Our failure to win back IDEX government funding in March 2018 was due mainly to the combined governance conditions demanded by the international jury, which are not adapted to Toulouse’s academic context. As a result, our university was stripped of a highly visible label, and our stakeholders were forced to rethink a draft site policy to do justice to our region’s outstanding scientific potential.

The upturn we are hoping for will derive from a cooperation initiative developed in the framework of the PRES, followed by University of Toulouse, which has given rise to a fundamental set of inter-university services and promotes smoother coordination of collective projects and enhanced mutual understanding.

For its part, University of Toulouse reinforced its administrative structure by taking on a broader range of responsibilities and skills, along with new functions, such as management of the Inter-university service for preventive medicine and health awareness (SIMPPS). This experience will be a springboard for the future.

A more flexible legal structure is also set to facilitate reflection and, when the next five-year contract comes up, will enable us to build an internationally recognised university that champions a clearly identified scientific strategy and is capable of offering its staff and students world-class higher education and research opportunities!
KEY FIGURES

A network of 31 institutions and organizations spread across 10 towns and 8 French administrative departments.

- 4,300 PhD candidates
- 859 PhD granted in 2017-2018
- 145 labs
- 7,000 Faculty and Researchers
- 1,500 agreements with 110 countries
- 14% foreign students
- 17,000 academic staff
  - teaching
  - research
  - administration

23 higher education
1 university hospital
7 national research organizations

+ 100,000 students
+ 1,000 courses

+ 100,000 students
+ 1,000 courses

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Courses and student life
A shared ambition: successful, happy students

Training • University of Toulouse’s training service negotiates partnerships with major players in the social and economic sectors, as well as institutions. It coordinates and promotes the academic training (Bachelor’s degrees, vocational degrees, Master’s, engineering degrees) and services offered by the site’s 23 higher education institutions, fostering a broad range of academic pathways, employability, academic guidance, equal opportunities and lifelong education.

Inter-university teaching service (SiUP) • In 2018, the SiUP organised training for the site’s new academic staff, including twenty or so vocational training programmes and 2 conferences: Philippe Parmentier (Louvain) and Christelle Lison (Sherbrooke). The Sia teaching exchange platform is online! It offers training, initiatives, resources and discussion forums on teaching-related issues. Finally, an educational Escape Game designed this year will be unveiled in 2019.

Student life and culture • This year, the Welcome Desk site went online, a valuable addition to the services available at the Welcome Desk located at 41 allées J. Guesde in Toulouse. Accommodation guides, Yapluka and promotional videos by student associations were put together. The 13th Student Week was held in the site’s 10 university towns, with the support of a host of partners. The cultural offer – especially throughout the wider region, boosted by the Crous – was reviewed, along with the health and social support network, with the participation of the SIMPPS and the Crous. Finally, a review of the actions related to the Student life improvement project was drawn up.

Entrepreneurship • 2018 saw a rise in the scheme’s qualitative growth: reinforcement of awareness-raising and training initiatives, launch of a project accelerator and development of distance content. There was a sharp increase in the number of student entrepreneurs on sites other than Toulouse: 19% more than in 2017.

Disability • University of Toulouse implemented its 2019-2021 disability blueprint. The “Atouts pour tous” (Strengths for all) website, open to students with a disability since 2018, puts candidates in direct contact with recruiters from its partner companies. Eight partner companies, 19 company correspondents, 30 institutional correspondents and disability project leaders are actively involved.

ONLINE MAPPING OF COURSES
80 000 users in 2018

NUMBER OF VISITORS AT ACCUEIL WELCOME DESK
60 572 visitors in 2018

SEM AINE DE L’ÉTUDIANT 2018
16 000 entries
148 events organised
35 students projects promoted

STUDENT ENTREPRENEURSHIP
270 student entrepreneurs with official status
70 of whom are enrolled in the student entrepreneur programme
RESULTS

Research

Drawing attention to interdisciplinary research

Promotional actions and business relations • The actions undertaken mainly focused on coordinating the site’s work to promote partnerships and develop research in cooperation with businesses in the Occitanie region. Various events bringing together laboratories and businesses were held (“transport, new forms of mobility” day, POCTEFA aCcESS project supported by the FEDER, UT Prime project funded by the Occitanie regional council), and discussions got under way with the aim of simplifying the way partnerships are built (new budgetary and intellectual property rules were drawn up for the new agreement with the Saint-Exupéry IRT signed in summer 2018). The new projects enabled us to reinforce these activities, and the support service now comprises six people.

Interdisciplinarity • The remainder of the IDEX funds were used as a springboard for injecting fresh momentum into interdisciplinarity and the organisation of an Interdisciplinary Forum in early 2019 (Facs3i), to boost networking between laboratory researchers and draw attention to the site’s interdisciplinary projects as well as budding subject-based networks and existing interdisciplinary courses.

