

MANIFESTO FOR JOBS & GROWTH



For over 140 years, the French Chamber in Great Britain has fostered business and political partnerships. This manifesto outlines priorities to strengthen Franco-British ties and drive mutual economic growth.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer's new government has committed to delivering growth and economic renewal. The government's ambitious program aligns with the Franco-British business community's priorities, sharing a commitment to growth.

France's Strategic Impact:



- **Trade Volume:** In 2023, trade between Britain and France reached **£105.3 billion**, making France Britain's 4th largest trading partner.
- **Sector Leadership:** French companies in Britain lead in energy, financial services, infrastructure, pharmaceuticals, food, luxury, and retail.
- **Strategic cooperation:** Both nations share mutual interests in defense, support for Ukraine, international security, mobility, and scientific collaboration.

Role of the French Chamber:



- **Network Mobilisation:** Brings together the resources of a network of senior leaders and experts from French companies in Britain.
- **Diplomatic Relationships:** Maintains strong relationships with French and British embassies, governments, and parliamentarians, through formal dialogues like the [UK-France Business Forum](#).

PRIORITIES FOR GROWTH



Improve Britain's trade and investment relationship with France and the EU

- **Alignment of Strategic Priorities:** Focus on areas of strategic mutual interest such as defence, energy security and transition, and international trade agreements.
- **TCA 2026 Review:** Maximise the opportunity created by the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) 2026 review to improve the efficiency of borders and customs procedures.



Strengthen cooperation on defence and security on the threats we face

- **Defence Integration:** Build on France and Britain's long history of defence collaboration to strengthen our defence sectors to address current and future security challenges.



Build a sustainable and affordable energy supply

- **Low Carbon Energy:** Collaboration on low-carbon technologies such as hydrogen, offshore wind, and carbon capture.
- **Infrastructure:** Cooperation on critical infrastructure projects and electricity interconnection.
- **Transport:** Cooperation to decarbonizing transport through zero-emission maritime routes and Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF).



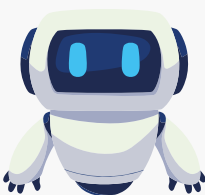
Reform the immigration and skills system to create the workers for growth

- **Visa System:** Make the visa system more affordable, flexible, and efficient.
- **Business Travellers:** Remove unnecessary visa constraints on business travelers.
- **Youth Mobility Program:** Implement a program allowing French and EU individuals to work in Britain for a set period.



Support the tourism and hospitality sector in creating more jobs and driving growth

- **Border Technology:** Implement standardized border technology across Europe to enhance security and ease cross-border travel.
- **Tax-Free Incentives:** Develop new tax-free incentives with businesses to attract tourists to Britain.



Place new technology at the core of Britain's industrial strategy

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** Collaborate with businesses and the French government to ensure the 2025 AI Action Summit outcomes boost business confidence in AI while minimizing risks.