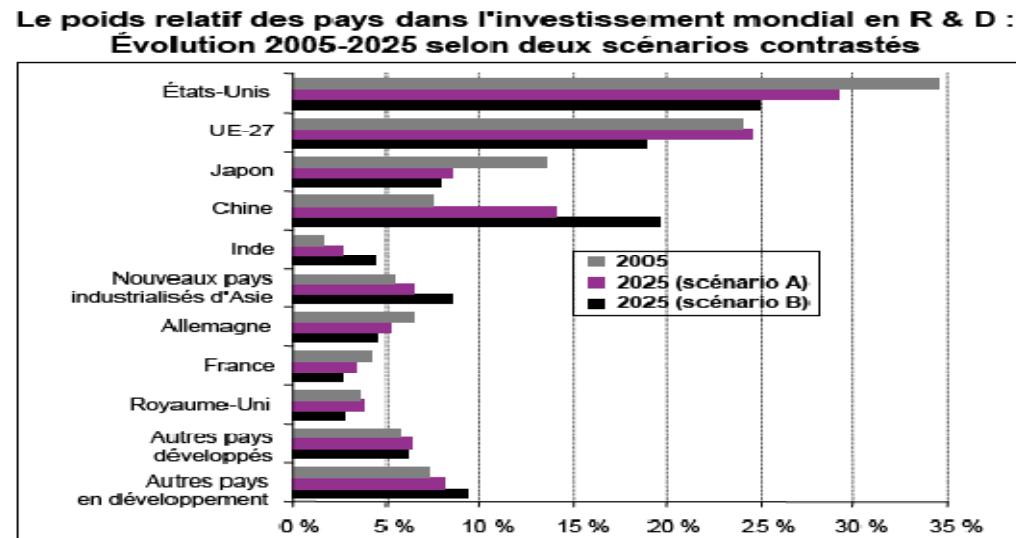
1. Invest in human capital
 - *Merge work & formation periods*
 - *Promote professional orientation rather than selection (new agency)*
 - *Increase students & senior workers employment*
 - *Foster diversity in the workplace*
2. Seize ICT opportunities (productivity)
 - *Broadband network & user training*

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Challenge n.6

BET ON 'CULTURAL CREATIVES' TO FOSTER INNOVATION

1. New Asian gravity center: 20% global R&D



Long-term trends

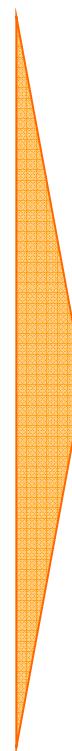
2. The era of cloud computing : diffusion of technology-intense products in daily life
 - *energy/environnement, nanotechs, biotechs, ITC*
2. Risk of counter reaction to progress

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Political options



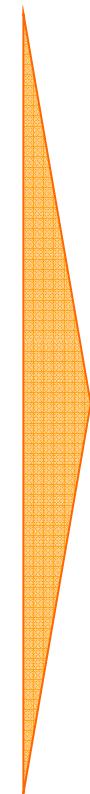
1. Anticipate the new deal
 - *produce, don't consume*
2. Encourage the nascent ‘creative class’
 - *Global trend : individuals fostering innovation*
3. Tap in the digital economy opportunity
 - *address access inequalities*

Challenge n.8

UPDATE THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM WHILE RESPECTING INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM



Long-term trends



1. The drawbacks of ICT transparency
 - *From e-ID to genomic-ID*
 - *Intelligent objects giving away data*
2. The Orwellian temptation
 - *Real-time monitoring allows for instant discrimination (security, health...)*
3. Signs of a weakening democracy
 - *Decrease in election participation & syndical adhesion rate*

Challenge n.8

UPDATE THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM WHILE RESPECTING INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM



Political options



1. Establish the right to 'silence the chips'
 - *Control surrounding RFID to preserve social cohesion & State legitimacy*
2. State clear responsibilities in Public/Private partnerships
 - *OK if proven benefits in security and insurance areas*
3. Update institutions
 - *Foreigners'right to vote in local elections ?*
 - *Integrate family evolution in social security scheme*