Scientific culture • All mediation actions conducted in the field of science and technology have been brought together under the “Explorer” brand. The University of Toulouse is committed to combining all its scientific and technological culture activities under a single banner: promoting its projects and widening the impact of those led by the institutions. Initially devoted to presenting the world of research, plans to develop a website started in late 2018, as part of this “Explorer” initiative.

Doctorate • The University of Toulouse Doctorate School set up the Toulouse Doctors’ Alumni network in 2018, supported by the Occitanie regional council. The goal: constitute a community of PhD graduates from the University of Toulouse, thereby helping to promote PhD degrees, improve employability and open up new career development opportunities. Launched in 2018 in the form of a monthly newsletter, the network offers its members exclusive content along with a programme of events.

ALUMNI NETWORK

1 000 members just 1 month after its launch

SCIENTIFIC CULTURE

10 000 visitors to the University of Toulouse stand at the Science in the City festival held in place du Capitole (ESOF 2018)

110 Explorer get-togethers, drawing 3,500 participants (Feder support)

3 500 participants

3 968 visitors to the 2018 edition of the European Researchers’ Night

4 000 visitors in 4 months to the Lab’Oc touring exhibition (Feder support)

PROMOTION AND BUSINESS RELATIONS

150 participants at the Business Laboratory Day held on 15 November, devoted to transport and new forms of mobility

INTERDISCIPLINARITY

34 scientific actions at the FACS3i Forum
International

Develop cooperation and facilitate student mobility

International mobility. This year, the team in charge of the Mouv’Box scheme organised the first inter-institutional day devoted to international mobility for students travelling abroad, to help get them settled in their new country and make the most of their experience after their return. In addition, a range of services to help higher education institutions put together and organise short-stay international programmes are now available.

Europe. The Europe service led a brainstorming exercise on the future European research and innovation framework programme, Horizon Europe. This successful effort led to the drafting of ten key proposals, which were submitted to Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner in charge of research, science and innovation.

International cooperation. Cooperation initiatives have been set up in North America, Mexico, China, India and Canada. A dual Bachelor-level degree was set up following the creation of a Franco-Chinese engineering institute in Shenyang. The University of Toulouse became a partner of the “one road one belt” national project thanks to its participation in an international consortium of universities.

Modern languages. In addition to degree courses, classes in ten foreign languages, including FLE (French as a foreign language) are available to students, PhD students, post-grad students, professors, researchers and staff of the institutions that make up the University of Toulouse. In 2018, classes in scientific practices and general knowledge, intensive courses and specific modules on request. Japanese lessons for beginners offered by a translator specialised in manga proved highly successful.

MUFRAMEX. During ESOF, MUFRAMEX ran a stand representing the top three Mexican universities: UAM, UdG and UANL. All three universities have chosen Toulouse as the location of their new international office. In addition, the organisation of events with the local education authority and the University of Toulouse led to a strengthening of regional ties and an extension of its French and Mexican partnerships (IdA, CF, CNRS, CONACYT, AMC, CID). Finally, this year was marked by mapping France-Mexican relations and the publication of a directory of Mexican specialists in France (SRE/ CONACYT/CNRS/CPU).

1st SUMMER SCHOOL

10 Chinese students from the North Eastern University hosted in Toulouse and treated to a week of educational and cultural immersion and sightseeing.

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

75 students took part in the 1st inter-institutional day.

TOUL’BOX

+30% packs in 2018.

72 nationalities represented.

LANGUAGE CLASSES

358 signed up for FLE and 144 for LVE.

INTERNATIONAL DOCTORATES

9 theses funded by CSC (China).

10 by the CONACYT (Mexico).

1 by the COLFUTURO (Colombia).

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

3 recruitment fairs and/or institutional fairs in India, China and Switzerland.

SERVICE EUROPE

20 European projects supported.

7 awareness-raising events organised.
Network of University sites
A unique regional network in France

The start of 2018 was marked by a series of inter-campus events, designed to bring together academic sites that contribute to a healthy overall balance. Several sessions were held to present the various courses on offer at the University of Toulouse. By bringing together representatives from different campuses, these events helped campus stakeholders and University of Toulouse staff get to know each other better.

Campus stakeholders expressed enthusiasm for a range of topics, leading to theme-based working sessions and the setting up of concrete projects such as the Explorer get-togethers in the Tarn, hosting of the vocational training day in Auch, the creation of a health & social welfare working group in Tarbes, the promotion of student entrepreneurship in Montauban and a feasibility study into the potential hosting of the Doctoriales seminar in Cahors in 2019. A whole host of projects with positive impacts on the entire region!

In July, the Assembly of higher education and research campuses in Occitanie was held in Béziers, with a first day devoted to the theme of research in non-central university towns that contribute to a healthy overall balance. Participants praised the high quality of the speakers and emphasised the importance of such events, which provide a meeting place for stakeholders from the social, economic and academic spheres, united by a shared commitment to developing university towns that contribute to a healthy overall balance.

