

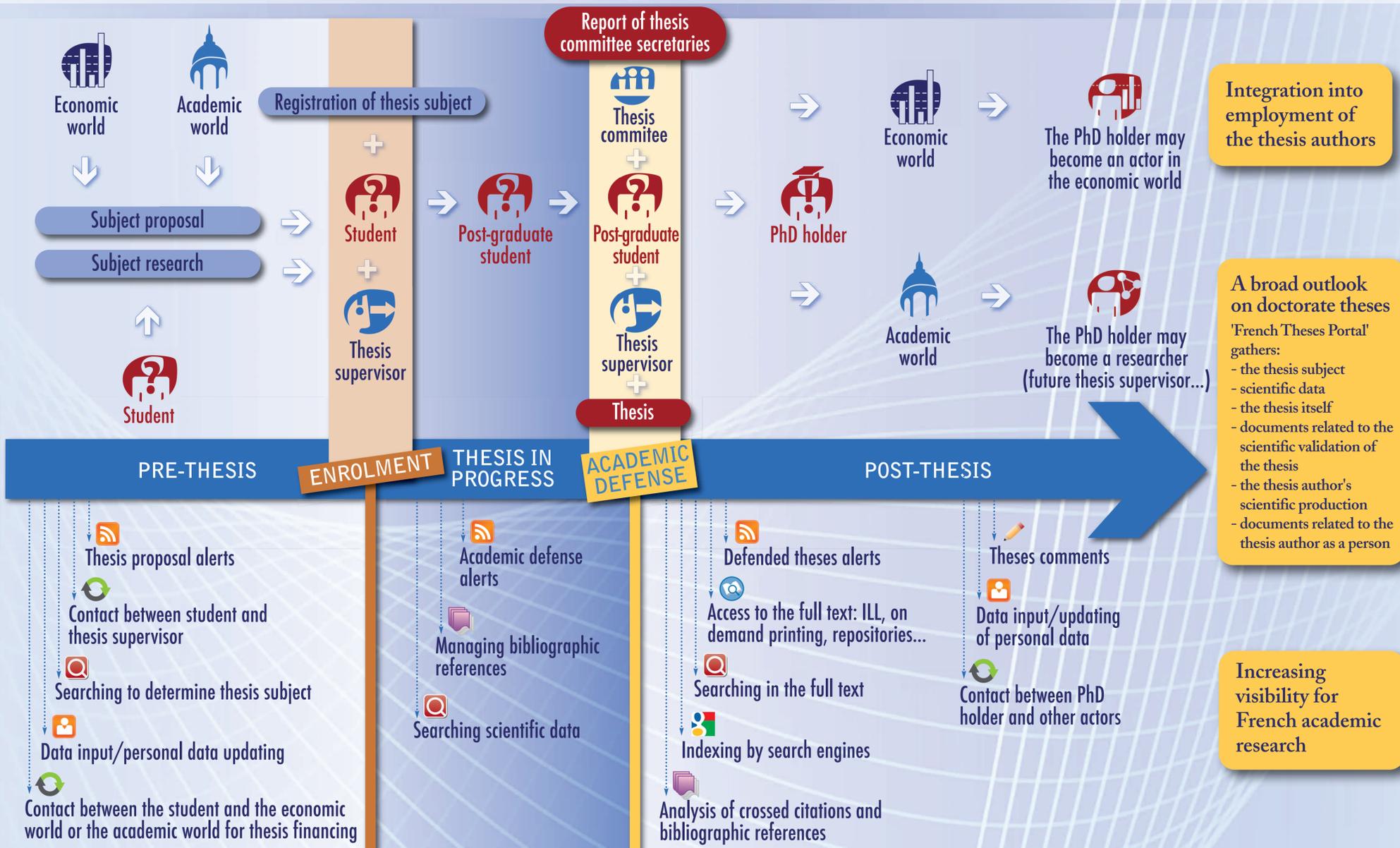
French Theses Portal

Why ?

A project of the French Ministry for Higher Education and Research, implemented by the Bibliographic Agency for Higher Education (ABES), the 'French Theses Portal':

- gathers data related to theses undertaken in France
 - takes the whole life-cycle of a thesis into account, from the initial registration of the thesis subject, to promotion of the diploma
 - gives easier access to the document (when it is available), independent from its form (printed, online or microfiched)
- The 'French Theses Portal' is a complementary tool to local and national existing systems. It meets the needs of both the academic and the economic worlds. Its logic develops around the following ideas:

→ 'French Theses Portal' perimeter: thesis life-cycle, actors, services



French context

→ a 25-year-old national system for registering the legal deposits of doctorate theses managed by ABES through two applications: 'Sudoc', the national and academic union catalogue, which describes and locates all theses defended in France since 1985 'STAR', a national system for registering the legal

deposits of online doctorate theses. Since 2006, 'STAR' has been dealing with access and long-term preservation. 'STAR' is connected with local or national repositories to facilitate e-theses diffusion. → an ad hoc metadata set for describing online theses: TEF (Metadata for French e-Theses) <http://www.abes.fr/abes/documents/tef/index.html>

→ various institutional and thematic repositories providing access to online theses (Cybertheses, TEL-HAL...)

'French Theses Portal' completes the national system and interconnects many initiatives.

→ How 'French Theses Portal' stands in the web

