Introduction
The “Law” PFR will be co-constructed by the law faculties of Lyon 3 and Saint-Étienne to form the Law School as soon as the Target University is in place.

Comprising the training courses, research units and internal structures of the law faculties currently under the control of the Lyon 3 and Saint-Étienne universities and of the Centre for Critical Legal Research (UMR 5137 “Cercrid” Centre de Recherches Critiques sur le Droit), the Target University’s Law School will regroup two components:

- the Lyon Institute of Law (Institut de droit de Lyon) (art. L. 713-9 of the French Code of Education), which will be called the “Lyon Faculty of Law” (Faculté de droit de Lyon); and
- the Law training and research unit of Saint-Étienne (UFR Droit de Saint-Étienne), which will be named the “Saint-Étienne Faculty of Law” (Faculté de droit de Saint-Étienne).

It will bring together:
- 12,400 students;
- 80 BIATSS staff members; and
- around 190 professor positions, primarily in the following CNU sections (Conseil National des Universités, French National Council of Universities):
  - group I: private law (01), public law (02), history of law (03), political science (04);
  - group II: economics (05), management science (06);
  - group III: English and Anglo-Saxon languages and literature (11); and
  - group IV: history and civilisations (22).

It will be located on two sites:
- Lyon, which has several locations itself: Bourg-en-Bresse, Manufacture des tabacs/Quais, Gerland; and
- Saint-Étienne.

The Law School will be multidisciplinary in its composition and will offer demanding and ambitious training and research activities in the following key fields: law, management of health and social organisations, international relations, Francophone studies, security, defence and strategic studies.

The Law School will promote, at all levels, the most advanced interaction between training, research activities and professional circles and will develop a policy of international openness for its research and training courses. It will develop a network of training courses and scientific exchange partnerships that is already very dense and will work to further strengthen its relevance and responsiveness to the needs of the French Law Council (Conseil national du droit) and of professionals in terms of both training and research. It will also monitor, through specific indicators, the quality of its training and research with regard to the major challenges facing society and its development.

The PFR’s ambition: training, research, international focus
The Law School will group together all Target University courses in the relevant disciplinary fields. It will develop a highly demanding training programme, based on an indivisible package, continuous from the 1st to the 5th year, and a general training foundation employing a progressive professionalisation approach on its two campuses in Lyon and Saint-Étienne, as well as abroad. In
addition to its initial study programme of national degrees, it will offer a wide range of continuing and professional training and numerous university degrees and diplomas.

Solid, specialised training in a specific discipline, from undergraduate level onwards, is essential to best prepare students for the requirements of the various recruitment methods and the highly selective competitive entry process for the legal professions. Accordingly, the Law School’s training courses will not fall within the remit of the University Undergraduate School (EU1C), either from a pedagogical or an administrative point of view. However, transition points will be put in place with the latter to facilitate the reorientation of students.

With the support of the Target University and existing national systems, the Law School will attach particular importance to undergraduate studies, which are the main and natural entry point for legal studies. It will take into account the heterogeneity of the student population by proposing study arrangements that promote success in all its forms (school for success, law college “École Réussite, Collège de droit”) and will strive to attract the best baccalaureate holders, both through the academic recognition of the quality of its training and through its study programme, which will include high-level selective courses, in particular double degrees and international courses (College of Europe, “Collège européen de droit”). From the first year of the Bachelor’s degree, most of the teaching will be provided by professors. In accordance with the French national rules for undergraduate degrees, the Law School will ensure that students only move up to the 2nd year of their degree if they have a sufficient level to pursue higher legal studies. A selection will also be made at the beginning of the Master’s cycle.

To meet the specific needs of professionals, the Law School will also offer high quality face-to-face and distance continuing education, as well as a professional relations department designed to maintain the vitality of its networks and create an efficient alumni network.

Research activities, effective in both Saint-Étienne and Lyon, will be conducted by seven research units, including one joint research unit (UMR), as well as by several Chairs combining teaching and research as closely as possible.

In line with the scientific policy defined within the Law School, intensive individual and collective research will be carried out in each of its disciplinary fields. Research will also be conducted in a transdisciplinary manner within the PFR (law and health structures, for example) and outside the PFR (with research laboratories affiliated to other Target University PFRs). Existing collaborations, in particular with the UMR and the various research structures (CNRS, LABEX, MSH laboratories etc.) will be maintained and intensified, as will the participation of research units in national and international calls for projects. To achieve its ambitions, the Law School will implement rigorous recruitment procedures and will devote a significant part of its resources to its research units and their outreach, while encouraging them to benefit from the support of the IDEXLYON project.