In September, Maud Le Hung joined the University of Toulouse as Head of the University Campus Network Department. Her appointment gives fresh impetus to the Department, providing it with the momentum to step up its efforts and define a political development strategy.

STUDENT ENTREPRENEURSHIP
40% of student entrepreneurs are located in non-central university towns, even though such towns only host 10% of the total number of students enrolled in the education authority.

SCIENTIFIC CULTURE
14 Explorer events were organised across the region covered by the Toulouse education authority in 2018.
RESULTS

Collective dynamics

3IA - In response to the call for expression of interest arising from the Villani report, launched as part of the artificial intelligence research programme announced by the French President, the Toulouse site was pre-selected by the French national research agency (ANR) as a potential host in 2019 of one of the interdisciplinary institutes devoted to artificial intelligence (3IA). Christened ANITI (Artificial and Natural Intelligence Toulouse Institute), the goal of this project is to develop a new generation of artificial intelligence known as hybrid AI, encompassing an integrated combination of data-based automatic learning techniques and models enabling the expression of constraints and the development of logical reasoning.

Aspie, fostering an inclusive university - The PIA3 New university courses project to «Build an Aspie-Friendly University» brings together around twenty universities and a range of public and private partners with the long-term aim of offering tailored academic courses to all students suffering from autism, and, more generally speaking, of fostering a perfectly inclusive University.

SIMPPS - In 2018, the Inter-university service for preventive medicine and health awareness (SIMPPS) was affected by the institutions’ political decision to transfer the service to the University of Toulouse on 1 January, 2019. The functional coordinators helped set up the steering committee in charge of the health and social welfare policy. This year, 12,500 students received guidance (referred to nurses, doctors, psychologists) and the social workers arranged over 4,500 appointments. Finally, prevention and health awareness actions, such as "Marché campus", "No(s) limit(es)" and "Cuisine campus", were renewed.

UT Prime project - UT Prime was awarded a subsidy of over €1 M by the Occitania regional council for the 2017-2018 period, in order to support the setting up of actions designed to promote joint research projects between laboratories and businesses. Three business managers were recruited in the framework of this project. Likewise, the website aimed at the socio-economic sector was finalised, the goal being to provide easy access to researchers’ skills and the technologies they develop. This project is led by the University of Toulouse on behalf of its member and associate institutions: Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès, Université Toulouse III - Paul Sabatier, Toulouse INP, Insa de Toulouse, CNRS Délégation Occitanie Ouest, Inserm Occitanie Pyrénées, Inra (Toulouse branch) and ISAE-SUPAERO.

80 M€ budget for the 4-year period

4 projects pre-selected from the 12 proposals submitted

5 strategic areas of application targeted by the project: mobility and transport, environment, agriculture, robotics for industry and services of the future, and health

7 integrative programmes based on progress in three core fields of artificial intelligence, with a link to the five areas of application targeted by the project

3 strategic components: Scientific research programmes offering a solution to the issues raised by the targeted areas of application, a training project, an economic development project.
2018 was the last year of funding awarded as part of the transitional measures put in place after the withdrawal of the “excellence initiative” label in 2016 (so-called “additional” funding of €7M for 2017-2018).

As a result, actions undertaken by the Doctorate School (training, international campaigns, private-sector links, etc.) continued to receive backing worth around €300,000. A similar budget was earmarked for actions related to student life (welcome-integration, culture, accommodation, etc.). Almost €400,000 were invested in the University of Toulouse's actions to promote international development (Europe service, China branch, student mobility, languages and so on).

Other initiatives designed to reinforce interdisciplinarity, the spreading of a scientific culture, the promotion of business management and innovative teaching skills, to name a few, also benefited from the last installment of IDEX funding.

Special emphasis was placed on digital projects: in addition to the various websites created (“SIA” platform on teaching initiatives, Welcome Desk website for students, Explorer website to showcase local research, etc.), IDEX funding was used to strengthen the local academic “cloud” and to undertake the creation of a collective Data Center within the Clément Ader Space.

Finally, various projects (Labex, Idefi, “attractiveness Chairs”, etc.) that are already under way and supported as part of initial IDEX funding will continue to benefit from financial backing, managed by the University of Toulouse, until 2020.
Network of University libraries

A new shared documentary information system covering all libraries on the Toulouse campus and adopted by Occitanie libraries

On 5 June, 2018, students and professors/researchers discovered the new layout of the Archipel university library catalogue. Everyone can now consult the online resources of each institution via a customised home page, take advantage of services such as consultation in French or English, creation of an RSS feed and the possibility for librarians to provide users with direct information about their specific requests.

