



## University - Excellence certification (IDEX)

To create the jobs of tomorrow, the Metropole Nice Côte d'Azur is working closely with the sector of higher education, research and innovation and developing a university capable of rising to the challenges of modernity. To this end, the University of Côte d'Azur (UCA) ComUE (*Community of Universities and Establishments*) is heading up a **strategic development project**; the **project, UCA-JEDI' (Joint, Excellent and Dynamic Initiative)**, brings together all the Research and Higher Education stakeholders in the urban area. Thanks to this development project, **awarded the IDEX certification (excellence initiative)** by Programme d'Investissements d'Avenir [*investment for the future programme*], it will receive between 10 to 15 million euros per year to invest in research and innovation.

### Key figures

# 1st

## French university for Life Sciences

Ranked 38th in the word by Leiden "Top 10 Articles of + cities"



### 2,700 scientists



### 35.000 students



### 1 university campus 13 international schools & international science centres

### The UCA-JEDI project in brief:

Creating an **innovative ecosystem** requires working with **many stakeholders** which are sometimes very different from each other (key accounts, SMEs, startups, associations, local authorities universities, ministries). UCA-JEDI plans to **foster such collaborative work and create strategic development links by setting up three reference centres** to realise its strategic development issues:

-  the digital sector and its uses;
-  health, well-being and ageing;
-  smart urban area and risk management.

Each centre will work with the local economic stakeholders to collaborate on an innovative issue of the future and is tasked with driving forward **the work of research partnerships**, to create training programmes for initial and continuous professional development and **develop expertise and innovation in key areas**.

These collaborative platforms aim to be interdisciplinary and create strong ties with R&D programmes and partner companies; However, they will also play a role in formalising needs and validating ideas, concepts, prototypes and products for SMEs and very small companies such as startups.

Ultimately, these reference centres must be capable of expanding their knowledge and expertise to comparable future projects in France or internationally.

### Schedule

2020



Set up and finalise project to create reference centres

2016



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### Objectives:

- ▶ Provide itself with the resources to move the different concepts and key technologies for each strategic focus area into the production phase
- ▶ Create the test, training and demonstration sites of the future



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