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Inauguration of the modernised Banque de France site in Poitiers

On Wednesday 30 May 2018, François Villeroy de Galhau, Governor of the Banque de France, inaugurated the modernised Banque de France site in Poitiers, in the presence of Patrick Berger, Regional Director of Nouvelle-Aquitaine, Philippe Jeannel, Administrative Centres Director, and Jean-Jacques Joantéguy, Departmental Director of Poitiers.

Located in the Hauts Montgorges district, this site hosts on the same premises the departmental branch of Vienne and a number of decentralised services of the Bank's head office. This restructuring is part of the Banque de France's modernisation plan, which aims to adapt the organisation of its activities to new technological and organisational developments, while maintaining a strong local presence throughout France, in order to best meet the needs of the community.

Keeping some of the decentralised services of the Bank's head office at the Poitiers site illustrates the willingness of the Banque de France to retain a strong and lasting local presence. Offering these services on the same site as the departmental branch will promote exchanges between the units processing in particular overindebtedness and company rating applications and those managing, at the national level, databases on household indebtedness and payment incidents and the central credit register.

The organisation and working environment were also redesigned in order to offer better conditions for welcoming users and a better working setting for staff. In this context, the Bank's staff intends to strengthen its ties with business leaders, local economic policymakers, or players in the education or social sectors.

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