In addition to this upgrade, the libraries that form the network – which, since 1995, has included Toulouse universities, Toulouse-INP and INSA, joined later by INU Champollion, ISAE-SUPAERO, Mines Albi and ENAC – have adopted a new management system. The Toulouse project began in 2009 and was incorporated into a national framework in 2010. After a study phase and a pilot phase at national level, in which the Inter-institutional documentary cooperation service (SICD) of the University of Toulouse was an active participant, the reprogramming operation began in earnest in 2017. The first stage was the launch of a joint contract with the Montpellier inter-university library, which serves all of Montpellier’s universities as well as the university library in Nîmes.

The Perpignan university library also adopted this system, and from 2019 onwards, all university libraries in the Occitanie region will share this tool.

A word about the SICD - For over 20 years, the SICD has been helping to put together, extend and coordinate the network of university libraries run by the Toulouse education authority. It offers libraries a range of services that reduce their internal workload and provide users with a better quality service.

1 872 052 works and 2 millions copies

600 890 loans

4 415 415 interns trained (Mediad’Oc, URFIST, SICD)

4 425 questions asked for « Une question ? »service 67% of which via a chat

+ 80% of older documents recorded in the online catalogues

9,486 documents, the equivalent of 73,900 pages, online on Tolosana, the digital heritage library
The city of Toulouse was selected to organise the 8th edition of the largest European interdisciplinary forum on science and innovation: the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF), from 9 to 14 July, 2018 – for the first time in France!

Created by the EuroScience association in 2004, ESOF is a unique scientific event in Europe. Led by the University of Toulouse with backing from the European Commission, the French Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research, the Occitanie regional council, the departmental council, Toulouse Métropole and the Toulouse Chamber of Commerce and Industry, ESOF 2018 brought all local regions on board and earned Toulouse the title of “European City of Science”.

Anne Cambon-Thomsen, Emeritus research director at the CNRS and “ESOF 2018 Champion” and her team, with the support of numerous regional, national and international partners, worked hard to make a success of this highly innovative event, with a particular focus on the YESOF (ESOF for Youth) organised with the local education authority in Toulouse. As a result, 4,000 participants from 5 continents took part in the scientific forum: 230 scientific sessions with over 1,000 speakers, including 4 Nobel Prize laureates, a winner of the Fields Medal and numerous renowned scientists. It is also worth mentioning the attendance of over 40 high-profile politicians, including the European Commissioner for Science, Research and Innovation, Carlos Moedas, and the French Minister for Higher Education, Research and Innovation, Frédérique Vidal. Jean-Eric Paquet, Director General of Research and Innovation at the European Commission, also took part in the forum. Finally, the “Science in the City” festival organised in various locations around the city – with a special event in place du Capitole (Scientific Village) – drew over 50,000 visitors!

Our sights are set on Trieste, Italy, for the next ESOF in 2020!
Toulouse Campus

Ongoing building projects

Following on from 2017, marked by completion of the TOULOUSE INP - ENSAT extension in Auzeville, plus that of the aero-acoustic wind tunnel on the premises of ISAE-SUPAERO, 2018 was a busy year in terms of building projects. Cranes have become a visible fixture of the Rangueil campus. Two new buildings have gradually taken shape on the Université Toulouse III - Paul Sabatier campus, housing respectively the “Maison de la Réussite en Licence” (undergraduate support unit) and the Integrative Biology Centre. Construction work on both buildings is set to continue until the last quarter of 2019. Another major construction project in 2018: that of the MB3 Laboratory at INSA Toulouse, due to be completed during the first half of 2019.

During 2018, at the heart of the Science Quarter, the “36 ponts” site was prepared for major renovation work, with the demolition of all buildings except for the historic Paul Sabatier building. This site is now ready to host the new International City of Researchers. In parallel, a call for tender has been launched to select the concession holder in charge of designing, funding, building and running this new facility.

Finally, two architectural contests got under way in 2018: one involving the Chemistry, Materials and Methods operation at Université Toulouse III - Paul Sabatier and one involving Sporting Equipment and Student Healthcare, as part of the broader “Duportal” project led by Université Toulouse Capitole.

Sustainable development and social responsibility: Since 2013, the University of Toulouse has been running a network of “sustainable development and social responsibility” correspondents. Shared projects include awareness-raising actions throughout the year, such as: Student Sustainable Development Week (April), European Sustainable Development Week (June), Tour de France Agir Ensemble (November). Among the numerous emblematic projects carried out are a project to help students improve waste management on campus, backed up by the setting up of an ambitious waste collection and selective sorting system.

The 5th edition of the SD contest led by the University of Toulouse, in partnership with the Banque des Territoires, Crous Toulouse Occitanie, the Occitanie regional council and the CASDEN – together with new recruits MGEN and MAIF –, will offer an increased incentive of €8,000 to reward projects that seek to improve well-being on campus.

