

# Overview of the event 'UK France Data Summit 2017'

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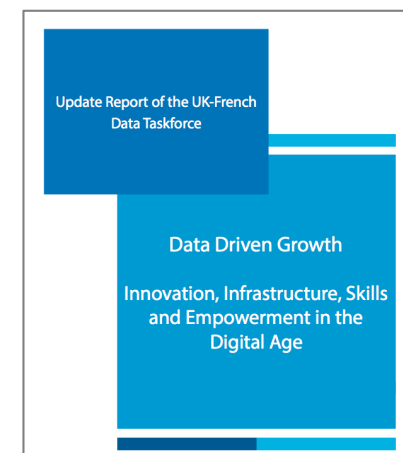
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## Background information

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- George Osborne (ex-UK Financial Minister) and Emmanuel Macron (ex-French Economy Minister) announced the creation of a new joint UK France Data Task Force in July 2015
- The objectives of the Task Force included to support the digital sector and enhance UK-France cooperation on open data
- UK France Taskforce on Data Innovation was commissioned to produce a [report](#), published in November 2016, on the data economy and the opportunities for collaboration between the two countries

**The first annual UK France Data Summit took place in the UK on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017**



# UK France Data Summit event

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- The aim of the event ‘UK France Data Summit’ was to:
  - Discover how the leading practitioners from government and industry are using data
  - Understand how they plan to tackle future challenges
- This enabled data innovators to meet, network and discuss the opportunities and future challenges with policy makers that are committed to increasing data driven innovation
- Keynotes included:
  - **Matt Hancock**, Minister of State for Digital and Culture Policy at Department for Culture Media & Sport
  - **Axelle Lemaire**, French Minister of State for Digital Affairs and Innovation (known as “Lady Data”)



## UK France Data Summit sessions

- ▶ Sessions included a view from the industry, an exploration of data ethics, an analysis of which sectors can make more use of data and how the data infrastructure can be further strengthened in each country
- ▶ Example of the organisations which participated in the event



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## Keynote overview: Axelle Lemaire (1/2)

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- The French Minister of State for Digital Affairs and Innovation, Axelle Lemaire was welcomed by Matt Hancock and offered a framed present ‘Treaty of Peace, Alliance and Trade’
- The French National Digital Security Strategy [report](#) launched in October 2015 was mentioned. It is designed to support the digital transition in French society
- The focus of the speech was mainly on public data, with the aim to:
  - Make public data available to all and develop open data strategies
  - Importance of “free flow of data” - despite the challenges around Brexit and other potential barriers
  - Develop support systems for public data
  - Publish public data from various industries, e.g. transport, energy (e.g. consumption data), banking industry, etc.

## Keynote overview: Axelle Lemaire (2/2)

- Specifically focusing on the banking industry, Axelle Lemaire mentioned “in France, we are not good at marketing, we did not know that we already have open banking standards, similar to the UK”
- There was a reference to the UK France Data Task Force, working on different topics including open banking standards, through open API – “these open API will be available in France in 2018”
- The aim is to learn from the UK Open Banking experience

### Extract from the UK-France Data Task Force report



#### 2. DATA INFRASTRUCTURE

*Objective : Make using and exchanging data easier.*

**Recommendation : Develop the use of API's in the data economy, learning from the UK Open Banking experience.**

APIs are the nervous system of the 21st century. To that extent, we need to encourage and collaborate on common open APIs in sectors of shared importance. As commerce moves across country borders, how we exchange and access data must be fluid too. The UK has already begun work on an Open Banking Standard for the consumer banking sector. This work should be expanded on.

#### Possible action

##### Short-term action:

Explore lessons learnt from open source and open API projects for storing and exchanging personal data, including Cozy Cloud in France (a personal secured cloud service) and the UK Open Banking Group (open APIs for exchange of personal data between service providers). Projects like these could be used to develop recommendations around open source, open APIs and open standards in other UK and French sectors.

