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The CNRS, Université Côte d'Azur and Docaposte launch a joint laboratory dedicated to digital trust

- The CNRS, Université Côte d'Azur and Docaposte, the digital subsidiary of La Poste Group, are combining their expertise to create LINCS (Computer Science Laboratory for Sovereign Trusted Digital Technologies), a joint laboratory dedicated to innovation in digital trust and data security.
- This first collaboration represents a unique opportunity to accelerate the development of new AI-powered technologies designed to strengthen the security and reliability of digital infrastructures.
- The initiative addresses the challenges of developing secure and sovereign digital technologies, in line with the France 2030 national strategy for technological and industrial sovereignty.

During the “Defense, Cybersecurity & AI” day held on June 18 at its booth at VivaTech, CNRS announced, together with Université Côte d'Azur and Docaposte, the digital subsidiary of La Poste Group, the creation of a joint laboratory dedicated to the development of innovative solutions for digital trust. This first collaboration is driven by a shared ambition to build reliable and trustworthy software applications, a critical challenge in an era marked by growing cyber threats and technological monopolies. The new laboratory draws on the expertise of CNRS and Université Côte d'Azur in information science and technology through the Computer Science, Signals and Systems Laboratory of Sophia Antipolis (I3S), as well as on Docaposte's recognized know-how in digital trust services.

The CNRS, Université Côte d'Azur and Docaposte are joining forces to develop technologies that enhance digital security and reliability. Their shared objective is to **verify the trustworthiness of digital technologies while promoting the inclusive, ethical and responsible use of data**. As part of LINCS – the Computer Science Laboratory for Sovereign Trusted Digital Technologies – research teams from the Computer Science, Signals and Systems Laboratory of Sophia Antipolis (CNRS/Université Côte d'Azur), a leading research center in computer science, and Docaposte will work together over the next four years to establish a comprehensive digital trust framework built around four research areas:

1. Securing end users and their data through **trusted execution environments**;

2. Leveraging **digital twins** to test and validate trustworthiness;
3. Developing **explainable artificial intelligence techniques**;
4. Enhancing **automated argument generation to support decision-making processes**.

These research areas will, for example, enable the simulation of cyberattack scenarios in controlled environments and make AI-driven decisions more transparent and auditable.

The joint laboratory will also contribute to the development of innovative projects within Docaposte.

Aligned with the objectives of the France 2030 strategy, Docaposte is fully committed to advancing national efforts aimed at strengthening digital trust and technological sovereignty.

“Through this joint laboratory, CNRS, Université Côte d’Azur and Docaposte demonstrate that innovation is first and foremost driven by collaboration. By combining our expertise in computer science with Docaposte’s deep understanding of its customers’ needs, we will rethink digital trust, a critical issue for both businesses and citizens. This joint laboratory illustrates how ambitious and well-structured collaborative research can serve as a powerful lever for addressing tomorrow’s technological challenges,” said Mehdi Gmar, Chief Innovation Officer of CNRS.

“For Docaposte, trust lies at the heart of the development of digital services and uses. By contributing to the creation of this laboratory alongside CNRS and Université Côte d’Azur, Docaposte aims to strengthen the connection between scientific advances and real-world applications, fostering the emergence of robust and innovative solutions that enhance the security of digital exchanges and the protection of data for organizations and citizens alike,” said Frédéric Dufaux, Deputy Managing Officer of Docaposte.

“The creation of this joint laboratory perfectly illustrates Université Côte d’Azur’s ability to bring together leading academic and industrial stakeholders around strategic challenges facing our society. At a time when data control and security have become essential, we reaffirm our commitment to European digital sovereignty founded on scientific excellence, innovation and responsibility. This partnership with CNRS and Docaposte reflects our determination to transform research into concrete solutions that strengthen digital trust for citizens, businesses and public institutions,” said Jeanick Brisswalter, President of Université Côte d’Azur.



Left to right: Mehdi Gmar, Chief Innovation Officer of CNRS;
Frédéric Dufaux, Deputy Managing Director of Docaposte; Jeanick Brisswalter, President of Université Côte d’Azur.
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About Docaposte

Docaposte, the digital subsidiary of La Poste Group and a leader in digital trust, supports companies and public institutions in their transformation in three priority markets: the public sector, healthcare and finance. As a publisher of software and digital trust solutions, a platform integrator and operator, and an expert in data-IA consulting, Docaposte draws on its own technology bricks and its assets in the cloud, cybersecurity and AI to design, develop and operate complete customer-centric digital journeys, while complying with the most demanding regulations and ensuring highly secure data. As the leader in trust solutions (electronic signature and voting, digital archiving), and the leading operator of healthcare data (with over 49 million of medical records) and school data (18 million of Pronote's users), Docaposte has a unique market positioning combining technological sovereignty and public interest, and is committed to ethics, responsibility and accessibility for all. Docaposte has over 50,000 customers and more than 6,500 employees at 61 sites in France and abroad, and achieved a turnover of € 878 million in 2025.

About Université Côte d'Azur

Université Côte d'Azur is one of France's nine "IdEx" universities, known for their intensive research focus and strong international reach. Structured around innovative internal units—the University Research Schools, which have been granted greater autonomy to enhance agility—Université Côte d'Azur grounds all of its educational and innovation missions in the excellence of its research. Its strong ties to the Côte d'Azur region are a key driver of its growth model. As a founding member of the European Ulysseus alliance, Université Côte d'Azur leads an Artificial Intelligence Cluster (Cluster 3IA Côte d'Azur 2030) and maintains major partnerships with leading national and international research organizations.

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