TOULOUSE CAMPUS,
KEY FIGURES

€75 M: total amount of current building projects

30 000 m²: total real estate surface area undergoing building work

10 000 m²: land available for construction of the International City of Researchers, located rue des 36 Ponts
Development of the University of Toulouse

The institution has now been assigned "extended skills and responsibilities" status

Mirroring the changes undertaken by the main higher education stakeholders over the past few years, the University of Toulouse has now been assigned “extended skills and responsibilities” (RCE) status, marking an important new stage in the institution’s structuring process.

Made official via its publication in the French government’s Journal Officiel on 4 September 2018, the RCE qualification process began back in June 2017, when the application file was submitted, demonstrating the institution’s ability to uphold the functions inherent to RCE status. The application was examined by inspectors from the Ministry of Education and Research, who delivered a favourable verdict in late 2017. An agreement in principle was then issued by the Ministry in spring 2018. The final stage was approval from the Ministry of Finance, obtained in August 2018.

As a result, the institution now manages payroll for its civil servants, which gives it greater autonomy and freedom to act quickly as regards recruitments. This increased autonomy is reflected in new control procedures, involving in particular certification of accounts.

The awarding of RCE status is a powerful endorsement of the way the institution’s support functions are structured and the high quality of its Human Resources, Finance, Legal and Accounting departments. This step reflects the government’s confidence in our administrative services and paves the way for discussions and pooling of resources with other “RCE” institutions within the site.

€4.2 M: annual budget allocated by the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation to the University of Toulouse for payroll duties related to the 63 civil servant positions currently assigned to the institution.
JANUARY - FEBRUARY

19 JAN

Signing of a Strategic Pact with Toulouse Métropole

As part of their commitment to Economic Development, Innovation and Promotion of the Greater Toulouse area, Philippe Raimbault, President of the University of Toulouse and Jean-Luc Mou-denc, President of Toulouse Métropole and Mayor of Toulouse, signed a Strategic Pact for the 2018-2020 period. This pact aims to reinforce joint dialogue and actions between the two partners, demonstrate the University’s integration into the wider city and restate the Métropole’s proactive support for and participation in University life.

30 JAN

MT180: final round for the Toulouse Education Authority

Organised by the University of Toulouse, the Doctorate School and the CNRS Midi-Pyrénées delegation, the final of the Toulouse Education Authority’s “My Thesis in 180 seconds” contest was held at the heart of the science district, at the Sorano theatre. The driving concept behind the MT180 contest, launched in France by CNRS and the University Presidents’ Conference, is to draw attention to future key figures in the world of research, by making specialist scientific topics accessible to the general public.

15 FEB

Partnership with the Occitanie Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Languedoc-Roussillon ComUE for student entrepreneurship

The University of Toulouse has signed a partnership agreement with the Occitanie Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Languedoc-Roussillon ComUE to promote student entrepreneurship and economic growth within the Occitanie region, with the aim of: raising awareness, training and supporting student entrepreneurs in Occitanie. The project has set itself a series of objectives: to structure cooperation between higher education and economic stakeholders at departmental and regional level, to identify and encourage business leaders to offer their support to student entrepreneurs and to analyse the results obtained in order to take the necessary steps to ensure they meet the objectives set for 2020-2021.
The University of Toulouse partners up with the CHU to plan the way healthcare will look in the future

Philippe Raimbault, President of the University of Toulouse, and Anne Ferrer, acting Managing Director of the Toulouse University Hospital, signed a partnership agreement for a 4-year period. This partnership, which brings together public healthcare and higher education, research and innovation, strengthens existing cooperative actions (research, training) and reinforces other essential issues such as healthcare for students and staff.

The University of Toulouse gets down to business: work - future - training (TAF)

The University of Toulouse took part in the TAF (Work - Future - Training) fair held on 21 and 22 March 2018, to promote the range of training courses available and its dedicated website, its mobility schemes with Mouv’Box, student entrepreneurship and the Welcome Desk services. Organised by the Occitanie / Pyrénées-Méditerranée regional council, the goal of the TAF fair is to give each visitor the opportunity to find out more about the courses on offer, map out a career path or retrain in sectors that offer good employment prospects. Identified as the gateway to higher education and research, the University of Toulouse stand was selected as a stopping point for the delegation of elected representatives visiting the fair.

2nd Student Life Forum

Students from the University of Toulouse and the higher education institutions were invited to take part in the 2nd edition of the Student Life Forum, which aims to enrich and co-construct an action plan to improve the daily life of students. The goal of this day is to gather input from students: their needs, wishes, daily life, ideas for student life in the years to come. This second get-together is tied to the ambitions of the “Student life improvement” project championed by the University of Toulouse.

