



Route des Lasers

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The Bordeaux photonics cluster



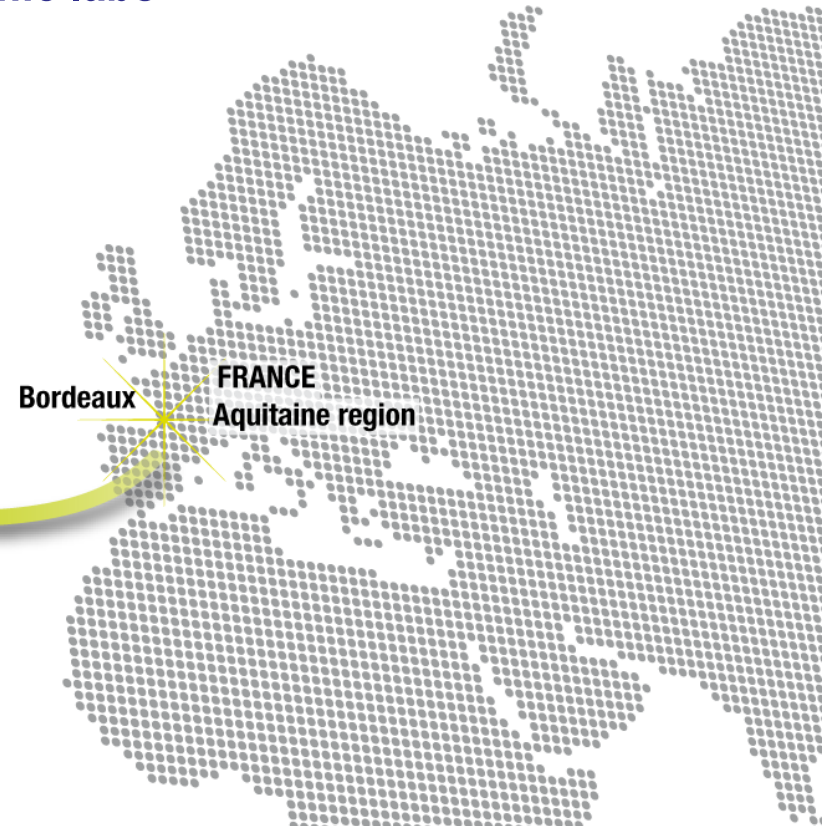
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Bordeaux Route des Lasers competitiveness cluster

- Governed by ALPhA – Aquitaine Lasers Photonics and Applications
- A concentration of expertise and skills
- Around 100 members from industry and academic labs



80 Innovative companies in photonic technologies

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- **A network of SMEs** working with optical-photonic technologies and lasers
- **Leading corporate groups** (CILAS, SAGEM / SAFRAN, QUANTEL, THALES)
- **Main applications concerned:**
 - Aeronautics and Space
 - Embedded systems
 - Instrumentation, Metrology
 - Health
 - Agribusiness
 - Energy: thermic solar, photovoltaics
 - Technologies and sustainable development
 - Industrial processes
- **Expertise:**
 - Laser sources
 - Fiber lasers, high-power and high-energy lasers
 - Metrology and imaging, Terahertz applications
 - Instrumentation
 - Digital vision systems
 - Virtual reality
 - Components and materials



One of Europe's highest concentrations of scientific expertise in photonics

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- **International reputation laboratories**
CELIA, CEA, ICMCB, LOMA, LP2N, IMS...
- **Research centered on optics and lasers**
 - Short-pulse lasers
 - Intense lasers
 - Nonlinear optics
 - Spectroscopy
 - Laser-plasma interaction
 - Inertial confinement fusion
 - Optics equipment
- **Multidisciplinary fields**
Nanophysics, bio-photonics, image processing
- **Collaborative R&D projects**, bringing together industrialists and researchers.

