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L'INNOVATION ACCESSIBLE À TOUS



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Being the number one partner for businesses is not just a slogan in Région Sud; it is a concrete, long-term commitment. For over 10 years, we have supported 100,000 businesses, raising €6 billion to support their growth, transformation and ability to create jobs. Behind these figures lies a simple belief: the way to build growth is to work alongside entrepreneurs out in the field. Micro-businesses, SMEs, manufacturers, start-ups... we are with them at every stage of their business journey, from creation to global expansion. In a challenging economic climate, Région Sud is fully embracing its role: providing security, investing, and opening up opportunities to promote the growth of those who will shape the economy of tomorrow.”

FRANÇOIS DE CANSON

Regional Vice President for economic development,
promoting the region's appeal, tourism and major risk prevention



Photo: Région Sud.

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The artificial intelligence revolution is underway, and Région Sud has chosen to play an active role in it. To mark VivaTech's 10th anniversary, we are setting out a clear ambition: to make our region a leader in AI that is resource-efficient, sovereign and useful. With €70 million already invested, we are building an innovation model that places people and the public good at the heart of technology. Our aim is simple: to make AI accessible to everyone and make it a practical tool for boosting the competitiveness of our businesses. Whether they are start-ups, SMEs or large corporations, we give them the tools to experiment, innovate and transform their businesses so they can fully capitalise on this strategic opportunity.”

Bernard Kleynhoff

Chair of the Committee on Economic and Digital Development, Industry, Exports, Attractiveness and Cybersecurity
Chairman of risingSUD



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Toulon Provence Méditerranée supports and structures its economic development by sector, capitalising on its strengths: tourism, of course, but also the blue economy, the maritime and naval sectors, which have a long history and are the biggest employers in the Metropolitan Area. Covering a wide range of sectors (defence, maritime safety and security, marine and undersea technologies, energy, ports, etc.) and driving innovation, these areas of excellence make the Metropolitan Area competitive on the international stage.

What's more, with its exceptional land and attractive living environment, the metropolitan economy is expanding into other sectors such as agriculture, the Silver Economy, digital technology and the cultural and creative industries, particularly film shoots.

Cybersecurity, on-board artificial intelligence, cyberdefence, the Internet of Things, smart cities, etc. are also opening the door to new careers.

The Metropolitan Area is actively supporting this transition by providing training and support for innovative companies that promote innovation and competitiveness in the region.

This success is due to a tailor-made policy based on the agility and expertise of active partnerships with incubators, clusters, business angels, banks and financial institutions, universities, local authorities, and economic players. The TPM Metropolitan Area is naturally present again at the VIVA TECHNOLOGY show in 2026, with THE ELEPHANT'S CHILDREN (LAQUO / ARCHISTOIRE).”

José Massi

Chair of the Toulon Provence Méditerranée Metropolitan Area



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The Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolis continues each year to strengthen its role as a driver of economic growth and innovation in service of France. Our dynamic and demanding startup ecosystem demonstrates that it is possible to combine performance, cutting-edge technology, and environmental responsibility—without ever compromising competitiveness or employment. Once again this year, we are proud to support seven metropolitan gems that will showcase local expertise at VivaTech 2026, addressing strategic fields such as artificial intelligence, data, and sustainable solutions. They are proof that our territory attracts, trains, and enables the success of those who are building the economy of tomorrow.”

Éric CIOTTI
Chair of the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolitan Area



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Sophia Antipolis, the epicenter of technological innovation in France and Europe, is reinforcing its leadership by promoting a resolutely future-oriented approach. As the world faces a series of economic, health, and geopolitical challenges, Europe's leading Technology & Science Park stands out for its ability to stimulate economic growth while placing people and the environment at the center of its priorities.

Since its creation more than 20 years ago, the Sophia Antipolis Urban Community has been committed to making Sophia Antipolis an attractive place, not only for its business ecosystem but also for the exceptional quality of life it provides. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is at the heart of the Technology & Science Park's development strategy. The renewal of the 3IA AI Cluster certification last year, the presence of the Maison de l'IA, and the "Alpha Sophia Antipolis" facility, a new venue dedicated to artificial intelligence, startups, and research, demonstrate our commitment to this rapidly growing sector. In this context, Sophia Antipolis is emerging as a laboratory for innovation, offering solutions in the fields of mobility, risk management, and smart cities. This is how AI serves sustainability and humanity.

Sophia Antipolis has a key role to fulfill in the development of the cybersecurity and artificial intelligence sectors, working closely with the Région Sud. The attribution of the "Campus Cyber" label in the Région Sud once again highlights the Technopole's recognized expertise and strategic position in these highly promising and critical fields.

Innovation in Sophia Antipolis goes beyond technological achievements. The Technology & Science Park embraces an ethical, inclusive, and sustainable vision, reflected in its tagline, "Tech for Humanity." By strengthening connections between technological innovators, technology developers, and citizens, we are committed to promoting responsible and respectful practices that ensure a sustainable future for all.

Major events such as VivaTech help raise the profile of Sophia Antipolis and reinforce its leading role in current debates on ethics, innovation, and the future of technology.”

Jean LEONETTI
President of the Sophia Antipolis Urban Community



photo : Crédit Agricole Alpes Provence.



At a time when major transitions are accelerating, innovation only has value if it starts from the field and responds to the realities of our territories. This is the whole point of our renewed commitment, for the third consecutive year, alongside the Région Sud as part of Viva Technology 2026: to bring out and connect innovations by fostering synergies between stakeholders and supporting those who drive them, here at the heart of our territories.

As a cooperative bank deeply rooted in the Bouches-du-Rhône, Vaucluse, and Hautes-Alpes, we are far more than a financier. We are a trusted partner committed to nurturing, supporting, and showcasing initiatives alongside those who innovate and build businesses.

In the face of major transformations, we choose to invest in projects that are useful, tangible, and meaningful, serving the industries of the future.

Through our venture capital fund CAAP Création and our endowment fund CAAP Innov'Eco, we support young tech startups, impact-driven projects, and transformation leaders. In 2026, this commitment takes concrete form: 19 startups from our territories supported at the heart of VivaTech.

VivaTech is an accelerator—a meeting point for talent, ideas, and opportunities. By taking part, Crédit Agricole Alpes Provence reaffirms a clear conviction: we act today to invent tomorrow—by placing trust in young people and supporting local stakeholders to shape our territories.”