A new tool for the vote of students: a secure online platform

The term of office of the PhD students and students representatives on the Board of University of Toulouse was renewed in April 2018. The Board defines the institutional policy, approves the budget and controls its implementation. The voting students and PhD students were given the opportunity to use the secure online platform. The electronic ballot boxes, which are currently very scarce at the national scale, have been used on the Toulouse academic site for the first time. This new device fulfills the objectives of University of Toulouse consisting of fostering conditions of study as well as international mobility. These actions have been implemented for and with the students. They contribute to the attractiveness of Toulouse as one of the best national place to study in.
13 APR

Official launch of the aCCeSS crossborder cooperation project for Spain / France / Andorra

The aCCeSS project, a Crossborder CoopErAtion for Smart Specialisation, selected as part of the regional cooperation operational programme involving Spain-France-Andorra (POCTEFA), was officially launched at the Maison de la Recherche et de la Valorisation run by the University of Toulouse on 13 April 2018.

15 MAY

1st «Curieuse visite curieuse» of the year

The first «Curieuse visite curieuse» (“curious visit”) of the season took place with medicinal plants as its chosen theme. Supported by the Occitanie, Pyrénées-Méditerranée regional council, these visits are usually offered during major cultural events such as the European Heritage Days or National Science Day.

17 MAY

Inter-institutional Day devoted to international mobility

During this event, which targeted students travelling during the first half of the 2018-2019 academic year, the Mouv’Box scheme and its 4 stages of support - information, funding, preparation and promotion - were presented, backed up by presentations by So Toulouse, Erasmus Student Network and Oohee, a startup that puts expatriates in contact with businesses in France to carry out paid temporary assignments via a wage portage scheme.

28 MAY

University of Toulouse participated in the 3rd Mexican Research and Innovation Forum

MUFRAMEX (Maison Universitaire Franco-Mexicaine) organised a five-day mission to Mexico, from 28 May to 1 June 2018. Philippe Raimbault, President of the University of Toulouse. The high point of the visit was our participation in the 3rd France-Mexico Research and Innovation Forum, organised jointly by the French Embassy in Mexico, the Ministry for European and Foreign Affairs (MEAE), the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MESRI) and the National Science and Technology Council (CONACyT).

1 JUNE

Children’s scientific congress on the theme of exploring the solar system

For the 9th year running, the Cité de l’Espace organised the Children’s Scientific Congress. Over 400 pupils aged between 9 and 11 from Toulouse, Vaulx-en-Velin and Les Mureaux came to present their projects based on the theme “Exploring the solar system” to their peers.
June

4 JUNE

« Aeronautic Program » Summer School

From 4 to 29 June 2018, 16 Mexican students from the Hidalgo Metropolitan Polytechnic University were treated to 100 hours of aeronautics classes and 12 hours of FLE teaching (French as a Foreign Language) as part of the summer school programme. Tours of industrial facilities (Airbus) and tourist sites (Toulouse, Carcassonne, Albi, Cordes, Cité de l’Espace) were organised. The students were also offered the chance to board a 40-minute flight operated by ISAE-SUPAERO (Aeronautics and Space Institute).

5 JUNE

4th edition of the SD EcoCampus awards ceremony

The SD-EcoCampus Contest, run by the University of Toulouse and Caisse des Dépôts since 2014, with backing from the Toulouse Occitanie Crous and CASDEN since 2015, aims to encourage and support sustainable development projects on campuses by the entire Midi-Pyrénées academic community. These projects aim to carry out concrete actions on campuses and research sites, which can be copied and maintained over time. Some key topics include improving social cohesion, diversity, accessibility and solidarity; the development of responsible consumption; preserving natural resources; the fight against food waste; eco-friendly transport and waste reduction.

18 JUNE

University of Toulouse welcomes the first beneficiaries of the Migrant Language Integration scheme - DILAMI

The first beneficiaries of the DILAMI scheme, designed to support asylum seekers eligible for subsidiary protection and refugees already living in Occitanie by guiding them towards social, academic and professional inclusion, were welcomed to the University of Toulouse by its President, Philippe Raimbault, and Guillaume Cros, the Vice-President of the Occitanie Regional Council in charge of European affairs, structural funds, cooperation and development, assessment and forward planning. Since autumn 2017, the University of Toulouse has been offering classes in French as a foreign language, citizenship classes, career guidance and cultural activities designed to help its beneficiaries get settled in France more easily.

22 JUNE

Atouts pour tous (Strengths for all): an online platform to boost the employability of young people with a disability

The Atouts pour tous online platform provides access to internship offers published by private companies, work-study apprenticeship schemes and job offers across the country. It went online officially on 22 June 2018. The platform reflects the commitment of the 15 academic, institutional and economic signatories to the Atouts pour tous agreement to promoting the employment of young people with a disability alongside their able-bodied peers, and helps reinforce the policy of cooperation between schools/universities and businesses.
4 JULY

Assembly of Higher Education Sites in Occitanie

Created in December 2017, the Assembly of Higher Education and Research Sites in Occitanie (ASESRO) was held on 4 July 2018, in Béziers, with eighteen leadership pairs made up of academics and representatives of the local authorities of nine towns other than Toulouse. The leadership pairs, made up of one person from the academic world and another from the local authorities, are tasked with bringing together regional stakeholders to develop collective projects based on themes such as research development, student life and sustainable development.