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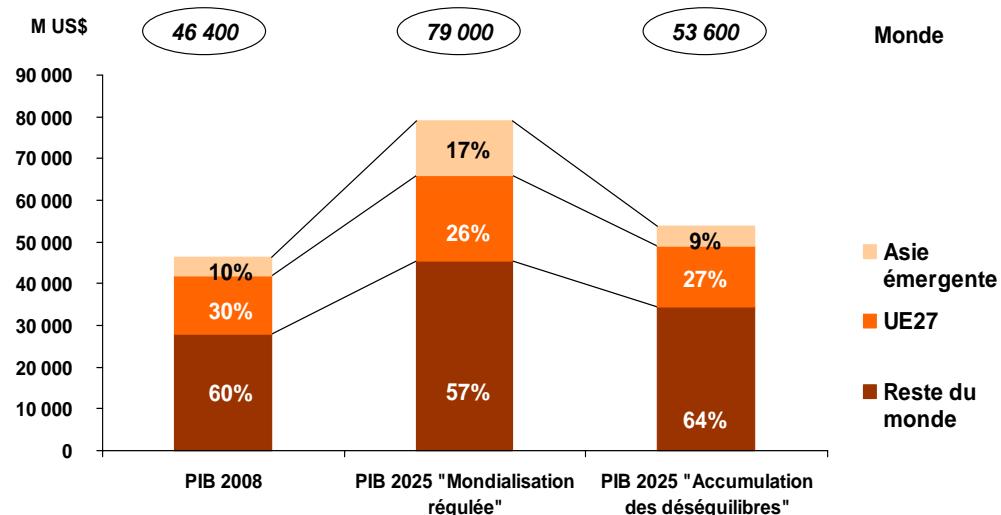
Challenge n.1

FIND THE KEYS TO GLOBAL STABILITY

Long-term trends

1. Rise of potential bilateral conflicts
2. Toward a non-polar world
3. Migrations increase

TWO SCENARIOS FOR THE EVOLUTION OF GDP AT A GLOBAL, UE27 & EMERGING ASIA LEVEL.



Political options

1. European diplomatic strategy aimed at preventing the 'clash of civilisations'
- *Go beyond economy interests*
2. Extend & deepen global regulation
- *« Invisible hand' has proved insufficient*
- *need for international management of finance & environment crisis*

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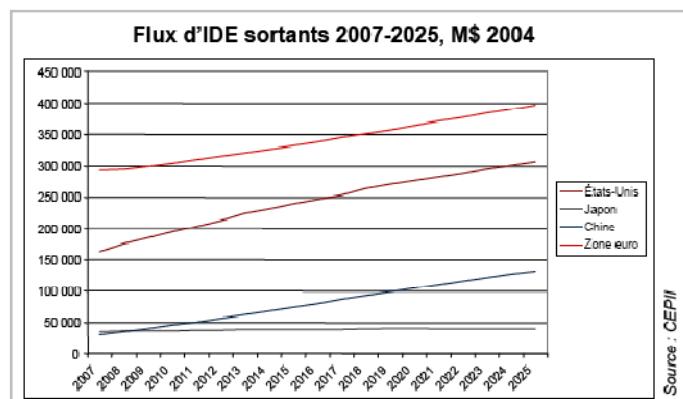
Challenge n.5

ENHANCE THE NATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS AND ATTRACTIVENESS

Long-term trends

1. An emerging 'middle class' (World Bank: 30% global population 2030)

- *BRICS as new markets for French exporters...*
- *...& direct threat to OECD capital attractiveness (savings potential)*



2. French SMEs are too small: 80% of exporters but 15% of exports value

Political options

1. Sustain SMEs growth
 - *Payment delays, access to banks financing...*
2. Preserve national attractiveness
 - *Promote EU fiscal harmonization*
3. Change employment policy strategy
 - *Focus on reemployment rather than employment assistance*
 - *Increase lifelong learning*
 - *Anticipate marketplace needs*

Challenge n.7

ENHANCE SOCIAL COHESION AGAINST NEW RISKS



Long-term trends

1. More risks, more costs
- *historical (health, pensions...) + new risks (environment, ageing society...)*
2. Growing risk individualization
- *genetics & nanotech implications: early diagnosis vs discrimination threat*
3. Looming clash between generations



Political options

1. Impose a 'veil of ignorance' on intimate individual information
2. Poll the citizens' trust in institutions & society
3. Monitor closely the evolution of social equity
4. Renovate the social security scheme