Jérôme LEBON

Crédit Agricole Alpes Provence Deputy Chief Executive Officer
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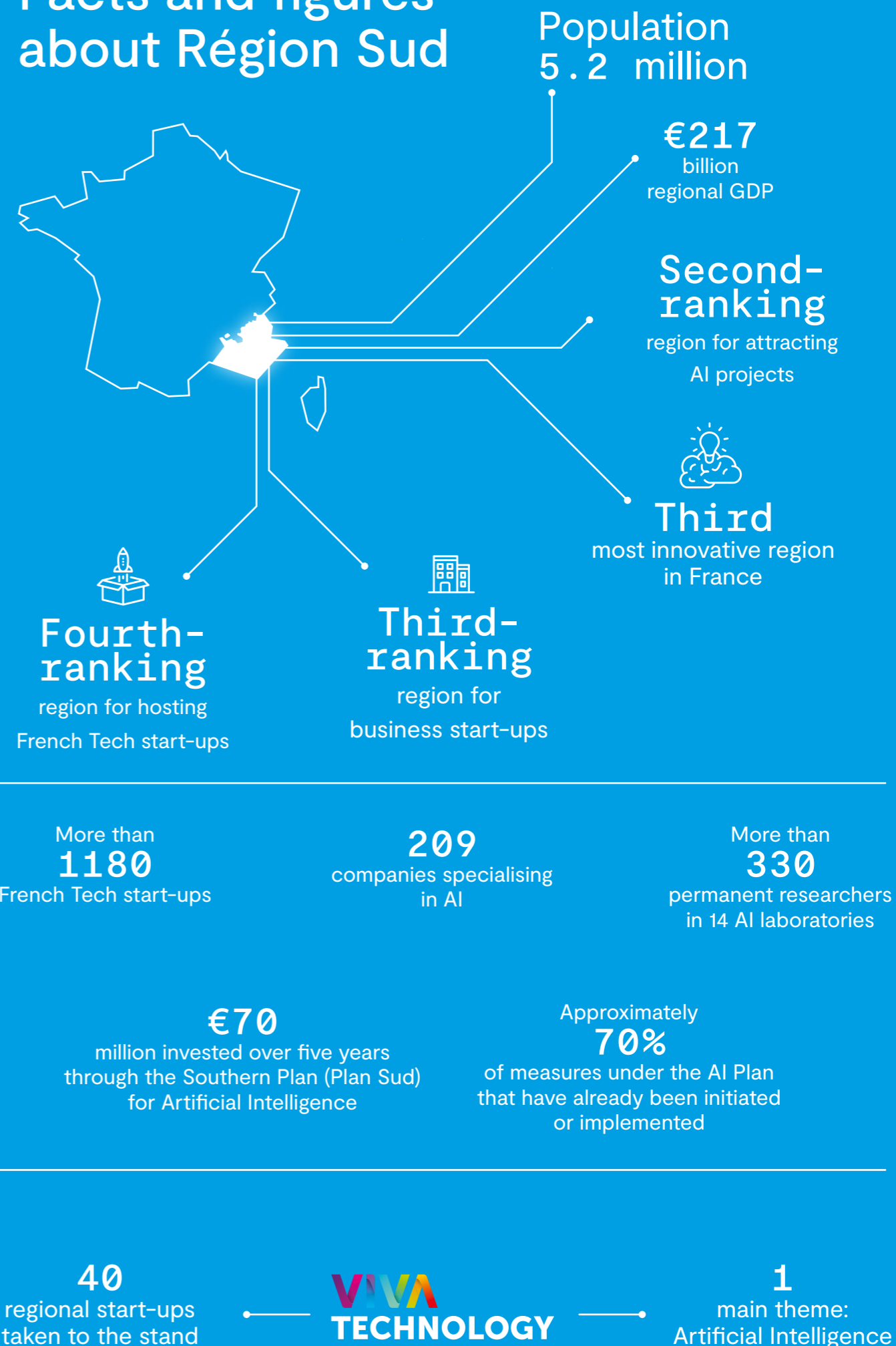


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RÉGION SUD AT THE VIVATECH TRADE FAIR



Photo: Région Sud / Claude Almodovar.

Région Sud is once again taking part in Viva Technology, Europe's largest event dedicated to innovation and start-ups.

For this 2026 edition, marked by **the rise of artificial intelligence**, the Region is setting out its ambition: to make the **South a hub for innovation, AI and practical technologies** that benefit businesses, local areas, and the public.

With its metropolitan partners—Aix-Marseille-Provence, Nice Côte d'Azur, Toulon Provence Méditerranée and the Sophia Antipolis Urban Community—the Region is supporting **40 regional start-ups** at the trade fair this year.

Crédit Agricole Alpes Provence is also renewing its commitment alongside the regional delegation.

THE REGION'S AIMS AT VIVATECH:

- Identify innovations and solutions that will serve the society of the future, balancing environmental protection, quality of life and sustainable resource management
- Draw inspiration from the technologies and transformations presented in order to accelerate their roll-out in Région Sud
- Provide selected regional start-ups with group support and opportunities to raise their profile at national and international level
- Promote Région Sud and its most innovative start-ups
- Enable higher education institutions to enhance their appeal and attract new students

REGIONAL START-UP CHALLENGE

As part of Viva Technology and the Plan Sud AI plan, Région Sud has launched an international challenge focusing on a specific theme:

“How can artificial intelligence be used to support the growth of micro-enterprises and SMEs? ”

82 start-ups applied, including 47 from France and 9 from the region.

Three winning start-ups have been chosen:

- Ristretto AI (13),
- DataGeo.AI,
- Duke.

They will enjoy priority access to the exhibition, the opportunity to give a pitch at the regional stand during the opening ceremony, and support from risingSUD to help accelerate their growth.



WHO IS RISTRETTO AI?

Ristretto AI enables micro-enterprises and SMEs to easily deploy secure artificial intelligence tailored to their business needs.

Its platform connects AI with the company's tools and data to automate certain tasks, improve information retrieval and support teams in their day-to-day work.



THE BATTLE OF THE REGIONS

For the 2026 edition, Viva Technology is launching the first “Battle of the Regions”, a pitch competition for start-ups representing different regions of France. They pitch to a jury and the event's audience.

Région Sud will be represented by **Pearcode**, a deep-tech start-up based in Valbonne, specialising in long-term data storage using synthetic DNA.

This low-carbon technology addresses the challenges of digital sovereignty and the green transition.

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THE DELEGATION FROM RÉGION SUD

CLIMATE TECH

BLUE CAPSULE TECHNOLOGY (13)
BUP (13)
EARTHWAKE ENTREPRISE (06)
EOLE STAB (83)
FULCANA (06)
HEXANA (13)
KOLEKTIVOLT (13)
OPTY-O (84)
OVI (06)
RE-LION FACTORY (13)

DEEPTECH

ASKLEIA (13)
AZURIA (06)
DURANCE AI (06)
OPTIPUS PV (13)
OTRERA (13)
PEARCODE (06)

HEALTHTECH

ELPYOO (13)
HOPPI.WORK (13)
LOCACOEUR (13)
MOTHAIR (13)
SKRIBI (06)

IA&DATA

ACTIVE ASSET ALLOCATION (06)
ALIVENAVIGATOR
ARTINLEAP (06)
ASTERFOX - SOMMELIER IA (06)
CSD CONNECT (05)
ED'UP BUSINESS SCHOOL (13)
MANTA TECHNOLOGIES (06)
OPTIVALUE.AI (06)
OREUS (13)
SMARTEEN (83)
SWANTRAD (06)

INDUSTRY 4.0

FLUIIDD (13)

SMART CITY

ARCHIPAD (06)
ARCHISTOIRE (83)
RESO 3D (83)
SHARING WORKER (13)
TROOV (13)
VOCAST (13)
YOMU - YOUR ONLINE MUSEUM (13)





BLUE CAPSULE TECHNOLOGY

BLUE CAPSULE TECHNOLOGY, a spin-off from the CEA, is developing a small nuclear reactor for industry. Its design combines two mature technologies: high-temperature reactors (HTR) and sodium coolant. Versatile and tailored to industry needs, Blue Capsule will provide key sectors with hot air, high-temperature steam, and electricity. It will meet the needs of chemical, cement, and alumina industries, as well as customers using all three energy vectors, including for hydrogen production.

