



Montpellier Méditerranée Technopole

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FACTS AND FIGURES



Montpellier Agglomération in the Languedoc-Roussillon in Southern France:

31 cities

Montpellier, 8th largest city in France

Population:

412,000 habitants

Montpellier, France's fastest growing city

Training & research:

250 research centers

60,000 students

Companies:

32,000 companies

Ranked most attractive European city in terms of set-up costs (KPMG survey)

International airport:

More than 60 destinations in France, Europe and Worldwide

Welcoming foreign companies:

Montpellier Agglomération Business and Innovation Centre, designated NBIA Incubator of the Year, also certified NBIA Soft Landings 2008-2010



AN ECONOMY BASED ON INNOVATION



The leading area in France in terms of new company startups, Montpellier Agglomération is also widely recognized for its excellence in research. For the past twenty years, it has carried out an economic development policy that encourages innovation and knowledge sectors, both of which are driving factors for growth and skilled jobs. With over 4,000 researchers and 250 research centers, Montpellier actually represents one of the largest research concentrations in France. Five competitiveness clusters encourage public- and private-sector partnerships as well as the development of collaborative projects across excellence sectors in fields such as:

Healthcare: oncology, neuroscience, diagnostics, medical devices

Agronomics: nutrition, viticulture and oenology, water management

Green chemistry and **renewable energy**

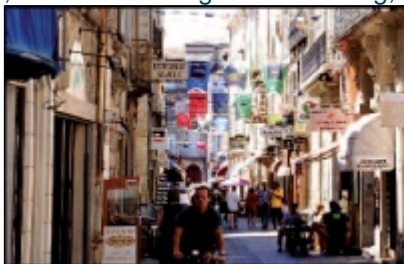
Information technologies: software development, digital leisure



A TRULY MEDITERRANEAN LIFESTYLE



With a vision for the future and an open outlook to the world, the Montpellier Agglomération area is not only attractive for its dynamic business attitude, but also for its gentle lifestyle. The area's appeal goes far beyond its exceptionally sunny climate, stunning ancient and modern architecture and protected natural environment. A spirit of friendliness permeates the region, a village comradeship during numerous traditional festivities, such as Camargue bull running, and activities initiated by Montpellier Agglomération to highlight regional



products including wine, olives, tomatoes, truffles and much more. *Montpellier Agglomération is a place of never-ending surprises.*

Whether you live here or come here as a visitor, you're bound to experience the passion. Located between the wild beaches of the seaside, and the dry scrubland of the back-country lined with mountainous buttresses, Montpellier Agglomération offers a multi-faceted horizon of alluring beauty and varied landscapes.



CULTURE IN ALL ITS FORMS



The richness of Montpellier Agglomération's cultural life has always been one of its driving forces.

A diverse and high quality offer has been developed over the years, both in terms of cultural infrastructure and prestigious international festivals, particularly for dance and classical music.

Major facilities such as the [Berlioz opera house](#), [Fabre Museum](#) and [Zénith concert hall](#) welcome world-class events all year long. Montpellier Agglomération also focuses on providing public facilities, like its [network of 9 multimedia libraries](#) that covers the entire area with an ultra-modern offer so that everyone gets access to culture close to home.

Montpellier Agglomération has chosen to open itself to the world because culture is something that both touches the heart and feeds the mind.



PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT



Montpellier Agglomération has worked for many years to protect and respect the environment, in a concerted long-term effort to preserve a high quality of life for the people who live here. Strategic decisions in all areas are made with a constant focus on sustainable development methods and goals.



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