6 JULY

Inauguration of the scientific heritage project LAB’OC

LAB’OC, a project led by the University of Toulouse to promote our academic heritage, was inaugurated on the La Naïade barge in Port Saint-Sauveur in the presence of the students, researchers, specialists and partners who contributed to its design. This laboratory of scientific heritage offers visitors the chance to embark on a virtual reality voyage aboard a barge and discover some lesser-known facts about the history of the Canal du Midi through its discreet yet long-standing relationship with the scientific world.

9 JULY

Recommendations on the Horizon-Europe Framework programme submitted to Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner

A set of recommendations on the contribution of Toulouse’s higher education and research institutions to the development of the 2021-2027 research and innovation framework programme, Horizon Europe, was submitted to the European Commissioner Carlos Moedas, at the EuroScience Open Forum. The Horizon Europe project, which follows the Europe 2020 project, supports scientific excellence and European competitiveness, and offers answers to some of the challenges facing society. A working group comprising around fifty people, including regional social and economic stakeholders, defined the programme’s ten key measures. The goal of these measures is to strengthen the balance between fundamental research and innovation, support excellence in the field of research and among researchers through the excellence grants awarded by the European Research Council, offer career support to researchers, reinforce ties between science and society by emphasising the importance of making the results of research projects available to the public, and give a more central role to science education via Open Education.

9 JULY

ESOF Toulouse 2018

Between 9 and 14 July 2018, 4,000 people took part in the 8th edition of ESOF (EuroScience Open Forum), the largest interdisciplinary event devoted to science and innovation in Europe, which was held in France for the first time, in Toulouse.
University of Toulouse awarded RCE status - publication in the Journal Officiel -

The University of Toulouse has had “extended skills and responsibilities” (RCE) status since 4 September 2018, the day on which the news was officially published in the Journal Officiel. The process began back in June 2017, with the submission of an application file demonstrating the institution’s ability to carry out the functions inherent to RCE, and ended in August 2018 when agreement was obtained from the Ministry of Finance. The institution is now in charge of managing payroll activities for its civil servants, which gives it greater autonomy and freedom.

Accueil - Welcome Desk passed the 180,000 visitor mark

180,000 visitors (high school students, university students and researchers, from France and abroad) have been offered advice in the 3 years since the Welcome Desk opened. Set up on 1 September 2015, by the University of Toulouse, this service is available year-round to students, researchers and staff from higher education and research institutions in Toulouse and its region. They are invited to come and ask any questions they have directly to staff of the Haute-Garonne Prefecture, the Toulouse local education authority, the Haute-Garonne Family Allocations Office (CAF) and the Toulouse - Occitanie branch of Crous, in a 300 sq.m area entirely devoted to their needs. From time to time they are joined by other partners (Tisséo transport service, SNCF rail company, CPAM social security office, etc.).

DISRUPT’CAMPUS: entrepreneurship and innovation to support the digital transformation

Disrupt’Campus Toulouse is one of the winners of the national call for projects launched by the French Ministry of the Economy and Finance and the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation in April 2017. The scheme was launched officially on 27 September, at the University of Toulouse, in the presence of Philippe Raimbault, President of the University of Toulouse; Corinne Mascala, President of the Université Toulouse 1 Capitole; Richard Laganier, stand-in administrator of the Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès; and Jean-Pierre Vinel, President of the Université Toulouse III - Paul Sabatier.

9th European Researchers’ Night: 1 night for 1001 stories

During the night of 28 September 2018, in Toulouse and Albi, over 250 researchers from the University of Toulouse offered the public a night of relaxed, open discussions about their research work and their profession in general. This night-time immersion in the world of science, based on the theme of “1001 stories”, made possible by the event’s researchers and partners, took the form of storytelling, games, short plays, anecdotes and riddles. European Researchers’ Night is a free event, open to everyone aged 7 and above, which is held in around one hundred European cities and 12 cities in France: Albi, Angers, Besançon, Bordeaux, Brest, Dijon, Le Mans, Limoges, Marseille, Paris, Toulouse and Saint-Denis de la Réunion.
France-Germany fortnight: integrated courses and support to promote mobility among young researchers

As part of the first France-Germany fortnight in Occitanie, held between 14 September and 3 October 2018, the University of Toulouse and the University...

5th edition of the PÉPITE prize: student entrepreneurs rewarded

Eight student projects from the Toulouse education authority were rewarded on 3 October 2018, as part of the national Prix Tremplin Pépite prize for student entrepreneurship and its i-Lab scheme, which celebrated its 20-year anniversary and aims to support the creation of innovative startups and foster an entrepreneurial mindset. Among the 8 regional prizewinners, 4 were rewarded at national level.