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BUP

BUP is a repressurization system that extends the lifespan of tennis and padel balls by maintaining their original pressure between uses. Simple, durable, and cost-effective, it enables clubs and players to cut their ball budget in half while drastically reducing waste. With 300 million balls thrown away worldwide every year, BUP offers a smart, low-tech solution for performance and sustainability in sport.

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EARTHWAKE ENTREPRISE

EARTHWAKE offers a decentralized, modular, and self-sufficient pyrolysis solution for converting non-recycled plastics into valuable products using heat-generated energy. Developed and manufactured in France, the Chrysalis® enables the recovery of end-of-life plastics—such as polyethylene (HDPE, LDPE) and polypropylene (PP)—into low-carbon synthetic fuel for generators or into plastic through petrochemical processes, as part of a circular approach.

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EOLE STAB

EOLE STAB is a French deeptech startup developing a patented floating platform for offshore wind. Its highly stable and industrializable design significantly reduces costs and accelerates deployment. It enables the use of onshore wind turbines offshore, unlocking new markets, especially for off-grid applications.

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FULCANA

FULCANA creates power outlets where none exist. Its modular, clean and silent batteries stack like Lego bricks to adapt power and runtime on demand. Zero emissions, zero fuel, zero breakdowns. Operated by a single person, deployable in seconds, wherever energy is required.

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HEXANA

HEXANA, a start-up spin-off from the French Atomic Energy and Alternative Energies Commission (CEA), is developing an innovative energy platform that combines sodium-cooled fast neutron reactors with a thermal storage system. This solution delivers decarbonized, flexible, competitive, and sovereign energy tailored to industrial needs. HEXANA is positioned as a credible alternative to fossil fuels.

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KOLEKTIVOLT offers Kocharging®: a shared EV charging solution with no installation costs, initially designed for collective residential parking (social or private). This frugal model reduces the number of required charging stations. The Kocharging® app enables simple, innovative booking of charging slots. Kocharging® also serves companies for managing fleet and employee EV charging.

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OPTY-O

OPTY-O is a French innovation dedicated to reducing water waste. We design a smart, energy-autonomous, easy-to-install shower column that captures the cold water usually wasted at the start of a shower and reuses it. A sustainable, cost-effective solution with no compromise on comfort. OPTY-O has received the gold medal for the Lépine Competition 2026 in the “Quotidien et Art de vivre” category.

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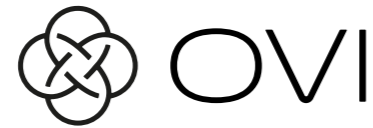
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OVI

All around us, everything is evolving: our phones, our kitchens, our habits. Every everyday object is becoming simpler, more intuitive, more connected. And yet... water, the most essential element to our lives, has remained the same.

In recent years, we've all asked ourselves the same question: what are we really drinking?

Between the inconsistent quality of tap water, invisible pollutants, and the impending end of plastic, it has become clear that something needed to change.

It is from this realization that OVI was born: a simple, elegant, and sustainable solution to restore water to its central place—pure, healthy, and always available at the ideal temperature.

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RE-LION FACTORY

RE-LION FACTORY refurbishes lithium-ion cells from mobility applications to produce batteries for portable and stationary uses. By mastering the entire value chain, from dismantling to refurbishment, the company delivers high-performance, safe and sustainable solutions, while significantly reducing the carbon footprint associated with new battery production.

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ASKLEIA

ASKLEIA is developing a breakthrough technology for the production of biopharmaceuticals. This innovation relies on free-flow electrophoresis in micro-fluidics replacing chromatography, at down-stream purification process step. As such ASKLEIA offers a dramatic cost reduction as well as use of solvents generated by the bio-production thanks to equipments that are by the way much more compact and more versatile.

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AZURIA

AZURIA is a French deeptech company specialized in early detection and real-time alerting, powered by efficient, low-resource AI. Adaptable to various use cases (wildfires, search and rescue, illegal dumping), its solution can be deployed anywhere, either autonomously or integrated with existing cameras or control centers.

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DURANCE AI

In tomorrow's world, billions of intelligent machines will operate autonomously. To do so, they will need AI. For reasons of safety, responsiveness, and resilience, this AI must be deployed directly within the systems, rather than relying solely on the cloud. To address this need, DURANCE AI is developing RIVER, an ultra-low-power chip that enables embedded AI without draining battery life.

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OPTIPUS PV

OPTIPUS PV develops Energyskin™, an ultra-thin, flexible, and design-driven organic photovoltaic technology that integrates directly into surfaces (plastics, textiles, objects). It transforms them into autonomous energy sources to power everyday electronics without batteries or cables, enabling a new generation of sustainable products.

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OTRERA

We are redefining nuclear energy to achieve Net Zero Emissions by 2050, the greatest challenge of our century. OTRERA, a CEA spin-off, is developing a range of advanced sodium-cooled nuclear reactors, including a Small and Modular Reactor (SMR) that produces affordable, low-carbon electricity and heat for cities and industrialists (datacenters, e-fuel production, district heating, etc.).

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ELPYOO

ELPYOO is the free app designed for family caregivers. In France, 11 million people support a loved one affected by age, illness or disability. elpyoo provides a single digital hub: personalized information, human support, a peer community and practical resources - so caregivers can help their loved ones without losing themselves.

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Doctors should be able to go on holidays without stress : we're building the OS for them to handle their career freely.

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LOCACOEUR

LOCACOEUR, a company based in Aix-en-Provence and founded in 2013, developed nYXeos, the first smart monitoring solution compatible with all AEDs, resulting from 10 years of R&D. Its mission is to transform every defibrillator and emergency device into an intelligent guardian, ensuring 24/7 operational readiness and preventing any equipment or human failure in the fight against sudden cardiac arrest.

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MOTHAIR

MOTHAIR is reinventing peace of mind for new parents. This medtech company unveils at VivaTech its smart mattress pad for infants (0-18 months): 100% non-invasive, with zero contact with your baby, it continuously monitors sleep and vital signs in real time using predictive AI. The result: a personalised health report generated every night, accessible anytime and ultimately shareable with your paediatrician. Designed in Marseille with physicians.

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SKRIBI

SKRIBI is a French deeptech turning memories into a printed book through a simple conversation. Our empathetic AI agent guides each person, step by step, to tell their life story aloud. The AI rewrites, illustrates and lays out the content, the outcome is a book to pass on to loved ones. Incubated in Sophia Antipolis, Deeptech-labeled by Bpifrance, SKRIBI serves intergenerational transmission and healthy aging.

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ACTIVE ASSET ALLOCATION

Coanda is the modular SaaS platform developed by ACTIVE ASSET ALLOCATION for insurers, asset managers and financial distributors. From client advisory and portfolio construction to performance monitoring and regulatory reporting, it covers the entire savings value chain within a single, real-time environment. The platform is powered by proprietary algorithms and seamlessly integrates with existing systems through APIs.

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ALIVENAVIGATOR

ALIVENAVIGATOR is an AI-powered life trajectory diagnostic tool. It analyzes a user's life situation and generates a personalized insight about their direction, tensions and next possible steps. Designed as a "GPS for life decisions", it helps individuals navigate career and life transitions with clarity.