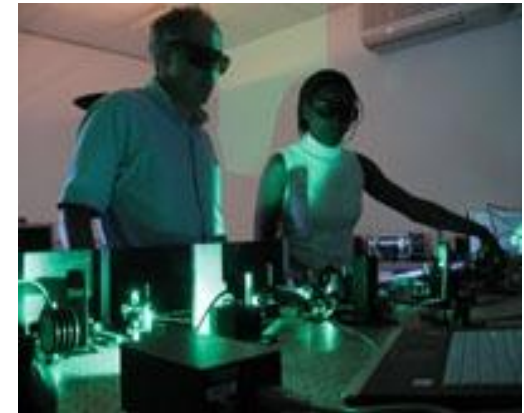


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Laser Megajoule (LMJ), a scientific flag for global visibility

- **An exceptional research equipment**, only comparable in the world to the National Ignition Facility (NIF), in California
- **Extreme physical conditions** (millions degrees and tenths millions bars in billionths seconds)
- Soon achieved at the **CEA CESTA** site (Bordeaux area)
- Designed for nuclear deterrence and openly available for use by the **French and International scientific communities**
- Its prototype, the **Laser Integration Line (LIL)** already the most powerful laser in Europe in terms of energy delivered

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PetaWatt Aquitaine Laser (PETAL), a coupled scientific instrument

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- **A High Energy Multi-Petawatt Laser** to explore new high-potential research areas
Clean power production (inertial confinement fusion), understanding of the universe, extreme physics and medical science
- **A demonstrator** of physics and laser technology **for the European facility HIPER** (High Power Laser Energy Research)
- Generating pulses of up to 3.5 kJ during 0.5 to 5 ps, coupled with the high power laser LIL (60 kJ, 8 beams, ns, 3ω)

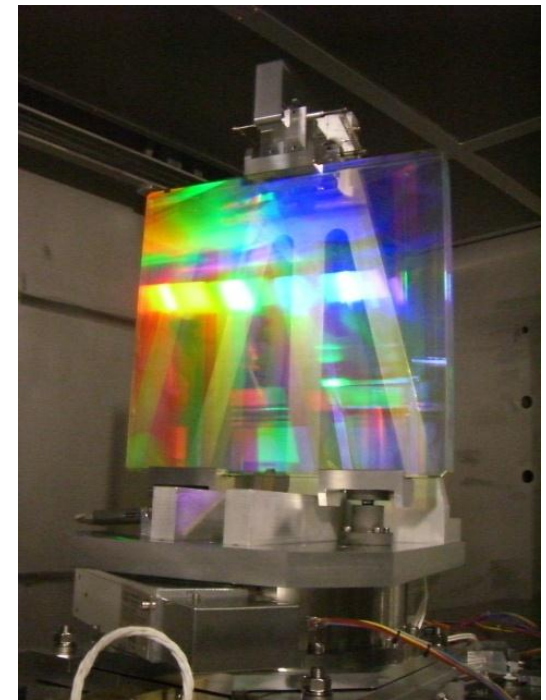


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ALPhANOV, Optics & Lasers Technological Resource Center

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- **25 people** (employees, PhDs, engineers and technicians)
- **1.000 m² of specialized premises** at the University of Bordeaux
- **15 lasers**, from continuous to Femtosecond
- **State of the art instrumentation**
- **400 contracts per year**
- **CRT quality label** (technological resource center)
- **Clients ranging from large companies to SMEs and start-up:**
 - Aeronautics, space, defense
 - Chemicals, pharmaceuticals, health
 - Electronics, microelectronics
 - Luxury goods, cosmetics
 - Instrumentation, sensors
 - Energy, Photovoltaics

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PYLA, Optics & Lasers Training Center

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- Sharing the skills of academic and industrial partners in a **joint catalog of optics and laser training programs**
- From 2 to 8 days training courses with **expert speakers on dedicated facilities**
- **Over 40 training courses:**
 - Basic knowledge
 - R&D
 - Laser security
 - Industrial lasers
 - Medical lasers (DIU Laser & Medicine)
 - Ultracleanliness
 - Intensive programs (Ultra Short and Ultra Intense Laser Sources, Optical Metrology and High Fields Physics)
- **Training sessions on request**, regarding to special needs (onsite or inter companies)