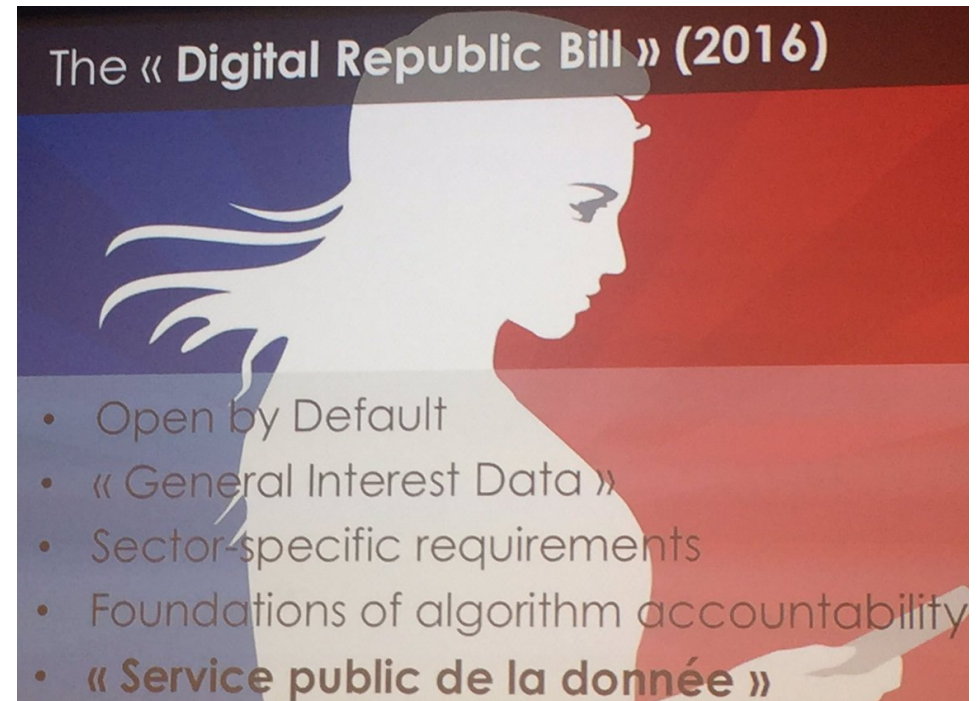
##### Longer-term action:

Commit funding to three to five open standards setting and technology-developing projects designed to enable more efficient sharing within sectors, inside and outside government. Funding would support the appointment of a coordinating entity for each project who will convene key stakeholders (businesses, start-ups, government departments) within a sector to solve a common data sharing problem.

As well as supporting the administration of each project, funding would go towards developing policies and standards, coordinating events, developing and testing technical solutions, and driving implementation of new standards. For example, a two year concrete project looking to act on the recommendations of the UK's Open Banking Working Group and market analysis undertaken by the UK's Competition & Markets Authority would be tasked deliver open APIs for the consumer banking sector. It would also be important to facilitate further work on the legal aspects of data exchange between UK and French enterprises.

## Presentation of Laure Lucchesi, director of Etalab

- One of the topics of focus was the “Digital Republic Bill” (2016)
- In October 2016, the French Digital Republic Act came into force, following a year of discussions to amend laws regulating digital economy in France
- The Bill in 5 key points:
  - Open by default: all data will be open and available
  - “General Interest Data”: all providers offering public services will be required to share data
  - Sector specific requirements (e.g. health, transport, etc.)
  - Foundations of algorithm accountability
  - “Service public de la donnée”



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## EDC's point of view

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- Amongst European countries, the UK and France seem to be at the forefront of work in data innovation and data use
- UK is one of the leaders developing initiatives linked to open source and open API projects, including the UK Open Banking
  - France could learn and identify the UK best practices to be implemented and launched to develop open banking and use APIs that enable third party developers to build applications and services around a financial institution
- France seems to be catching up quickly and developing initiatives related to open data and API in various sectors such as energy, transport but much less in the banking space (this is to be confirmed)
- The decision related to the Brexit might slow down or challenge the initiatives suggested by the UK France Task Force, especially when it comes to funding