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ARTINLEAP

Your AI disappoints? The problem isn't the models. It's the quality of your data. Orkestrators by ARTINLEAP is the autonomous AI agent platform that orchestrates your enterprise intelligence in natural conversation: data quality audits and correction recommendations, workflow automation, document analysis, image generation, business insights and charts. Leading AI models, European data hosting. Data Quality, Data Governance, Sovereignty.

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CSD CONNECT

CSD CONNECT is an intelligent digital platform that connects shippers and carriers to optimize road transport flows. Through data and indicators on pricing and CO₂ footprint, it reduces empty miles, maximizes load rates, and improves logistics performance. The goal: more sustainable transport driven by data.

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ED'UP BUSINESS SCHOOL

ED'UP is the next-generation business school. 100% online, 100% work-study: we've rebuilt education from the ground up to match what today's students want and what today's job market really needs. Here, employability isn't a promise, it's the baseline. AI, One-on-one coaching, real-world learning, soft skills: every student leaves with the skills, the confidence and the momentum to shape a career on their own terms.

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MANTA TECHNOLOGIES

MANTA TECHNOLOGIES builds Europe's first FedOps platform - a federated AI orchestration infrastructure that unlocks enterprise data without ever moving it. Combining federated learning, edge computing and data sovereignty, MANTA serves Industry 4.0, healthcare and smart cities. Spun out of INRIA and backed by BPI France, we eliminate DevOps complexity so data scientists can focus on building AI.

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OPTIVALUE.AI

OPTIVALUE.AI is a French start-up built on the foundations of Smart Global Governance (300,000 users across 100 countries). It has developed 89 specialist AI agents that analyse your internal documents and draft your answers in minutes (RFPs, security audits, ESG assessments, due diligence). Every claim is sourced with precision: document, page, date. Your data never leaves your environment. What sets it apart from every alternative: when OPTIVALUE.AI doesn't know, it says so. It doesn't generate, it doesn't fabricate. Your teams review, approve and stay in control.

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RÉGION SUD LAND OF AI

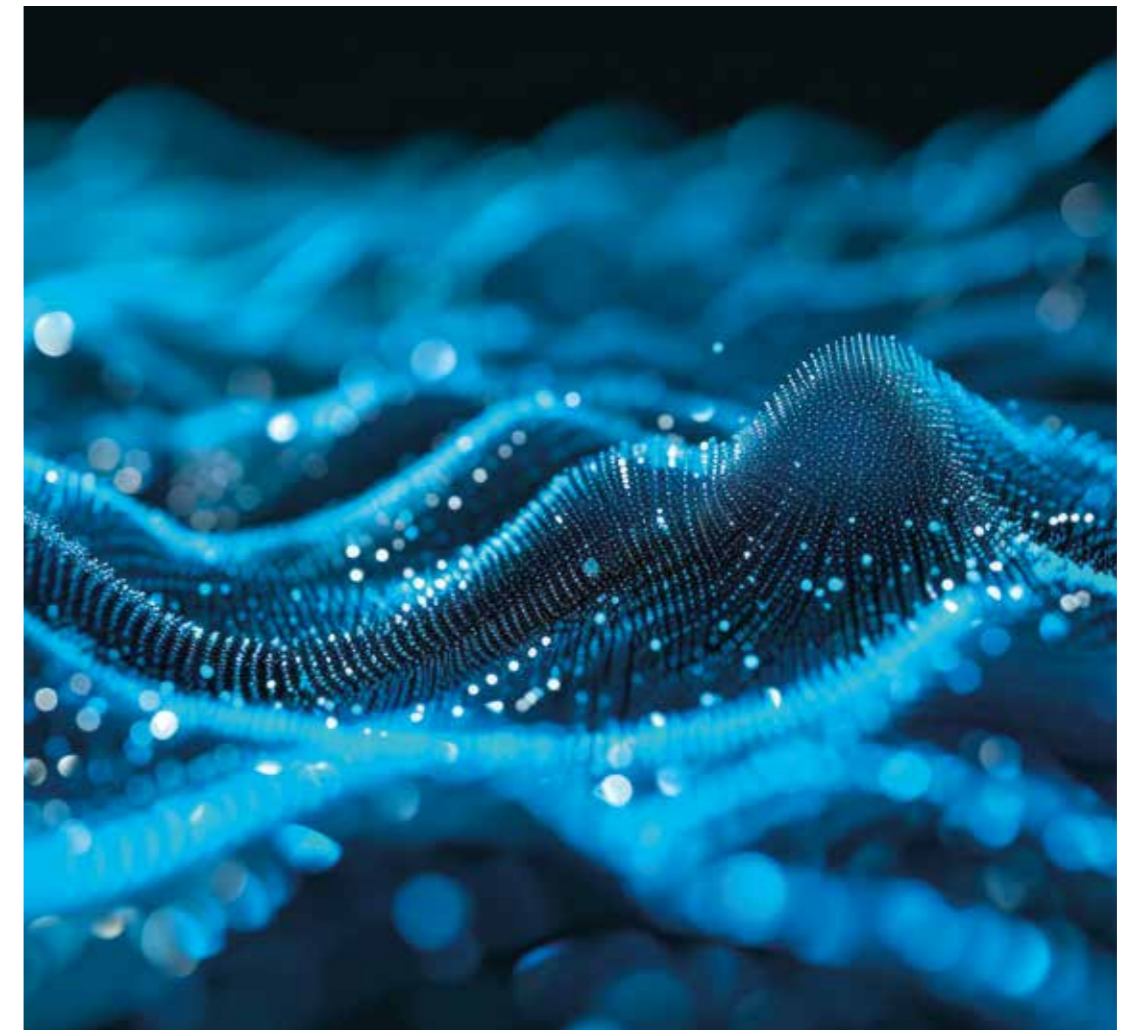


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Artificial intelligence is already transforming our daily lives, our economy and our public services. In the face of this technological revolution, Région Sud has decided to take action.

With its 'Plan Sud' for artificial intelligence (2024–2028), backed by **€70 million over five years**, the Region is making AI a practical tool for:

- companies,
- research,
- innovation,
- and the public.

The aim: to develop artificial intelligence that is useful, sovereign and accessible to all.

The plan is structured around three key areas comprising 22 measures:

- modernising public services through AI,
- acculturation and awareness-raising for all, from the general public and businesses to young people and elected representatives,
- strengthening the regional ecosystem for research, innovation and training.



THE RESULTS OF THE AI PLAN IN 2025

Since its launch, 'Plan Sud IA' has significantly accelerated the development of the regional ecosystem:

- 70% of the plan's measures have already been initiated,
- A 66% increase in AI start-ups in a year, with 209 AI-focused companies in Région Sud,
- 10 AI use cases already deployed within the regional administration,
- 400 AI awareness-raising events organised in partnership with Terra Numerica,
- AI tools being trialled in secondary schools,
- young people taking action: a hackathon to tackle bullying in schools, creation of the "Marcel" chatbot, and AI tools deployed for secondary school pupils,
- a stronger presence at major international trade fairs such as Viva Technology and the WAICF.

In 2026, the Region continues to build on this momentum by focusing on three priorities:

- digital sovereignty,
- support for businesses,
- the region's appeal.

