

France's Tiers-Lieux Network — Scaling Rural Coworking and Third Places Nationwide

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Quality score: 76/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

France's state-backed 'tiers-lieux' network grew from ~1,800 third places in 2018 to 3,500 in 2023 (target 5,000 by 2025), with 407 'Fabriques de territoire' hubs funded €62m and a third of sites in rural areas.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

[Agence Nationale de la Cohésion des Territoires \(ANCT\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

[ANCT tiers-lieux programme page](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

[REGION journal: Remote and connected — rural coworking in France](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

[France Tiers-Lieux Observatory data](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

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