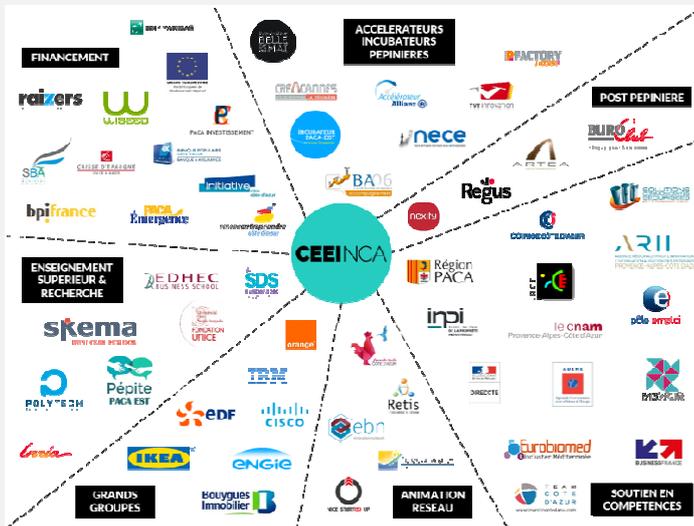




Nice Côte d'Azur BIC – Business incubator

Located in the heart of the Eco Valley project of national importance, the **Metropole Nice Côte d'Azur business incubator**, inaugurated in 2010 by Christian Estrosi, joined the **Business and Innovation Centre (BIC)** network as a quality-certified network in 2012 by the European Business Network.

The Nice Côte d'Azur business incubator has created a **favourable environment for developing young innovative companies** thus developing a virtuous ecosystem, a source of jobs:



- When taking advantage of the office space and support services, startups are subject to specific conditions, the main one being **job creation**.
- In October 2016, the BIC decided to increase its available office space by taking an additional 1.000 m² in 'the Crown' building, which marks the operational launch of the Nice Méridia Urban Technology Centre.
- This building, which has High Environmental Quality (HEQ) certification houses **a business hotel** targeting start-ups leaving the BIC which are in full-growth phase.

Key figures (to date)

- 4600 m²** of office
- +100** Startups supported
- 500** direct jobs generated
- 82.4%** Survival rate for supported companies
- €800 K** Obtained under the State-City Agreement to extend the BIC 2.0

BIC tools

Open Loft

A venue available to innovative companies, entrepreneurs, academics, SMEs and major groups, etc., in order to hold networking meetings and events, networking workshops, etc.

Soft Landing

This venue allows companies wishing to set up a base in the Metropole to immerse themselves in the local economy in order to understand and 'test' its dynamics, while receiving tailored support.

Fablab

The venue is open to targeted players and makes available all kinds of tools including **3D printers**, to design and produce objects and prototypes.

Objectives:

- ▶ **Become a major, key player in the Nice Méridia Urban Technology centre**
- ▶ **Increase office space by 2,000 square metres every 3 years, to optimise the incubator service.**
- ▶ **Achieve an international reach in the medium term**



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