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Challenge n.9

DEEPEN THE SOCIAL INSERTION DYNAMICS



Long-term trends

1. The illusion of virtual mobility

➤ *ICT speed vs social immobilism*

2. A new kind of social divide

➤ *centre gentrification+suburbia extension+ suburb exclusion= a 3 face city*

Political options

1. Invest again inequalities

➤ *Public structures for 0-6 year children*

2. Renew the social contract

➤ *Foster adhesion by reducing the administration complexity*



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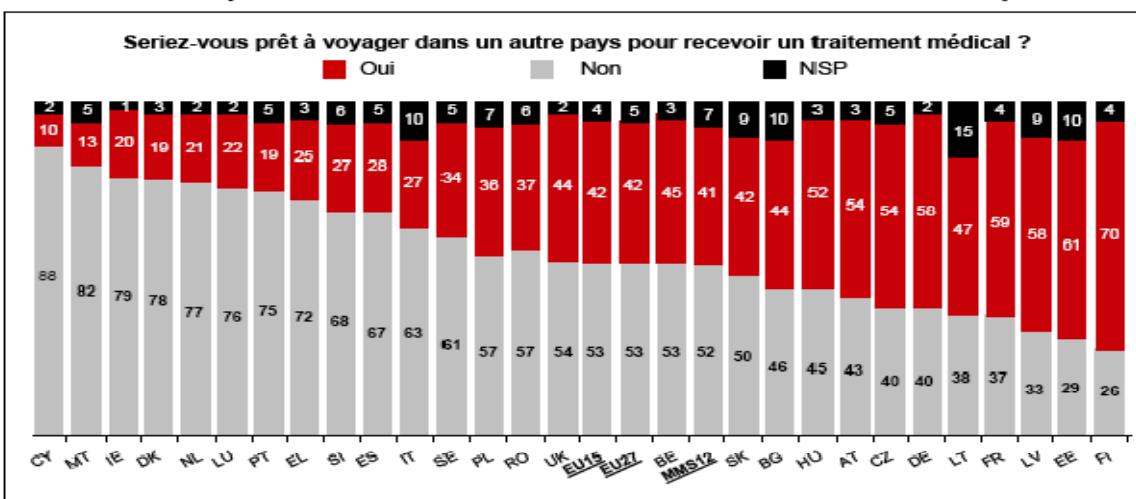
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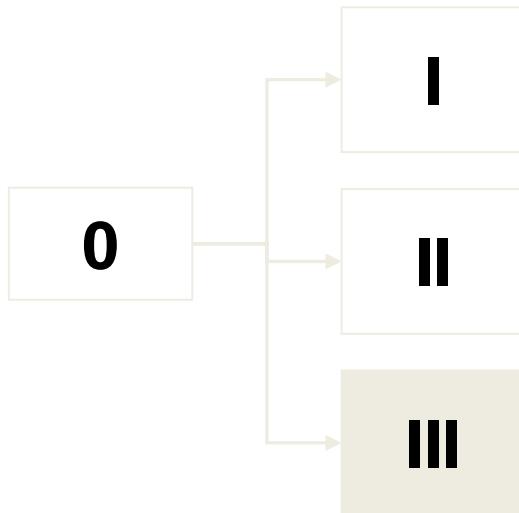
Long-term trends

1. Evolution of the public action scope
- *Enters finance, leaves bets and lottery*
2. Evolution of the intervention mode
- *Velib's concession to private actor. A model for public internet access?*
3. Public services globalization (healthcare)

Un fort potentiel de croissance du tourisme médical en Europe

*Political options*

1. Reflect on the public service purpose
2. Enhance evaluation
- *From a means evaluation to a performance evaluation*
- *how long before a policeman intervenes? Before you find a compatible work?*



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*Copenhagen
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CONTEXT

