As early as 2013, the Metropole Nice Côte d’Azur began to build ties with Sophia-Antipolis initially, then Cannes and Grasse and finally the whole of the department, to reply to the State’s call for certification labels, under the name of ‘French Tech Côte d’Azur.’ The certification label was awarded in June 2015 and July 2016.

The FTCA falls into three categories of national goals:

- **#Security #Privacy** (safety, security, defence, protection of persons, cyber-crime and digital security, personal data protection)

- **#Cleanedech #Mobility** (environment, sustainable development, energy, intelligent transport, new forms of mobility, transport Collaborative, self-driving vehicle, sustainable city, smart city)

- **#EdTech #Entertainment** (education, training, serious game, MOOC, adaptive learning, social learning, virtual and augmented reality, cultural and creative industries, media, television, radio, press, publishing, transmedia, video games, entertainment, visual arts, advertising and communication, music, live entertainment, books, cinema)

The French Tech vehicle enables companies to work with the economic development public sector bodies and all components of the digital ecosystem to define the coordinated action plans together:

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**Objectives:**
- 10 new international tech champions in 10 years
- 50 new eligible startups each year in an acceleration process in 3 years
- A collective international drive

Key figures:
- 1500 ICT companies on the Côte d’Azur:
- 22,885 jobs
- €4. bn in turnover incl. 53% exports
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