At the same time, the Region is continuing to develop its sectors of excellence, particularly in the fields of health, energy and defence, whilst developing tracking tools to measure the impact of the policies implemented.

DIGITAL SOVEREIGNTY AT THE HEART OF THE STRATEGY

Région Sud aims to strengthen its technological self-sufficiency in the areas of infrastructure, data storage and cybersecurity.

The AI & Cyber Sovereignty Conference, to be held in autumn 2026, will bring together stakeholders from the public, private and academic sectors to discuss these strategic issues.

Région Sud is taking concrete steps to support businesses in adopting artificial intelligence, particularly micro-enterprises and SMEs.

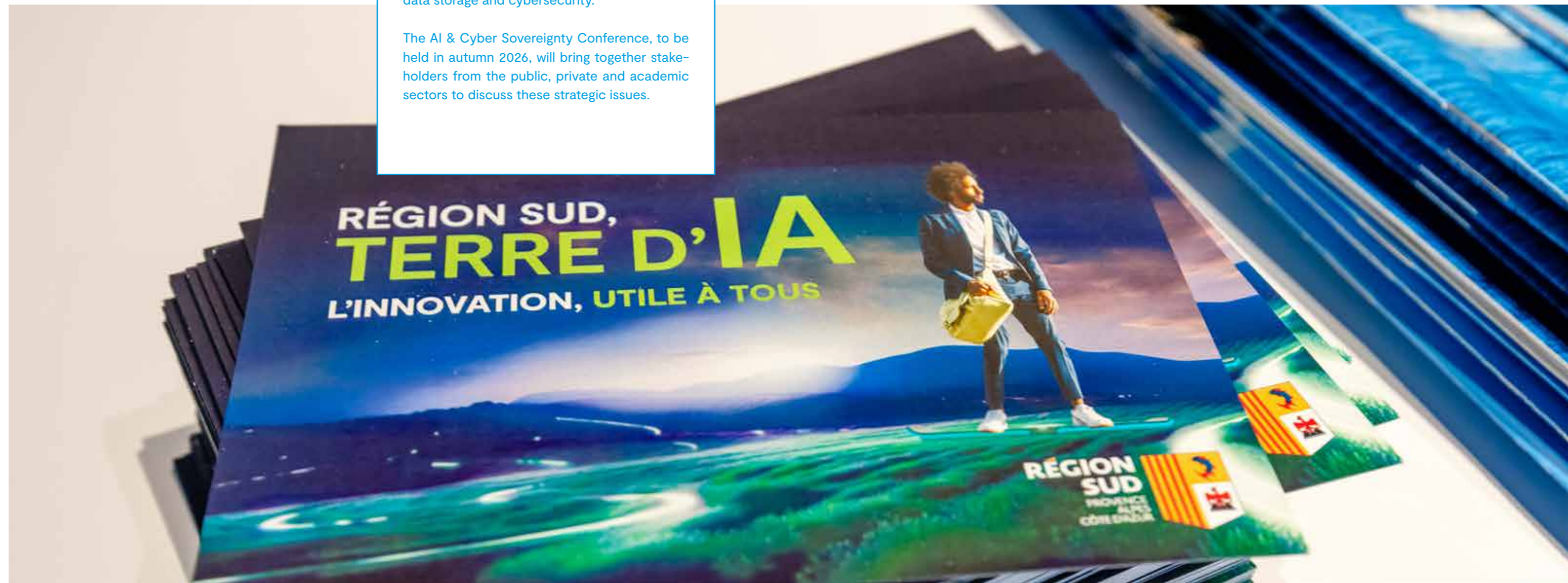
In 2026, several measures will be strengthened:

- "My AI Assistant", a support service dedicated to the digital transformation of businesses,
- the **Move2Digital programme**, which focuses on AI, cybersecurity and the IoT,
- a regional mapping of AI training programmes to boost the region's appeal,
- the Région Sud Startup Challenge held at Viva Technology.

THE CIRCALIS PROJECT

Led by EURECOM in Sophia Antipolis and supported by the Region, the CIRCALIS project aims to develop high-performance computing capabilities for:

- training,
- applied research,
- and innovation in AI.



A REGIONAL AREA COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION

A DYNAMIC CLIMATE TECH ECOSYSTEM

Région Sud supports the development of technologies that contribute to the green transition and decarbonisation.

The region benefits from a dynamic ecosystem that brings together research, innovation and businesses active in the energy, transport, manufacturing and resource management sectors.

This strategy is based in particular on the **Regional Priority Initiatives (OIR)**, which aim to boost investment, innovation and employment in sectors with a promising future.

THE REGIONAL CLIMATE TECH STRATEGY AIMS TO:

- Structure the Climate Tech sector: by supporting public and private players, promoting job creation and training.
- Develop the use of Climate Tech solutions: by supporting innovative projects and encouraging businesses and administrations to adopt these solutions.
- Making Région Sud a centre of excellence in Climate Tech: by attracting talent and investment, and making an impact nationwide and worldwide.

A REGIONAL AI ECOSYSTEM OF EXCELLENCE

Région Sud boasts one of the most dynamic AI ecosystems in France.

The region relies on:

- leading universities and research centres, such as Aix-Marseille University, Côte d'Azur University, CEA Tech and the 3IA Institute in Sophia-Antipolis,
- more than 330 researchers specialising in AI,
- a network of fast-growing, innovative start-ups and SMEs.

Several major companies already active in the field of artificial intelligence are based in Région Sud:

- CMA CGM,
- Amadeus,
- Airbus Helicopters,
- Naval Group,
- SAP,
- Thales.

THE ALPHA CLUSTER: A NEW SHOWCASE FOR INNOVATION IN SOPHIA ANTIPOLIS

Located in the heart of Sophia Antipolis, the Alpha cluster brings together start-ups, researchers, educational institutions and support organisations to address issues relating to artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and future technologies.

In an 8,500 m² space, it brings together business incubators, engineering schools, support organisations and companies, and is home to the Maison de l'Intelligence Artificielle and the Cyber Campus Sophia Antipolis, one of the three regional campuses of the Cyber Campus Régional.

The Region is providing funding for this project to the tune of **€13.2 million**.



THE 'SUD IA' COMMUNITY

This community, which brings together all the key players in the regional ecosystem, has fresh momentum in 2026. Its renewed impetus is based on **enhanced coordination, greater sharing of challenges and best practices, and better coordination of initiatives**.

Taking part in VivaTech is a highlight for this community. It helps to **promote the region's leading companies, projects and sectors**, whilst **fostering collaboration with major players in the field of artificial intelligence**.

Through this presence, the Region is cementing its position as a hub for AI and strengthening its influence at major digital events.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS TO BOOST THE PROFILE OF RÉGION SUD

Région Sud is forging partnerships with major public and private players in the field of artificial intelligence to boost the appeal and visibility of its innovation ecosystem.

Through its participation in international events such as Viva Technology, the World AI Cannes Festival and the AIM Congress, the Region is cementing its position as a leading European hub for AI and future technologies.

PARTNERSHIP WITH HUB FRANCE IA

Hub France IA is an association set up to **bring together and organise the French artificial intelligence ecosystem**. It brings together, in a unique space for exchange and cooperation, **start-ups and suppliers, SMEs and mid-market companies, large corporations, as well as institutions, educational establishments, investors, local authorities, legal professionals and AI experts**.