*The economic crisis
LB bankruptcy*

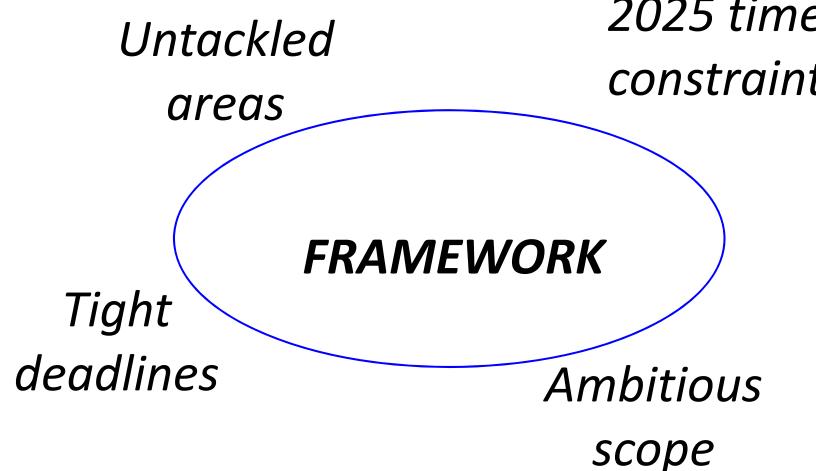
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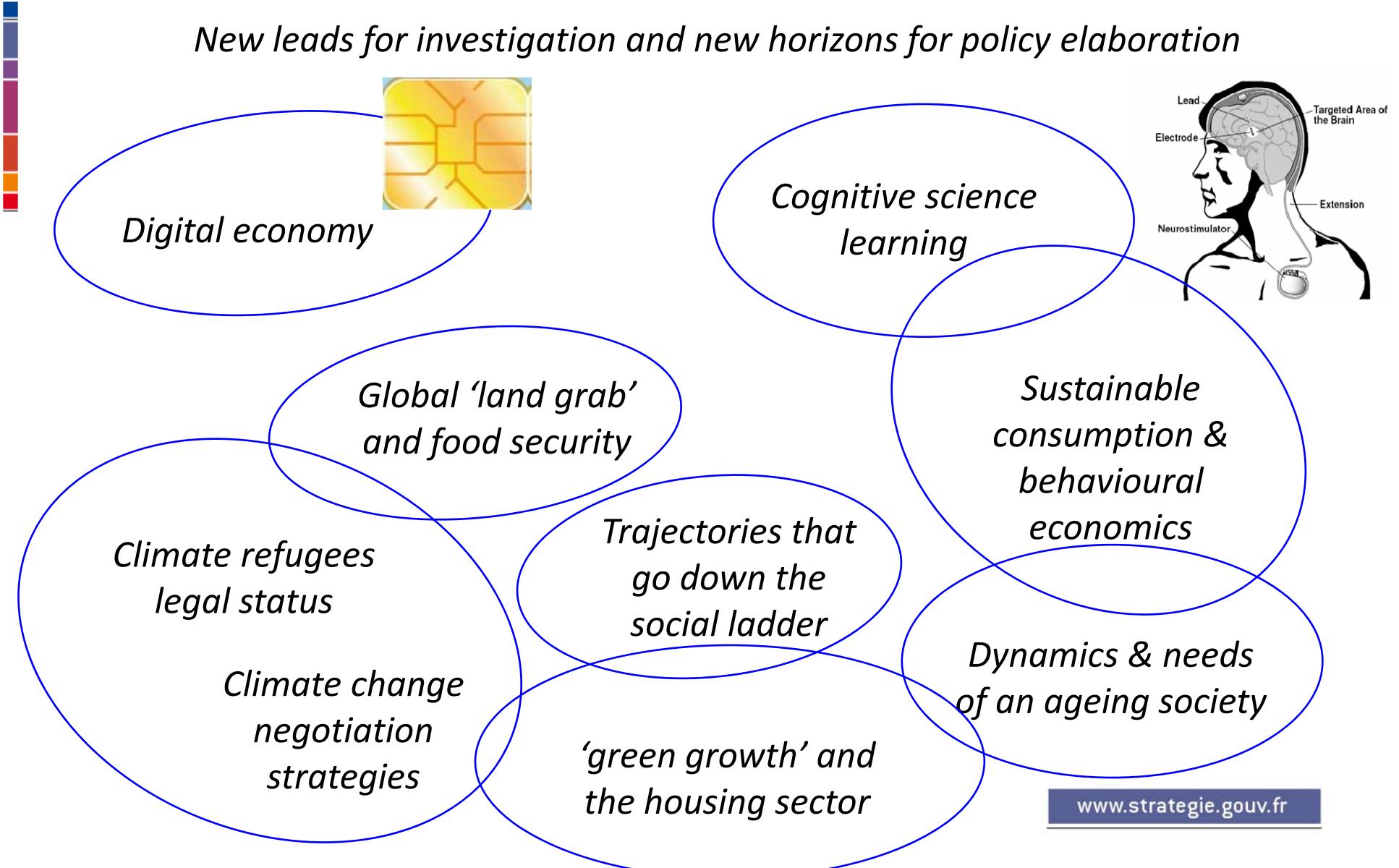
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Limitations



Beyond France 2025

New leads for investigation and new horizons for policy elaboration





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