CÔTE D’AZUR: JOIN THE DIGITAL ELITE

NICE, ÉCO-VALLÉE, SOPHIA ANTIPOLIS, CANNES, GRASSE
A highly desirable place to live and work, Côte d'Azur is a magnet for engineers and entrepreneurs from all over the world. While Sophia Antipolis concentrates IT businesses and R&D centers focused on technologies, Nice invents the future of the smart city.
25,000 ICT SPECIALISTS
2,500 R&D POSITIONS CREATED IN 10 YEARS

Students and researchers at the SophiaTech Campus (Eurecom, Polytech Nice Sophia, INRIA, CNRS) and the Data ScienceTech Institute specialize in the following fields:

- Mobile Communications
- Communication for Intelligent Transport Systems
- Security in Computer Systems & Communications
- Ubiquitous Mobility, Data Bases & Systems Integration
- Electronics & Industrial Computing
- Image & 3D Modelling
- Computer Science & Maths in Finance & Insurance
- Data Science & Engineering
- Executive Big Data Analyst
- Mathematics & IT Modelling
- Management of Innovative Projects.

WRITE OFF 8 < 30% OF YOUR R&D EXPENSES UP TO €100M* WITH FRANCE’S RESEARCH TAX CREDIT AND AN ADDITIONAL 5% FOR ALL EXPENSES ABOVE €100M.
ENHANCE R&D EFFICIENCY IN A TECH-DRIVEN ECOSYSTEM

Offer your ICT teams direct access to a powerful ecosystem to meet the needs of your R&D roadmap:

- A strong research hub (INRIA, CNRS, Eurecom…)
- IP & technology transfer specialists (SATT Sud Est, INRIA)
- World-class standards (ETSI, W3C)
- Collaborative projects & industry clusters (Secured and Communicating Solutions, Pegase, CapEnergies, Eurobiomed)
- International competitions (IoT, WT, Cloud Innovation World Cup, Galileo Masters, Huawei Digital in-Pulse, …)
- Business angels and funding partners (SBA, FCP, MI, …)
- Incubators, accelerators in IoT, cleantech, and more.

EXPERIMENT WITH ADVANCED TECHNICAL PLATFORMS

- INRIA immersive space
- Com4Innov IMS, RCS, M2M, 4G/LTE platform
- CIM PACA integrated circuits conception platform
- CREMANT point-to-point testing telecom platform
- LEAT anechoic chamber
- The Smart City Innovation Center & Nice Grid demonstrator
- Health Innovation & Apps experimentation platforms (CIU-Santé)
- The Digital Image Living Lab (soon)
- Sofab, a fablab dedicated to IoT
- Ecolab, a fablab dedicated to sustainable design & cleantech.

JOIN A POWERFUL AND DYNAMIC IT INDUSTRY

€ 4.05 BILLION IN REVENUE
55% EXPORTS

114 FOREIGN OWNED COMPANIES
EMPLOYING 7,363 PEOPLE

1,710 COMPANIES & 21,775 EMPLOYEES

338 STARTUPS CREATED BETWEEN 2012-2014

110 FUNDRAISERS SINCE 2010 RESULTING IN €222M
20 INTERNATIONAL AWARDS IN THE PAST 5 YEARS
A vibrant community of advanced startups and SME's are furthering innovation, winning awards, raising finance and gaining leadership in international markets:

**Locally-grown international leaders:**


**Mobibase** - The European leader in video services and mobile TV. Mobibase established its R&D center in Côte d’Azur in 2011.


**A few of Côte d’Azur promising startups:**

**Conztanz** - A startup specializing in big data and software for the aviation and travel industry. It raised €2M in 2015.


**Feeligreen** - The creator of IoT Cosmetics & Dermo-therapeutics. Feeligreen won the WT/Healthcare Innovation World Cup and Huawei Digital In-Pulse IoT Award in 2015.


**Qwant** - The European search engine «made in Nice».

With an expertise in microelectronics, telecommunications, and software, Côte d’Azur develops cutting-edge expertise in strategic segments that nurture dynamic markets in the IT and other industries continuing to grow locally.
START-UP EASILY WITH OUR SOFT-LANDING SOLUTIONS

Côte d’Azur offers a great choice of incubators, business centers and accelerators:

- **Business Pole** - It hosts the Telecom Paris Tech & PACA-Est incubators, a European Space Agency Business Innovation Centre, a co-working space, the SCS & Pégase clusters, Telecom Valley association, Com4Innov platform, ….
  
  #ict #aerospace @ Sophia Antipolis

- **EIT Digital** #ict #cloud #security #smart uses @ Sophia Antipolis

- **CEEI 27 Delvalle** #ehealth #medtech @ Nice

- **CEEI Nice Premium** #smartcity #cleantech @ Nice ÉcoVallée

- **Allianz Accelerator** #bigdata #sports @ Nice ÉcoVallée

- **Creacannes**
  
  #gaming #entertainment #3d #creative industries @ Cannes

- **Innovagrasse** #aroma #cosmetics #biotech @ Grasse

BE PART OF A GROWING INTERNATIONAL TECH NETWORK

ACCESS PREMIUM OFFICE SPACE AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE

Côte d’Azur offers premium offices with some of the most competitive rental prices in Europe - 4 times cheaper than Paris.

With over 5 million foreign tourists, 100,000 foreign residents, 1138 foreign companies, 21 international schools, and dozens of international media, Côte d’Azur promotes a truly multi-cultural environment.
THE WORLD IS ONLY 30MIN FROM YOUR DESKTOP

Located 5km from Nice city center, the 2nd largest international airport in France offers direct flights to over 100 worldwide destinations.

NYC: 9H 5MIN
DUBAI: 6H 15MIN
MOSCOW: 3H 35MIN

ENJOY A UNIQUE LIFESTYLE

With 300 days of sun a year, 120 km of coastline, 15 ski resorts, and over 6,000 cultural and sport events a year, Côte d’Azur offers your employees and family members much more than a workplace.

HEAR WHAT YOUR PEERS ARE SAYING

Sophia Antipolis stands out as the best location to establish a worldwide competence center in image signal processing (ISP) ahead of Silicon Valley.

Guy Maugis, Bosch France

Sophia Antipolis offers a unique pool of talents in software and electronics.

Karl Song, Huawei France

The Sophia Antipolis science park and its powerful ecosystems provide real value to the development of mobile technologies and innovative solutions.

Moussa Delkhiel, Samsung France Research Center

This ‘smart road’ project demonstrates the key role of technology for local authorities in organizing operations, for management of urban systems.

Gerry Mooney, IBM Worldwide

We appreciate the existence of good schools and colleges in the region, and Sophia Antipolis is an excellent environment for engineers.

Massimo Lucchina, Cisco

CHOOSE CÔTE D’AZUR:
The place to be for companies that want it all!
TEAM UP WITH US
FOR A SMOOTH SET-UP

Team Côte d’Azur assists you in:

- Connecting to the business ecosystem
- Finding the best site for your business
- Recruiting your teams
- Accessing public incentives
- Channeling your communication

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