CNR in figures

Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche

1 **Italy's largest** research organisation for staff engaged in scientific activity

>9,300

51% Men **49% Women**

Gender balance

CNR counts over 9,371 employees, of whom **8,538** form its **scientific community**

58%
researchers

7 Departments

- Physical sciences and technologies of matter
- Earth system science and environmental technologies
- Biomedical sciences
- Engineering, ICT and technologies for energy and transportation
- Social sciences and humanities, cultural heritage
- Chemical sciences and materials technology
- Biology, agriculture and food sciences

83
Research Institutes

233
Extensive network of research institutes and laboratories nationwide

144
Facilities within the university network

31
Research units hosted by third parties

3
Permanent research bases at the Poles

1
Oceanographic vessel «Gaia Blu»

340
Patent families

65
Spin-Off Enterprises

320
Collaborations
Memoranda of Understanding, Framework Agreements and Bilateral Agreements between CNR **and other national and international** public and private organisations

CNR actively engages with **society** through numerous outreach initiatives dedicated to the public at large, including **interactive scientific exhibitions**, exhibits at leading Italian and international science centers, conferences, and dissemination events.
Recent exhibitions, including "Anthropocene. The Earth on Fire", "Aquae. The Future Lies in the Ocean", and "Arctic. An Interactive Journey to the North Pole", highlight strategic research themes for the organisation.
The **113** exhibitions produced so far have attracted approximately
1,100,000 visitors

The organisation's records also include that of the first domain name registered in Italy): **cnuce.cnr.it**, which was registered in Pisa in 1987. Since then, CNR has managed and maintained the activities of .it domains through **Registro.it**, the official registry of Italian domain names.

2024 Total Budget*
€ 1.377.808.306,63

47%
Third-party funding

*source General Financial Statement 2024, total income

The organisation also carries out a wide range of science communication activities aimed particularly at **schools**. The catalogue **"CNR goes to school"** gathers over 150 multidisciplinary initiatives developed by the scientific network. It is an easy-to-use guide for teachers that enables them to select activities by geographical area, type of initiative, topic and educational level.

In this context, among the activities aimed at building and sustaining collaborations with civil society, CNR has a strong commitment to **Citizen Science (CS)** as a way to strengthen an open and constructive dialogue with the cultural, social, and economic fabric of diverse communities.
Since 2023, CNR has launched the **CNR Award for Citizen Science – Guglielmo Marconi Library**, recognising projects that actively engage citizens and adhere as closely as possible to the 10 Principles of Citizen Science defined by the European Citizen Science Association (ECSA).

Sources:
"Integrated Plan for Activities and Organisation (PIAO) 2026-2028"
"General Financial Statement 2024"

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