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- Starting in 2012, a branch of the Institut d'Optique Graduate School (IOGS), associated with the University of Bordeaux:
 - 250 people in teaching and research
 - 100 student-engineers (competitive exam + international)
 - 50 masters students (international + French)
 - 60 doctoral and postdoctoral students
 - 30 instructor-researchers
 - 10 technical support and administrative personnel
- **Original and exclusive themes**
 - Optics and digitization
 - Optics, nanosciences and complex systems
 - Optics and neurosciences
- **Located in the new “Centre optique” building (14.000 m²) on Bordeaux University campus**



Future IOGS / ALPhANOV / PYLA center – Aquitaine Region
Architects: Nicolas Ragueneau, Antoine Roux

SEML Route des Lasers, a dedicated real estate

- A range of business and technology sites, in particular those **suited to industrial needs**
- Shared services and resources
- Two parks dedicated to the optics-laser sector:
 - Near the Laser Megajoule: **LASERIS 1** scientific & technological park for industry, and **LASERIS 2**, for industry related services
 - Near the university campus: **Cité de la Photonique**
 - **Unitec** brings together industrialists and research laboratories in the sector

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LASERIS park and
Khara building (Cité de la Photonique – Unitec)
Photo: SEML Route des Lasers

Invest in Photonics[®], the international partnering convention

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- Facilitating the meeting between:
 - Entrepreneurs and Executives of emerging companies (energy, environment, telecoms, health, industry, consumer technology...)
 - Investors and Analysts working in the entire photonics applications sector
- Addressing the current business issues facing the industry with opinion leaders
- Increasing the visibility of the Photonics Industry
- An International organizing committee
- 3rd edition in preparation for 2012

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Invest in Photonics 2010, Market Time

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Research / Industry projects - Grants management

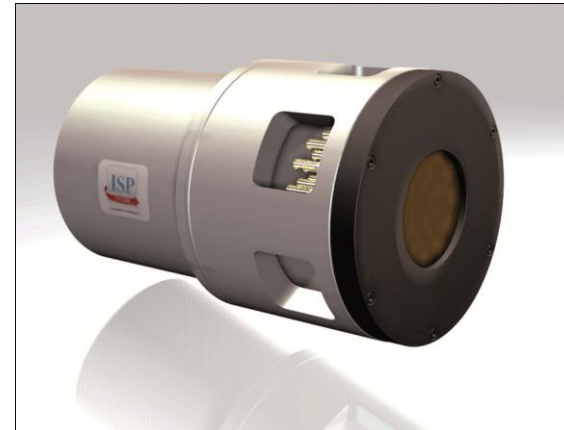
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- **Competitiveness cluster project support: core of “Route des Lasers” action**
 - Projects identification & setting up
 - Projects labeling
 - Projects coordination
 - Projects follow up
- **Competitiveness cluster grant management:**
 - **French Ministry of Industry (FUI projects):** 2 AAP / year, support and labeling
 - **French Ministry of research (ANR projects) :** financial bonus (6%) through labeling
 - **Investment for the future:** R&D structurant, PFMI, IRT....
 - **Aquitaine Region industrial and R&D projects :** strategic development, bonus through labeling
 - **European projects (FEDER, FP7, Eureka...)** : support and project development

Some “Route des Lasers” projects

- **CALAS:** Laser ignition
- **EFESO:** Polishing techniques for high precision optics
- **ULTRASTENT:** Laser micro-milling of cardiac implants
- **PLUS:** Sight positioning in aeronautics helmets
- **CLEANLASE:** Laser cleaning
- **MEDOXIS:** Laser instrument for eye surgery
- **TERABOOK:** Advanced document digitization technology
- **HIPAO:** Adaptive optics for power lasers
- **LNP KEY:** Laser nanoparticles fluorescence for traceability in the wood industry
- **ISOCEL :** Innovative solar cells in Aquitaine

