

# Fusion meets Innovation: Nuclear business prospects in the South of France

Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 @ 2:30PM.

## Objectives

**Region Sud** (the south of France) is the only region in the world positioned on **all timeframes of the nuclear sector**: fusion (long term with ITER), innovative reactors (Small Modular Reactor) and fleet maintenance (including the French refit program). The region offers many opportunities for your company to expand business into France.

We invite you to on an afternoon of **exploring the high-tech ecosystem in the south of France** during the **ITER Business Forum** to enhance research, development, and deployment of advanced nuclear technologies, activating key drivers of **innovation, cooperation, and investment in nuclear energy**.

Come and meet **key players in the south of France** during the ITER Business Forum.  
**Save the date: April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 2:30PM.**

## Satellite meeting “FUSION MEETS INNOVATION” – April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Taking place the first day of IBF25, this meeting is an opportunity for you **to do business with buyers, alongside key industry players of the nuclear ecosystem in region Sud**. On the agenda is a dynamic afternoon to connect your international companies to leading regional actors and pioneering SMR start-ups. Engage with top innovators, explore cutting-edge nuclear technology, and position your company at the forefront of the nuclear sector’s future!

2:30PM

Presentations of the regional ecosystem by the energy cluster **CAPENERGIES** and **CYCLIUM**, an association of companies in the nuclear sector

Pitching of SMR (small modular reactor) start-ups based in Marseille: **HEXANA** and **STELLARIA**

**Networking coffee break** offered by risingSUD

Presentations of key players in the South of France: **CEA CADARACHE, FOSELEV, ASSYSTEM, ORTEC, ONET, BERTIN** and **CAPGEMINI**

6:00PM\*

\*Starting at 6:30PM, you are invited to participate at the opening ceremony of the ITER Business Forum.

**To participate**, go to your profile section and register for *thematic session/satellite meetings* at [ITER Business Forum - IBF 2025](#).


### REGION SUD'S KEY NUMBERS

**210** companies' headquarters  
in the nuclear sector

**18.500** direct and indirect  
jobs in the sector, **8.3%** of  
jobs at the national level

**€1.5 bi** in purchases per year  
for the French nuclear fleet

The **1<sup>st</sup>** nuclear R&D centre in  
the world: CEA at CADARACHE

 **Capenergies** : a benchmark  
competitiveness cluster, leading a  
Nuclear Club.

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## 1 A REGION THAT'S ONE STEP AHEAD ON THE ENVIRONMENT

### PROVENCE-ALPES-CÔTE D'AZUR: BIGGEST GREEN COMMITMENT IN EUROPE

€30 billion mobilized by Europe, the French national government, and the Region Sud

#### ① TANGIBLE PROJECTS

€142 million allocated by the EU's Just Transition Fund for the period 2021-2027

€40 million secured for the regional Terra Nea fund dedicated to environmental and energy transition projects

€30 million committed to shore-side electricity for ships moored in the ports of Marseille, Toulon, and Nice

#### ② A GREEN ENERGY REGION

#1 solar power potential in France and #3 wind power potential in Europe

#1 low-carbon hydrogen ecosystem in France

Home to ITER, the world's largest scientific project that is developing clean nuclear fusion energy

## 2 A REGION AT THE CROSSROADS OF 3 CONTINENTS

### ① DEVELOP YOUR BUSINESS IN EUROPE, AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

A geostrategic location to reach a market of 800 million people

#1 port in France (Marseille) et #1 military port in Europe (Toulon)

2 international airports (direct flights: 2h from London, 6h from Dakar, 7h from Dubai, 8h from Montreal)

## 3 A REGION OF INDUSTRY, TALENT AND INNOVATION

### ① MAJOR ADVANTAGES

#1 region for the maritime sector in France

#2 region for the natural cosmetics and perfumes – *home of the Chanel n°5*

#2 region for microelectronics – *the smart card was invented here*

### ② ASSETS

#1 technology park in Europe (Sophia-Antipolis)

#1 technology park dedicated to the environment in France (Arbois-Méditerranée)

#7 global internet hub (Marseille)

### ③ TOP TALENT

#1 French-speaking university in the world (Aix-Marseille Université)

#1 international educative system in France

170 000 students, 4 universities, 15 business schools, 17 engineering schools

167 R&D centers et 12 000 private researchers

### ④ GLOBAL LEADERS

+500 000 companies including



AIRBUS

B BOURBON

IBM



amadeus

THALES SARTORIUS

MARINETECH

CARBON

L'OCCITANE  
EN PROVENCE

ROBERTET

Fragonard



## 4 A REGION WITH AN OUTSTANDING WAY OF LIFE

① 127 marinas, 70 winter sport resorts, 9 protected nature parks

② #2 destination for international tourists in France

③ Global events such as the Cannes Film Festival, the 2024 (summer) and 2030 (winter) Olympic and Paralympic Games, the World AI Cannes Festival, the leading European economic forum in Aix-en-Provence...

*The South of France is the region where people feel happiest (89% of inhabitants)*

## 5 A REGION DEDICATED TO YOUR PROJÉT!

① One-stop assistance for your investment or company by risingSUD

② Turnkey real estate solutions: [Find your office or property in the South of France](#)

③ A guide to set-up your company, your employees and their families: [Welcome to region Sud](#)

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