Launch of the “Build an Aspie-Friendly University” project

From 8 to 10 October 2018, over 200 people got together to launch the “Build an Aspie-Friendly University” project and define the first actions to be undertaken by higher education to improve the way young people with specific educational needs, such as people suffering from different forms of autism, are integrated.

Texas University: partnership to promote research

On 8 October 2018, during a visit by an American delegation to Toulouse, a cooperation agreement was signed between the University of Texas in San Antonio (UTSA) and the University of Toulouse. This agreement will create opportunities to develop research partnerships in diverse areas ranging from cybersecurity, materials and microbiology to infectious diseases and neuroscience.

13th edition of Student Week

Every year, the University of Toulouse organises Student Week, a regional event devoted to welcoming and integrating students. In 2018, almost one hundred free events in 11 university towns within the Toulouse education authority took place in the most unifying areas of student life: sport, associations, the arts and scientific culture.
NOVEMBER

5 NOV

International seminar: From High School to University

20 researchers, including six from Mexico, were given the opportunity to discuss the challenges facing students making the transition from high school to higher education during the international “From High School to University” seminar held between 5 and 7 November 2018. In response to a request from the Director of the Interdisciplinary Programme on the educational policies and practices of the Mexican Centre for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE), a France-Mexican network of researchers in the field of educational policies was set up with the University of Toulouse and MUFRAMESX.

6 NOV

AI: Toulouse pre-selected for its interdisciplinary institute project

The ANITI (Artificial and Natural Intelligence Toulouse Institute) project, led by the University of Toulouse, was pre-selected by an international jury on 6 November 2018, as part of a call for expressions of interest in building a network of interdisciplinary institutes dedicated to artificial intelligence (3IA). The future Toulouse-based institute, christened ANITI, will bring together research, applications and training in artificial intelligence in the fields of transport (autopilots, autonomous vehicles, etc.), the environment (remote sensing, etc.) and healthcare (cancer detection, medical follow-up care, etc.). ANITI’s ambition is to develop a new generation of artificial intelligence known as hybrid, to double the number of graduates in artificial intelligence by 2023, and to create around forty academic chairs and a graduate school.

13 NOV

SIA platform: a new space providing support for teaching initiatives

Flipped classrooms, learning labs, SPOC, MOOC and more... To foster the emergence and spread of new teaching initiatives, the University of Toulouse has set up an online space for discussing and sharing ideas: the SIA platform. Developed with backing from the MiPINES (teaching and digital mission for higher education) and funding from the French government’s “investing in the future” programme, it provides a forum via which the teaching community in France - and in Occitanie in particular - can reflect collectively on how to try out pilot teaching practices, their implementation, extension and future changes.

22 NOV

Continuous education forum

The University of Toulouse organised an event to promote continuous education on 22 November 2018. This free fair targeted businesses, employees, job seekers and students with a work/study contract. Philippe Raimbault, President of the University of Toulouse, opened the day by underscoring the fact that “continuous education in higher education is a crucial issue for our region, with close ties to the social and economic sectors.”
CER: accreditation from the Office for human research protection

The Research Ethics Committee (CER) is a supervisory body which guarantees the ethical application of research protocols involving human beings. On 27 November 2018, the University of Toulouse’s CER was certified by the Institutional Review Board (IRB). This means that all projects signed by the CER-UT are IRB-certified - a mandatory prerequisite to publication in scientific journals - and are eligible for international calls for projects. The Research Ethics Committee consists in having a supervisory body which is capable of giving an informed opinion on research protocols.

Tarbes: a new venue for Explorer get-togethers

On 5 December 2018, the Explorer scientific group met for the first time at a new venue in Tarbes. The Explorer get-togethers are events during which researchers from universities, engineering schools and research organisations in all fields of study located within the Toulouse education authority present the results of their work and share their passion for research with the public, along with the various aspects of their profession. The goals of these Explorer events are to bridge the gap between scientists and all science novices (or people who are simply curious to know more) and provide fairer access to science and culture for all citizens within the Occitanie / Pyrénées-Méditerranée region.

Launch of a new network: Toulouse Doctors’ Alumni

A PhD is the highest level of qualification offered by higher education institutions, and is treated with special care by the member institutions of the University of Toulouse. With the aim of reinforcing this qualification, they launched the Toulouse Doctors’ Alumni group on LinkedIn in December 2018. In order to boost the actions undertaken by the Université de Toulouse and offer PhD graduates a better service, this space for dialogue and exchange helps its members make the most of the professional experience and specific training that constitute a PhD degree. More than 1,000 members signed up within the first month, from a range of professional and academic backgrounds. They receive a newsletter which provides information via alumni profiles, interviews with recruiters and audio interviews, and are also invited to attend events to put them in contact with other members of the network: afterwork events and workshops held once a month on average.
University of Toulouse gathers 23 higher education institutions, 1 University Hospital and 7 national research organizations

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