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Projet HIPAO
Photo: ISP System



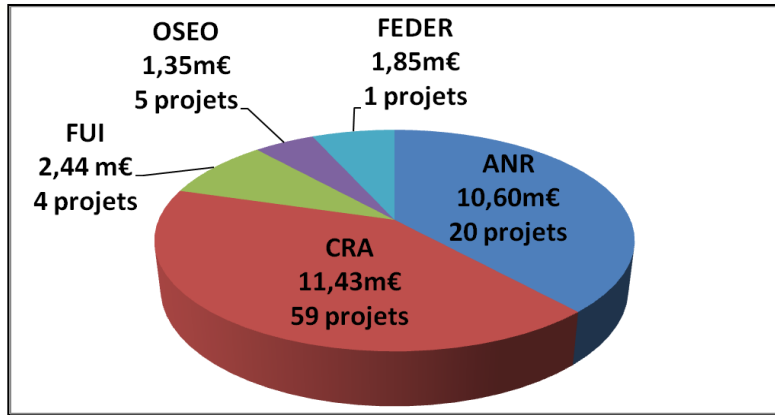
Projet CALAS
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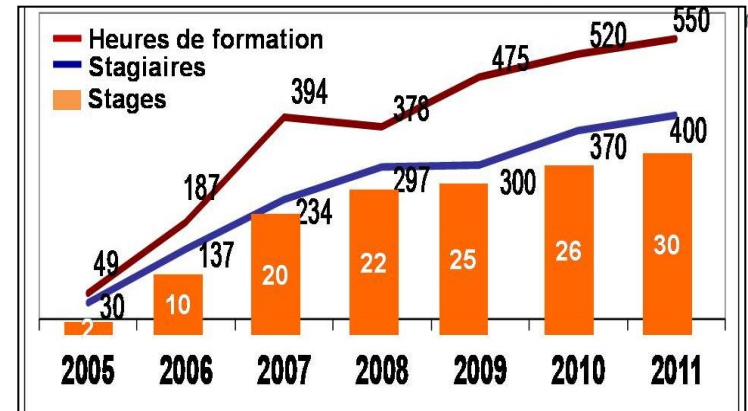
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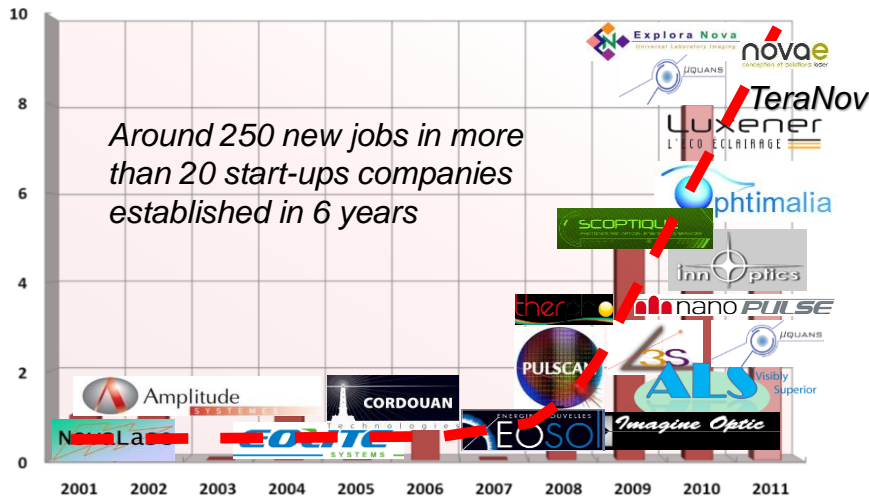
Key figures:



2005 - 2010 Collaborative projects



In-service Training



Start-ups / new setting up companies



- Laser World of Photonics, Munich
- Photonics West, San Francisco
- Laser World of Photonics, Shanghai
- Medica, Dusseldorf
- Opto, Paris

Exhibition shows participation



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