The Law School will pursue an international development strategy in terms of both its training and its research activities. In general, it will strive to transmit a strong culture of openness to the world to its students, in particular through the teaching of comparative law and foreign law in addition to foreign languages. An active policy of inviting foreign professors will be pursued. Incoming and outgoing international student mobility will be strongly encouraged. The creation of a European law college is also envisaged. The Law School will offer national and university degrees abroad, particularly in Southeast Asia, the Middle East, South America and Africa, which will be open to local students, but also to any student interested in a foreign experience. The Law School will also present an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree project.
The Law School will continue its quality approach with international and high-level doctoral training in order to award international doctoral degrees of excellence, financed and delivered within the timescale corresponding to the canons of the discipline.

**Partnerships**

In addition to the importance it attaches to international partnerships, the Law School will aim to maintain and further establish the role of actor in the socio-economic development of the Lyon Saint-Étienne region currently played by its constituent faculties with the legal, business and administrative worlds. Professionals will contribute to the teaching and will in turn have access to a comprehensive range of continuing education opportunities. Major events will be organised with the key local professional bodies, such as the Lyon and Saint-Étienne Bars, the regional council of notaries (conseil régional des notaires), notaries’ chambers, the Rhône-Alpes Bar School (École des avocats Rhône-Alpes), the courts of appeal and regional courts.

The Law School will also seek to develop strong links with the other PFRs of the Target University, in terms of both training and research, by mobilising multi- and transdisciplinary resources (economics, management, health, history, sociology, engineering, etc.).

**Governance of the PFR**

The Law School will bring together the two law faculties of Lyon and of Saint-Étienne. In keeping with the identity and skills of its constituent faculties and their boards, the purpose of the Law School will be to develop joint projects for these faculties, both in training and research.

The Law School will be headed by a director assisted by a deputy director. In order to avoid too great a dispersion of responsibilities and of the PFR’s activities, the director of the Law School will be one of the two deans and the deputy director the other dean.

The management committee will be composed of the director (a member of the Target University’s COMEX) and the deputy director, a director of research and a director of education. Other members may, if necessary, be appointed by the director with due regard for regional balance.

Regional balance will also be taken into account in the composition of the Law School board. It will include elected members (professors, BIATSS staff and students from the Lyon and Saint-Étienne law faculties), members from the socio-economic and legal world and from the administration representing the two regions. If necessary, it may also include ex officio members. The dean of the Saint-Étienne Law School will participate in the governance of the Saint-Étienne campus.

The PFR’s board will exercise the powers defined in Volume 1, Section 2.2.1. The dean of each faculty will have a right of veto over decisions made by the PFR’s board on any item falling within his faculty. In the event of a veto, the PFR’s director will propose arbitration after consultation, if necessary with the PFR’s board and the COMEX. If no solution is found, a conflict resolution procedure will be put in place.

On questions relating to careers and the recruitment of professors, the board will meet in restricted format with professors only. In terms of recruitment, the Law School will be committed to the national model, relying in particular on the role of the CNU.

The Law School will have a budget defined by the Target University based on a multiyear “objectives and resources contract” (COM) and may also benefit from its own income stemming from its activities. It will conduct an internal management dialogue while respecting the identities of its faculties. In
addition to their funding, the faculties will receive their own revenue related to their respective training and research activities (in particular revenue from continuing training, university enrolment fees, apprenticeship tax, work-study contracts, research chairs and contracts).

Campus and student life

The Law School will pursue a campus policy: it will define a study programme that takes into consideration the needs and the national and international attractiveness of each of its campuses and the willingness to offer the entire curriculum in both regions. It will be necessary to organise reciprocal access to the service offers of both campuses, as well as to the shared digital resources. The Law School will also support student projects on each of its campuses.

Many actions for students are already in place, developed with the aim of promoting a rich and diverse student life, a factor for success, including assisting all student association structures. Events open to the city, and involving student participation, will be scheduled. A legal clinic will be available on the Lyon and Saint-Étienne campuses.