This year, Région Sud is launching a partnership with Hub France IA with a view to:

- raising the profile of regional AI stakeholders,
- promoting their integration into national and European processes,
- promoting responsible and sovereign artificial intelligence.

This partnership will also help to raise the profile of the region's start-ups, businesses and innovative projects.

As the designated regional representative for the national AI mapping initiative in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region, the Region is committed to promoting the call for applications for the 2027 edition of the national AI mapping initiative within its ecosystem.



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FOCUS ON KIKLEO: AI TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

A PROBLEM, A SOLUTION

In Région Sud, food waste in secondary schools amounts to nearly €4.8 million a year, representing 16% of the food purchased.

To help organisations better measure and reduce this waste, the Region has rolled out the Kikleio solution, which is based on artificial intelligence.

Using a system of photographs and automated analysis, the tool identifies food that has been thrown away, measures the quantities wasted and helps teams to adjust their practices.

HOW DOES KIKLEO WORK?

The software recognises the type of food and estimates its weight using 3D technology based on artificial intelligence and a photographic database.

The solution is based on two complementary mechanisms:

- **3D camera terminals** installed at the exit of the canteen, where students pass with their trays before disposing of their waste, so that the AI can identify the components of the meal and estimate the quantities not consumed,
- **kitchen scale cameras**, used by staff to accurately measure production leftovers.

Artificial intelligence identifies the discarded food, estimates the quantities wasted and provides teams with data that can be accessed quickly.

Measurement campaigns are carried out several times a year in order to adjust catering practices.

WHAT ARE THE RESULTS?

Having already been trialled in 15 secondary schools in the 2024–2025 academic year, the solution will be gradually rolled out across 47 schools by 2027.

Initial results show:

- 19% reduction in waste volumes,
- 34% reduction in the cost of food waste,
- up to €35,000 in annual savings per secondary school,
- a reduction in bio-waste and the carbon footprint.

In pilot schools:

- 10 establishments have reduced their food waste,
- 13 have reduced the cost of waste,
- The cost per meal has fallen from €0.37 to €0.27 per diner.



Attractivité et développement économique de la région Sud

risingSUD, A BUSINESS FACILITATOR FOR COMPANIES AND REGIONS

Supported by a team of 50 people with complementary backgrounds and expertise, risingSUD carries out three public interest initiatives:

- Supporting the businesses and areas with tailor-made schemes
- Attracting investors and talent to strengthen our centres of excellence
- Showcasing the region's appeal and economic influence.

In 2025, the agency supported 435 businesses with their financing needs, transformation or expansion into new markets, and accelerated 82 projects and businesses that are strategic to the regional centres of excellence.

Internationally, where it supports nearly 300 regional businesses every year, risingSUD designs bespoke programmes to explore, test and develop business opportunities. To achieve this, it relies on major events and its network of partners, including Team France Export, organisations of international trade specialists, the Conseillers du Commerce Extérieur de la France (French foreign trade advisers), and Bpifrance.

For Viva Technology, risingSUD coordinates the selection of regional companies, promotes the region and organises meetings with international delegations. The agency also liaises with French and international companies that may be considering setting up operations in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region.

Across the region, risingSUD coordinates business set-up projects that create value and jobs, working with all local stakeholders to provide companies with the best possible conditions for growth: location, business ecosystem, partners, talent, and more.

The agency's efforts succeeded in persuading 166 foreign companies to set up operations in the Région Sud in 2025, creating more than 3300 jobs in the area. Région Sud is notably the leading French region for African investment and the third-ranking European region for hosting R&D projects.

98% of the companies surveyed recommend risingSUD's support, citing tangible benefits for their development: visibility, innovation initiatives, local roots, and strategic repositioning...

With a strong focus on energy and societal transition issues, risingSUD is implementing an ambitious CSR strategy. It has held the "CSR Commitment – Advanced Level" and "Responsibility Europe" certifications from AFNOR Certification since 2025, in recognition of the quality of its strategy and its overarching commitment to a future-focused South characterised by excellence, innovation and transition.

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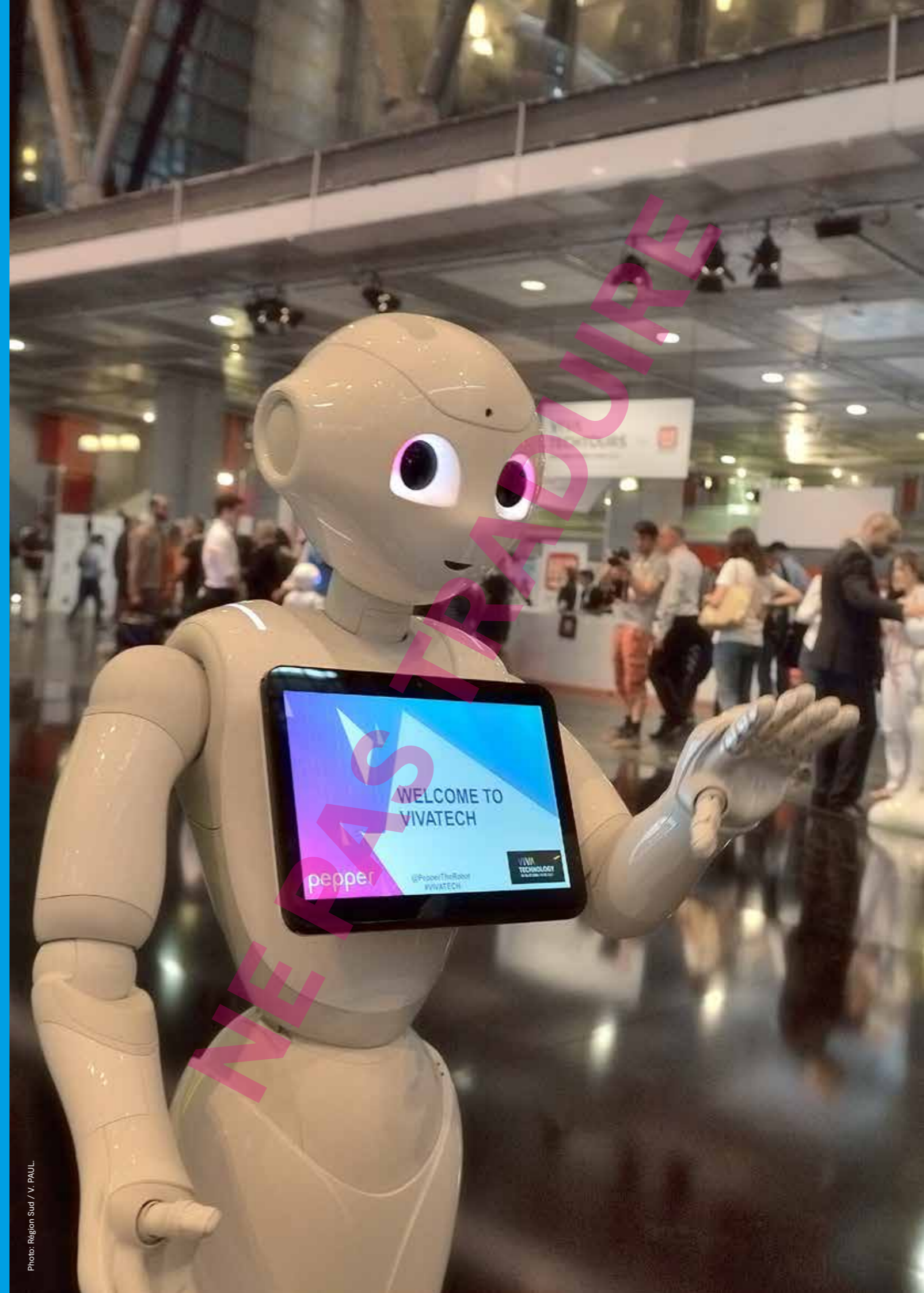


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AIX-MARSEILLE-PROVENCE METROPOLIS

The Aix-Marseille-Provence Metropolis promotes economic and social development through innovation. It supports employment and competitiveness, while fostering collaboration between research, businesses and local communities. Through tangible support, tailored programs and partnerships (Région Sud, Marseille-Provence Chamber of Commerce and Industry, One Provence Promotion), the institution helps transform projects into sustainable, export-oriented businesses.

