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"We are going to devote a billion euros to the nuclear programme of the future, particularly fourth-generation technology," Sarkozy told a news conference, reviewing the government's "big loan" stimulus lending programme.

"We are also going to release substantial resources from the big loan to strengthen research in the sphere of [nuclear safety](#)," he added.

France produces most of its energy from nuclear power. Some countries, notably its EU neighbour Germany, have rejected nuclear power after the Fukushima reactor disaster in Japan.

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