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# French Electronic Theses and Dissertations in Europe – A Scientometric Approach

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## Abstract

### Problem/goal

The poster presents an empirical overview on French electronic theses and dissertations, in particular with regards to the place of France in Europe, to their geographical and disciplinary distribution, to their representativity and to their openness.

### Research method/procedure

The study includes a scientometric analysis of the DART-Europe e-theses portal and of the French Theses.fr portal. It will also draw on other data from the French academic union catalogue SUDOC and from the ANRT database of French PhD dissertations.

### Anticipated results

The poster will present some general information about ETDs in France and will provide empirical evidence for at least five different topics:

- The part of French ETDs in the DART-Europe portal.
- Their geographical and disciplinary distribution.
- Their development over the years.
- Their representativeness compared to the French union catalogue and Theses.fr portal.
- Their availability via open repositories (openness).

The poster will also mention potential limitations of these data sources.

### Practical implications/originality

The poster has two objectives: (1) Provide some useful and original information about the French ETD landscape for the international audience of the ETD2016 conference. (2) Contribute to the monitoring of the development of ETDs in France and in particular of their openness, in an European perspective.

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