A comprehensive ecosystem designed to help businesses

Across a visible and cohesive area of 3,148 km², Aix-Marseille-Provence enjoys a diverse economic landscape, home to major corporations, SMEs, start-ups and research labs. The local ecosystem is built around:

- Technology parks and innovation campuses: Arbois Technopole (cleantech), Château Gombert Technopole (deep tech), Luminy Technopole (biotech, health tech) and the Aix-Marseille City of Innovation and Knowledge (CISAM), offering incubators, accelerators and prototyping facilities;
- An academic and scientific network (with over 130 laboratories) facilitating technology transfer and collaborative projects;
- A partnership-based, local support system providing tailored assistance at every stage of development: seed funding, acceleration, internationalization, and industrialization.

Strategic sectors and attractive features

The Metropolis is a hub for key industries (health, aeronautics & mechanical engineering, maritime & logistics, cultural & creative industries, digital & macroelectronics, energy & environment) supported by eight competitiveness clusters and private stakeholders. Its strategic location—with a major port, airport, and 18 submarine cables—makes it a vital Mediterranean crossroads for international trade, especially between Europe and Africa, and a prime destination for foreign investment.

Measurable results and international visibility

The Metropolis's initiatives have fostered a dynamic startup ecosystem, integrated innovation projects into public policies (mobility, urban planning, resource management), and ensured a regular presence at major tech events (VivaTech, CES Las Vegas) to showcase local talent. This year, 40 companies from Région Sud were selected for VivaTech, including 20 from the Aix-Marseille-Provence Metropolis—clear proof of the area's ability to nurture scalable, high-impact solutions.

Local commitment and social impact

Beyond economic growth, the Metropolis is committed to ecological transition, inclusion, and sustainable development. It supports the circular economy, urban farming, clean mobility, and initiatives that improve access to jobs and training.

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TOULON PROVENCE MÉDITERRANÉE METROPOLITAN AREA

With a population of nearly 455,000 in a 36,654-hectare area spread across 12 municipalities (Carqueiranne, La Crau, La Garde, Hyères, Ollioules, Le Pradet, Le Revest-les-Eaux, Saint-Mandrier-sur-Mer, Six-Fours-les-Plages, La Seyne-sur-Mer, Toulon, La Valette-du-Var), the Toulon Provence Méditerranée Metropolitan Area has become France's 14th largest urban area terms of population. Its territory includes more than 200 km of coastline, as well as the Hyères Islands.

Toulon Provence Méditerranée is capitalising on its strengths to build its economic growth around sectors of excellence. Tourism is a key pillar, but the metropolitan economy also encompasses other sectors.

The blue economy, with its maritime and naval activities, is a real driving force for the region and is the largest employer in the metropolitan area. This gives rise to a number of sectors, such as defence, maritime safety, marine and underwater technologies, energy, ports and cruises. These sectors, which are driving innovation, are putting the Metropolitan Area at the forefront of global competitiveness.

In addition to these key sectors, the Metropolitan Area has exceptional land and an attractive living environment, which helps to promote the growth of other sectors such as agriculture, the Silver Economy, digital technology and the cultural and creative industries, embodied by the BAT (Filming Office) in particular. Cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, cyberdefence, the Internet of Things, smart cities, etc., are yet more fields that are opening the door to new professions.

A showcase for French innovation, the VIVA TECHNOLOGY trade fair brings together all the key players in the sector to unveil the latest innovations and tackle the challenges of the future.

The TPM Metropolitan Area is naturally present there under the Région SUD banner to support start-ups in its area and showcase the region's vitality.

This year, we have the honour of presenting a remarkable company from our region that embodies excellence and innovation in its field: **LAQUO / Archistoire – The Elephant's Children**

LAQUO is a technology developed by a start-up in Toulon that allows users to explore historical and cultural sites in an immersive way, almost as if they were actually there, whilst also providing information about history and heritage.

What does that actually look like? Imagine pointing your phone at an old building or a historic square and seeing explanations, period photos and anecdotes, all whilst exploring in 360°. That is the **Archistoire** app, which runs on LAQUO.

This offering is aimed at the general public, via Archistoire, to explore remarkable sites in a way that goes beyond a simple information panel, and at **institutions** (town halls, tourist offices, museums, etc.) which can purchase the technology to create their own personalised cultural tours

This company's participation in VivaTech 2026 is clear proof of the vitality and creativity of our local ecosystem. It is a perfect illustration of our commitment to supporting innovation and promoting sustainable and responsible solutions.

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NICE CÔTE D'AZUR METROPOLITAN AREA

Located between the sea and the mountains, the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolis combines Mediterranean charm with Alpine splendor, while remaining deeply European and cosmopolitan. Its unique architecture and landscapes offer an exceptional living and working environment. Directly connected to 120 global destinations via its international airport, the Metropolis enjoys worldwide recognition, notably since the City was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in July 2021.

From dynamic startups to international corporations, the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolis is home to nearly 80,000 companies, with strong growth in innovative sectors such as healthcare, the blue economy, and cultural and creative industries.

More than ever, Nice Côte d'Azur is an attractive business destination and a thriving innovation ecosystem where public and private stakeholders work closely together. Awarded the "French Tech Capital" label, the Metropolis relies on a dynamic network of startups and innovation players, strengthened by the excellence of Université Côte d'Azur, internationally renowned research laboratories, and prestigious institutions such as EDHEC, Centrale Méditerranée, ISART DIGITAL, Simplon, and Aivancity.



SOPHIA ANTIPOLIS URBAN COMMUNITY

The Sophia Antipolis Urban Community was established on January 1, 2002. Starting with 14 municipalities at its creation, it has grown to include 24 municipalities as of 2012. The territory of the Sophia Antipolis Urban Community (CASA) stretches from the sea to the mountains, with Sophia Antipolis—Europe's leading Technology & Science Park—at its core.

SOPHIA ANTIPOLIS: FROM A BOLD CHALLENGE TO AN UNDENIABLE SUCCESS

Fifty-five years after its creation, the success of Sophia Antipolis is undeniable. As Europe's leading Technology & Science Park, Sophia Antipolis is now home to 2,700 companies generating a combined revenue of nearly 8 billion euros, operating in strategic sectors that stimulate employment.

