



A region at the heart of innovation

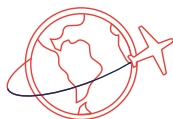
**PARIS REGION,
A THRIVING ECOSYSTEM
FOR TOMORROW'S
AERONAUTICS,
SPACE AND DEFENCE**

OVERVIEW OF THE AERONAUTICS INDUSTRY IN PARIS REGION

2nd largest aeronautics region in France/
international reach



25%
of aeronautics sector
employees work
in Paris Region



57%
of Paris Region
industry's sales
are generated
outside France



**Airbus, Safran,
Dassault Aviation
and Air France
Industries**

This concentration is
explained by the presence
of leading training
and research clusters
(Plateau de Saclay,
the french Silicon Valley),
and the presence
of France's largest
airport hub.



€57,2 billion
of exports in 2024



41%
of national investments
in R&D*



120,200
employees



R&D investment:
€756 million*
(e.g. Safran site
in Melun-Villaroche [77],
the region's leading
industrial site)

*in 2022

OVERVIEW OF THE SPACE INDUSTRY IN PARIS REGION

2nd largest employer region behind Occitanie



25%
of national staff

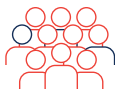


A rich institutional environment:

French Space Agency (CNES), European Space Agency (ESA), French Aerospace Lab (ONERA), numerous specialised schools



540
companies and
576
establishments**



72 600 employment**



Major players
Ariane Group and Airbus
Defence & Space



New players
Sirius Space Services,
Prométhée Earth
Intelligence, ION-X,
Exotrail, Space Dreams
and GAMA space



**in 2020

A DUAL CIVIL-DEFENCE SECTOR

In Paris Region, the defence industry employs more than 68 000 people. Historically, the aerospace sector has developed in the civil and military markets. This ability to work in both sectors represents a major strategic advantage:

Transferable technologies:

the technologies developed for security/defence (composite materials, electric propulsion, encrypted telecommunications, embedded AI, etc.) can be used in other fields, such as commercial aviation, logistics drones or climate observation – and vice versa.

A 'dual market' effect:

the big aerospace companies (Airbus, Safran, Ariane Group, Thales, etc.) spread their research and development costs over both business sectors. This strategy enables them to secure their production, ensure job stability and justify the significant investment in research laboratories in the Paris area.



Accelerated innovation:

the needs of the military sector demand rapid technological breakthroughs. These innovations are then adapted to civilian programmes, thereby reducing costs. A recent example: initially created for the institutional space sector, ion propulsion (ION-X) is now used for telecommunications satellite networks.

Sovereignty and exports:

by combining civil and defence excellence, the Region is strengthening national sovereignty while remaining competitive on the export market.

This 'civil-defence' complementarity positions Paris Region **as a key player in the aerospace industry for all markets.**

THE REGION'S SUPPORT FOR THE 3 INDUSTRIES: AERONAUTICS, SPACE AND DEFENCE

Support for innovation

Paris Region actively supports economic development, innovation and employment. The aeronautics, space and defence sectors are among the regional priorities. They receive specific support, particularly in the area of breakthrough innovation in two key areas:

- dual technologies (civil and military);
- less polluting technologies that reduce CO₂ emissions.

In figures

- Nearly **€5.8 million** invested between 2023 and 2025 to help the aeronautics and space industry

Support for the incubation ecosystem

For the period 2023 to 2025, Paris Region has invested **nearly €5.8 million to help the aeronautics and space industry** innovate and develop major research projects.

One example is the financial support for the micro-launcher manufacturing plant of Sirius Space Services.

Paris Region also has a comprehensive network of start-up incubators and accelerators (Starburst France, iXCampus and Spacefounders, set up by CNES, the French Space Agency).

ASTech Paris Region: a competitiveness cluster for the industry

Paris Region supports the ASTech Paris Region competitiveness cluster, which aims to strengthen the European leadership positions of the industry in the sectors of space launch, business aviation, propulsion and equipment through innovation.

Its mission:

- support research in Paris Region;
- provide SMEs with new opportunities for innovation;
- prepare for future technological breakthroughs in partnership with SMEs, research organisations and higher education establishments.



Assistance from the Paris Region Reindustrialisation Fund

Set up in 2024, the **Paris Region Reindustrialization Fund** aims to support the emergence and establishment of industrial innovation in the region and to accelerate reindustrialization.

Many innovative start-ups in the sector have benefited from this support. One example is the company ION-X, which received €2 million in funding to develop the first ion-propulsion satellite engine.

Support for finding land and property

Paris Region has **4 sites labeled 'France 2030 Turnkey Site'**, making them ideal for the development of new industrial activities. Some of these sites, such as Linandes Est Aerocity in Cergy, are specifically dedicated to the aeronautics industry.

In total, more than **14 500 hectares of land** have been set aside for industrial activity in the region.

Informations

Are you a micro, small, medium or intermediate-sized enterprise, and want to find out more about regional economic support?

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