



The original technology cluster

EUROPE'S LARGEST TECHNOLOGY PARK

Sophia Antipolis is a multicultural, multidisciplinary community focused on innovation, which has served as the model for competitiveness clusters in France. It is home to the most forward-looking industries and value-creating businesses of the future, on the cusp of the knowledge economy.

Sophia Antipolis is a geostrategic facility of global scope. The park is built in an exceptional setting, which spans 6000 acres and combines protected parkland, recreational areas and business facilities.

The high average number of companies that settle there every year makes Sophia Antipolis the destination of choice for

technology companies in France. Leading global experts come here to experience a fulfilling work environment and exceptional quality of life that foster creativity and productivity.

At Sophia Antipolis, the fabric of multinational companies, innovative SMEs and high-tech start-ups attract a community of talents, in which over 70 nationalities are represented.

TALENT FOR TOMORROW'S TECHNOLOGIES

Sophia Antipolis' extraordinary human capital and vibrant professional networks promote synergy and cross-fertilization between the different fields of science and technology.

The many training and higher education institutions further reinforce synergy between academic research and business, through **technology partnerships**. Programs are adjusted to the needs of companies and of new markets, creating a reservoir of managers, engineers and highly-skilled developers. The ideas spun off by the park's labs, schools and businesses **regularly give rise to new start-ups**.



HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ **1,414 COMPANIES**, with R&D capacity
- ▶ **30,000 JOBS**, 54% management
- ▶ **5,000 STUDENTS**
- ▶ **4,000 PUBLIC SECTOR RESEARCHERS**
- ▶ **SOME 140 COMPANIES FINANCED BY FOREIGN CAPITAL ARE BASED IN SOPHIA ANTIPOLIS, WHERE they represent 11% of businesses and 25% of jobs.**



AN EXCITING ENVIRONMENT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Today, Sophia Antipolis is among the leading R&D hubs in Europe and remains as appealing as ever to companies and research facilities specialized in information technology, life sciences, environmental sciences and fine chemicals. The park includes eight competitiveness clusters and attracts a range of skills that is unique in Europe, alongside major public research organizations, such as CNRS, INRIA, INRA and INSERM.

EXPANSION PLANS

Sophia Antipolis is pursuing its development and now ranks among the three leading technology parks in Europe in terms of growth potential, with 700,000 square meters of land available for development, in addition to 1.2 million square meters of existing office space, lab facilities and homes. The park's development will ultimately involve increasing the density of

areas already developed and refitting existing business facilities according to the latest urban development concepts in mobility, environmental protection, landscaping and dedicated transportation infrastructure.

AN ACCELERATION FACTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Sophia Antipolis offers privileged access to technology programs of prime importance like Galileo and ITER.

The ICTS campus (science and technology), slated to open in 2010, will bring together academic and entrepreneurial resources from the ICT industries, in the manner of university campuses in English-speaking countries. The new institution of research and higher education will focus primarily on networks, bio-informatics and supercomputers. It aims to be the research center for third-millennium IT applications.

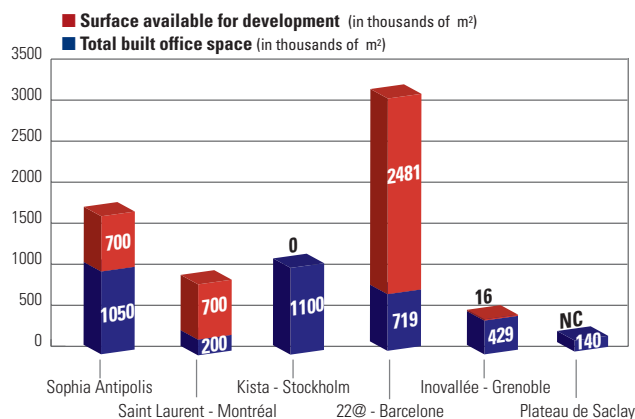
HIGHLIGHTS

In Sophia Antipolis, information technologies employ **13,100 PEOPLE AND ACCOUNT FOR 45% OF JOBS AND 20% OF THE BUSINESSES LOCATED IN THE PARK**

The ICTS campus:

- ▶ 40 million euro investment
- ▶ 15,000 square meters
- ▶ 6,000 students
- ▶ 1,000 researchers
- ▶ A high-level learning center, featuring institutions such as Eurecom/GET, Polytech and an IUT (University Institute of Technology).

Sites suitable for development in 2006



Number of businesses and jobs from 1960 to 2007