A KEY FACTOR IN THIS SUCCESS: TECH FOR HUMANITY

Sophia Antipolis fosters synergies between universities, research centers, large corporations, and startups, which work hand in hand to drive innovation through an approach centered on the concept of "Tech for Humanity." Beyond technological innovation, this approach places people at the heart of the development process. In Sophia Antipolis, the goal is not only to create technologies to solve problems, but also to ensure that they serve humanity as a whole, taking ethical and social considerations into account.

SOPHIA ANTIPOLIS TODAY: KEY INDUSTRIES

The Technology & Science Park's international reputation in the digital sector is now built on key industries that are tailored to market needs and trends. Alongside artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, big data, and the Internet of Things, emerging sectors such as NewSpace and artificial intelligence applied to various fields of

activity—already firmly established in Sophia Antipolis are now becoming increasingly prominent. Current sectors of excellence include smart vehicles and mobility, healthcare and biotechnology, fintech, and proptech.

A PROMISING FUTURE

By strengthening its position on the global stage of artificial intelligence, Sophia Antipolis is demonstrating its ability to address the major challenges of the 21st century and to drive the key innovations of tomorrow.

The "Alpha Sophia Antipolis" pole will represent a new strategic location within the Technopole, offering high-performance services dedicated to promoting entrepreneurship and supporting companies at every stage of their development.

Recognizing that innovation relies above all on the skills and expertise of its stakeholders, Sophia Antipolis is committed to fostering talent. Close partnerships with higher education institutions are being developed to attract talent from around the world.

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- 46,000 jobs
- 5,500 researchers
- 80 nationalities
- 2,700 companies
- 7,500 students
- A 2,400-hectare area, 90% of which is green space





CREDIT AGRICOLE ALPES PROVENCE

Crédit Agricole Alpes Provence is a cooperative, territorially rooted bank that works every day to support economic and social innovation. Our ambition is to embody a Universal Bank of New Proximities, helping to shape and develop our territories.

With our headquarters in Aix-en-Provence, 2,150 employees across 144 local branches and 23 business centers, and 800 non-executive directors drawn from our economic fabric, we are a proximity bank, closely connected to the real needs of people and businesses across our territory: Bouches-du-Rhône, Vaucluse, and Hautes-Alpes.

With €20 billion in outstanding loans and financing more than 140 projects every day, we are intrinsically linked to our territory and its future. We actively finance the real economy on a daily basis, contributing to its development. We are the bank for all entrepreneurs—from tech startups to multinational companies established in our territory, as well as artisans and local retailers in our towns and villages.

We share with our member-customers a common goal of delivering value to the territory. For the past 18 years, 3% of our net income has been redistributed annually to support impactful projects that bring our territories to life. This represents approximately €3 million per year dedicated to supporting local initiatives, innovative businesses, environmental actions, and nonprofit organizations working in the interest of our territory and its communities.

A PATRON OF INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

To maximize the impact of these dividends for the territory, Crédit Agricole Alpes Provence created the CAAP INNOV'ECO Endowment Fund in 2015. Funded annually by nearly €1 million, this economic philanthropy initiative fosters connections and contributes to the development of the local ecosystem by supporting innovative entrepreneurs and the stakeholders behind their success.

In practical terms, the fund's teams help strengthen the ecosystem by providing grants and building partnerships with associations and support structures dedicated to startups within the territory. In total, €3.8 million has been deployed to more than 80 partners.

They also enable innovative project leaders to bring their ideas to life by being among the first to place their trust in them, through honor loans of up to €30,000—interest-free and without collateral. These loans have supported more than 216 entrepreneurial projects within the territory, totaling €2.9 million.

Finally, they enhance entrepreneurs' visibility and foster networking by organizing prestigious startup competitions, awarding cash prizes judged by recognized experts and investors. They also support media exposure and fund participation in major professional events such as Viva Technology, the Paris Air Show (Le Bourget), AeroSud, BioFit, and others.

AN INVESTOR IN INNOVATION CAPITAL

Beyond its role as a bank, Crédit Agricole Alpes Provence directly invests in the most promising tech startups within its territory through its venture capital fund, CAAP Création.

This fully owned venture capital subsidiary, with a total investment capacity of €33.5 million, provides equity or quasi-equity financing to support high-potential startups during their early stages as well as in their development phases.

To date, €25.5 million has been invested in 123 innovative companies, contributing to the creation of more than 800 jobs across the territory. CAAP Création is the leading venture capital co-investor alongside the Région Sud Investissement fund.

BANKER TO INNOVATIVE COMPANIES

Complementing its philanthropy and venture capital initiatives, Crédit Agricole Alpes Provence established a dedicated Innovation Business Center in 2016 to support startups on banking matters.

This specialized structure supports more than 120 startups within the territory through expert advisors, covering a wide range of topics: day-to-day banking, research tax credit advances, medium- and short-term financing, and more.

Thanks to these initiatives, its expertise, and its experience, Crédit Agricole Alpes Provence is a key player in the innovation ecosystem of its territory. For the third consecutive year, the bank joins the Région Sud delegation as the sole private partner, supporting 19 startups from Bouches-du-Rhône, Vaucluse, and Hautes-Alpes at Viva Technology 2026.



CRÉDIT AGRICOLE ALPES PROVENCE – KEY FIGURES

- 809,000 customers, including 363,000 member-customers
- 70 local banks, 800 directors
- 2,150 employees across 144 local branches and 23 business centers
- €20 billion in outstanding loans and €27 billion in savings deposits

CAPITAL & INNOVATION – KEY FIGURES

- €25.5 million invested in 123 innovative companies (equity or quasi-equity)
- €2.9 million in honor loans granted to support the early stages of 216 startups
- €725,000 in cash prizes awarded through innovation competitions
- €3.8 million allocated to more than 80 partners in the innovation, research, and entrepreneurship ecosystem

Data as of December 31, 2025



UNIVERSITY CENTERS OF INNOVATION

THE CORSO-AZURÉEN MED'INNOV UNIVERSITY INNOVATION CLUSTER

Université Côte d'Azur actively leads the Corso-Azuréen MED'INNOV University Innovation Cluster, a large-scale project designed to stimulate innovation in several strategic sectors across the Mediterranean. Conducted in partnership with the University of Corsica Pasquale Paoli and 10 other key industry players, MED'INNOV aims to build a dynamic ecosystem that fosters research and innovation.

PROVENCE UNIVERSITY CENTER OF INNOVATION

PUI Provence, a France 2030 project funded by ANR and Bpifrance, aims to raise awareness around innovation among students and researchers through new training programs, while strengthening ties with businesses to develop collaborations, technology revenues, and deeptech company creation.

2 objectives

- Increase the effectiveness of innovation support activities (collaborative research, technology transfer, entrepreneurship) within the site.
- Accelerate the flow of innovation projects emerging from research laboratories and improve the conversion rate of these projects into tangible innovation, particularly through the creation of deeptech startups.

3 missions

- Acceleration and strengthening of the research and valorization potential of the site.
- Coordination of ecosystem stakeholders.
- Deployment of an action plan to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of actions already carried out by stakeholders and to maximize the site's innovation potential.

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION



Opening hours

FROM 17 TO 20 JUNE 2026

9.00 AM TO 6.00 PM



Access

STOPS FOR ALL PUBLIC TRANSIT AND TAXIS:
"PORTE DE VERSAILLES"

METRO

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TRAM

T2

T3a

BUS

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