

PRESS RELEASE

Grenoble, 20 april 2026

Université Grenoble Alpes and CEA host the 2nd edition of the Taiwan-France Science and Technology Conference

On 20 and 21 April 2026, in Grenoble, Université Grenoble Alpes (UGA) hosts the 2nd edition of the Taiwan-France Science and Technology Conference, co-organised with CEA and with the support of the French Office in Taipei, the Taipei Representative Office in France and the National Science and Technology Council. This high-level bilateral event will bring together nearly 200 personalities — institutional leaders, scientists and industry representatives — to consolidate existing cooperation and define common research and innovation priorities for the 2026–2027 period. The Taiwanese delegation (75 people) will be led by the Minister of Science and Technology.

Eight strategic fields are covered by this international conference: quantum technologies, semiconductors, health, ocean sciences, energy, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and space.

A milestone in Franco-Taiwanese cooperation

Two years after the inaugural edition held in Taipei, the Taiwan-France Science and Technology Conference moves to Grenoble — and to France for the first time. This shift from one continent to the other marks a new step in the consolidation of an engaged partnership, formalised through the Franco-Taiwanese agreement on scientific and technological cooperation signed in 2023.

Designed as a space for convergence between scientific, technological and strategic priorities, the forum aims to go beyond existing cooperation frameworks and to collectively shape the research and innovation directions of the coming years at a bilateral level.

Grenoble, a centre of excellence for international cooperation

France and Taiwan have naturally forged close scientific and technological ties because they share common ambitions in fields where each excels: semiconductors, quantum technologies, artificial intelligence, energy, health. France, one of the leading global forces in research and innovation, and Taiwan, a world-class technology powerhouse, have every reason to join forces.

It is in this context that Grenoble stands out as a natural host. Université Grenoble Alpes, CEA, other national research organisations and the local industrial ecosystem have built one of Europe's most integrated research and innovation environments, combining fundamental research, breakthrough innovation and a world-class industrial base. This model, in which UGA and CEA play a complementary and structuring role within their respective areas of expertise, embodies precisely the kind of dense cooperation that both countries seek to deepen.

The site visits organised on the morning of 20 April will offer a concrete illustration of this unique environment, where laboratories, major research infrastructures and industry players work together in a seamless continuum from scientific production to real-world applications.

A programme dedicated to shaping 2026–2027 priorities

The conference is structured as a continuous sequence, moving from immersion in the Grenoble ecosystem to the formalisation of concrete commitments:

- **20 April – morning:** Laboratory and technology platform visits, illustrating the structure of the Grenoble ecosystem and the interactions between public and private actors.
- **20 April – afternoon:** Institutional addresses, official opening, roundtable discussions.
- **21 April – morning:** the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between INSERM and the NIARs (National Institutes of Applied Research) and a scientific track bringing together mandated experts to present and analyse ongoing work and identify collaboration prospects.
- **21 April – afternoon:** Synthesis of discussions and formalisation of shared priorities for 2026–2027.

Strengthening cooperation and building new partnerships

Beyond reviewing existing cooperation, the conference aims to strengthen interactions between institutions, laboratories and industry partners on both sides, and to foster the emergence of new, impactful collaborations.

For Université Grenoble Alpes and CEA, this represents an opportunity to consolidate existing partnerships with Taiwanese academic stakeholders and to engage new forms of cooperation in areas of high scientific and technological importance.

Key participants

- Dr. Cheng-Wen Wu, Minister of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC)
- Dr. Pei-Chih Hao, Representative of the Taipei Representative Office in France (BRTF)
- Dr. Hung-Yin Tsai, President of the National Institutes of Applied Research (NIAR)
- Prof. Yassine Lakhnech, President of Université Grenoble Alpes (UGA)
- Dr. Bruno Feignier, Deputy CEO of CEA
- Dr. Bruno Sportisse, CEO of Inria
- Prof. Didier Samuel, CEO of Inserm
- Dr. Michel Guidal, President of the Committee for Major Research Infrastructures, CNRS
- Donato Giorgi, Delegate for European and International Affairs, Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Space (MESRE)
- Dr. Thierry Damerval, Special Envoy for Science, Technology and Innovation to MESRE and the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE)
- French Office in Taipei, Scientific Cooperation Unit

Representatives from other research organisations will also take part, including CNES, the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF), Ifremer, the Institut de radioastronomie millimétrique (IRAM), and the Institut Laue-Langevin (ILL).

In addition to institutional delegations, this conference reflects a broad mobilisation of the French academic and research community. France Universités will be represented by its vice-president, Dr Jean-François Huchet, president of INALCO. Several French universities, including members of Udice, the association of research-intensive universities, will also be attending: Université Paris-Saclay, Université de Lille, Université de Bordeaux and Université de Lorraine.

Practical information

Venue: Chambre de commerce et d'industrie, 5-7 Place Robert Schuman, 38000 Grenoble

Schedule: 20 April 2026, 1:15 PM – 6:00 PM | 21 April 2026, 2:00 PM – 3:45 PM

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance by email to Muriel.Jakobiak@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr

About

Université Grenoble Alpes – UGA

Europe's leading university in innovation by number of patents filed, ranked in the top 200 of the Shanghai global university rankings, pluridisciplinary and internationally engaged, UGA is one of nine French universities awarded the Initiative d'Excellence (IDEX) label. Since 2020, UGA has integrated three component institutions — Grenoble INP, Sciences Po Grenoble-UGA and ENSAG-UGA — as well as four academic components. With 57,000 students including 10,000 international students and 3,000 doctoral researchers, and over 7,700 staff across its campuses in Grenoble and Valence, UGA works in close association with CEA, CNRS, INRAE, Inria and Inserm to develop a shared research and valorisation strategy at international scale.

www.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr

CEA

CEA is a public research organisation whose mission is to inform public decision-making and provide French and European companies and local authorities with the scientific and technological means to address four major societal transitions: the energy transition, the digital transition, the future of health, and global defence and security. Its purpose is to ensure scientific, technological and industrial leadership for France and Europe, and to contribute to a better-managed and safer future for all.

www.cea.fr

Press contacts

Muriel Jakobiak-Fontana

Université Grenoble Alpes

Deputy Head of Communications

muriel.jakobiak@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr

06 71 06 92 26

Célian Dahan

CEA

celia.dahan@cea.fr

06 79 65 99 71