

Bordeaux Aeroparc



Context

Bordeaux is a key site in the AEROSPACE VALLEY global competitiveness cluster, specialising in aeronautics, space and embedded systems. Prospects for the development of this sector and political will to establish a site devoted to these activities within the urban area led to the creation of the Bordeaux AEROPARC technology park.

The technology park owes its development to the strong presence of major names in the field of aeronautics, including companies such as DASSAULT, THALES, SAFRAN, EADS, SABENA, representing a total of 10,000 jobs in the aeronautics industry. It is supported by a solid skills base, with research laboratories based in Bordeaux and a high-quality educational system including several engineering schools, as well as an aeronautical maintenance training centre.

The arrival of CFSA in 2008 and SIMMAD in 2012 has expanded this aeronautics hub even further, with 800 extra technicians. With responsibility for maintaining all of the French military's aircraft in operational condition, the decision to base these two units here confirms the reputation of Bordeaux Aeroparc as a key centre for military aeronautics.

The technology park constitutes a major asset for economic development to the west of the city and attracting new aeronautics-related businesses to the area through the provision of an innovative industrial centre of European scope as well as additional technology parks.

Furthermore, a micro-drone testing area is also located on the Souge camp, just a few kilometres from the Aeroparc business centre.

Bordeaux Aeroparc and Bordeaux Technowest, with support from BGI, provide support to companies relocating to the Aeroparc and jointly run a service centre and business incubator. This latter is now home to 30 innovative start-ups, which should eventually establish themselves in their own premises on the Aeroparc.

Location

The districts of MERIGNAC - Le HAILLAN – SAINT-MEDARD-EN-JALLES.

Site located next to the airport runways.

250 hectares available for development

Objectives

This project, backed by Bordeaux Technowest and supported by the Aerospace Valley global competitiveness cluster, aims to encourage greater synergy between manufacturers and research and training centres and to become the largest site in France devoted to aeronautical technology.

Technical specifications

- 700-hectare airport estate
- Property available with direct access to runways
- 3,000 m² business service centre: incubator and business centre devoted to companies wishing to test the Aquitaine market, partners (banks, consultants, IT providers, HR...), a technological showcase of expertise, innovative project support
- Civil drone testing zone.

Partners

The project was developed within the framework of a partnership between the public and private sectors. Public organisations involved in the project include the Aquitaine Regional Council, Bordeaux Urban Community, the ERDF and the councils of Mérignac, Saint-Médard-en-Jalles and Le Haillan.

Private partners involved in the project include 2ADI, Bordeaux Airport, Bordeaux TECHNOWEST, Bordeaux-gironde investissement, Caisse des dépôts, Bordeaux Aquitaine Aéronautique et Spatial, ENSAM and INNOVALIS Aquitaine.

Schedule

- 2011: floorspace of the business centre doubled, with 600 m² of additional office space.
- 2012: Expansion of the service centre to welcome new businesses. Establishment of an SPL (Local Public Company) to lead construction projects and support businesses relocating to the Aeroparc.
- Arrival of SIMMAD (700 staff).



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