

CLERMONT-FERRAND, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, France

City, business location & innovation ecosystem

Facts & Figures about the City:

- 147.284 inhabitants in the city, 272.551 in the county
- 37.000 students - 1 university - 6 major schools
- First city in France on the UNESCO Learning City Network
- €12.4 Billion GDP
- Top-10 of France's most attractive major cities
- Central position in France (approximately 4 hours max by road from France's other major cities)
- Surrounding by the Chaîne de Puys (chain of volcanoes), on the UNESCO World Heritage List



Clermont-Ferrand, a cosmopolitan location

Its main sectors are :

- Automotive and Mobility
- Engineering & Industry 4.0
- Food production and processing
- Electronics & IT Softwares
- Life sciences & Biotechnology, Pharmaceuticals
- Cultural & creative industries
- Energy

The city is home for international companies like



Innovation is pushed by several cluster network & ecosystems



Industry, chemical and environment cluster (Axelera)



Mechanical and manufacturing cluster (CIMES)



Clusters for digital transformation and technologies (Minalogic, Digital League)



Cluster for scientific and medical research (Institut Analgesia)



Cluster for rubber, plastics and composites (Polymeris)



Clusters for innovative projects for agriculture (Vegepolys Valley, AgroTechnoPôle, BioPôle)



Cluster for creative industries (Le Damier)



Networks for driving innovative projects (FrenchTech, Incubators et Accelerators)

TWO STRUCTURES TO HOST YOU IN CLERMONT-FERRAND

House of Innovation

Bridging the gap between research-led innovation and entrepreneurship

- A building on the University Campus for a **direct access to the skills and expertise of academic research**
- Home to Clermont Auvergne Innovation, the University's innovation subsidiary, various support structures for the **development of innovative projects and entrepreneurship**, as well as the mechanical and manufacturing cluster CIMES



Le PIC- Collaborative Innovation Cluster (opening 2025)

A living space of 18 000 sqm to connect with all the innovative key players, develop collaborative ventures and technologies and grow as a business.

- The place to be for the development of high-impact innovations
- A building with offices and coworking and coliving spaces for startups, founders, clusters et large companies
- Conference rooms, foodcourt and afterworks
- On a historical site of Michelin (near the tire tracks)



What we can offer to startups in the COI-Programme:

- Benefit from our contacts in different technology sectors and public or private ecosystems.
- Benefit from our experience and coaching in identify the innovation potential and supporting the development of innovative and entrepreneurial projects
- Meet other innovative start-ups and the local scientific community
- Participate in matchmaking and networking events.

Feel free to contact us!

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