

FRANCHE-COMTÉ

LUXURY KNOW-HOW

Create, set up, invest, and develop
FRANCHE-COMTÉ,
a land of performance



Alliance des savoir-faire traditionnels et des stratégies innovantes

The leading French region for added value in industry

- No. 1 for microtechnology
- No. 3 for surface treatment

No. 1 for watch-making

- 92 companies
- 2,500 employees
- 70% of the French workforce in the sector

No. 1 for eyewear

- 50% of French production
- 99 companies
- 2,400 employees
- 74 manufacturers brands
- 29 brands under licence

No. 1 for woodturning and woodenware

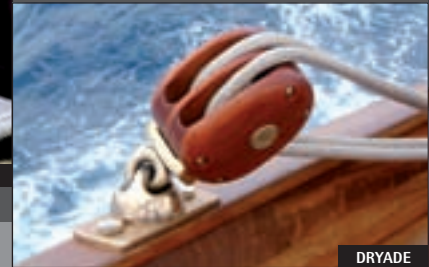
- 185 companies
- 554 employees
- 80% of French production of boxes, cases, luxury items, games and toys



LUXE & TECH



LA ROCHÈRE



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Luxe & tech, Technology for Luxury

A joint project run by the Microtechnology cluster, Luxe & Tech brings together close to 50 companies working in the fields of luxury and top of the range finishing.

An unincorporated association, it coordinates and implements joint actions to support the position of its member companies on the luxury markets. It facilitates relations with major players in the luxury sector, promotes the companies and sets up partnerships with research bodies.

Within a 30 km radius, the firms of FRANCHE-COMTÉ can boast a full array of know-how:

- Planning, design and development of technology
- More than 20 trades working in transforming materials into prestige goods
- The most innovative technology for a perfect finish
- The highest level of skills

Lunetiers du Jura

The Jura federation of spectacle manufacturers brings together all the sector's companies in an umbrella organisation that contains all eyewear trades. The Jura, the historical cradle of a trade that emerged more than 2 centuries ago, today boasts more than 90 firms active in the sector with a total workforce of more than 2,400 people.

PER Email (Enamel Rural Excellence Cluster)

These skills are rare in France and are part of a tradition that the Jura cultivates and develops.

By providing equipment, supporting entrepreneurs, training, industrial cooperation, resource centres and international events.



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LÉPINE



PEQUIGNET



SILVANT

Research, training and innovation

THE MICROTECHNOLOGY Cluster

The cluster is home to multi-technology and multi-product SMEs who possess specific know how. It provides them with a strategic setting for development and innovation.

- 400 companies
- 12,900 employees
- 450 researchers in public R&D
- 550 researchers in private R&D
- 4 major training institutes

ALUtec

Promoting creativity, technological innovation and competitiveness in the sector. A.LU.TEC is the national R&D centre for the eyewear industry:

- Cofrac approved testing laboratory and notified body for CE compliance of eye and facial protective equipment.
- Material sample library: Innovative materials and composite coatings for eyewear and other sectors.

ENSMM

The French National Engineering Institute in Mechanics and Microtechnology.

The only graduate engineering school in France dedicated to microtechnology.

- 600 students
- 17,000 m² dedicated to research

The VICTOR BÉRARD

State technical high school in MOREZ

Open since 1854, the technical college has succeeded in striking a balance between optical and micro-mechanical tradition and the future of state-of-the-art technology.

The EDGAR FAURE high school in MORTEAU

The first high school in the FRANCHE-COMTÉ region to receive trade-approved status for watch-making and jewellery.

The MOUCHARD Wood high school

The only technical college in France where teaching is entirely focused on wood.

BOUDARD apprentices' school

Montbéliard regional CFA.

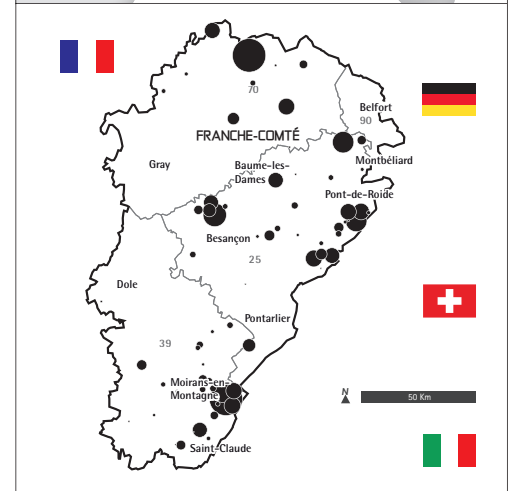
A school for apprenticeships in the saddle-making and leather-craft sectors.

Luxury know-how

With the presence in FRANCHE-COMTÉ of an industrial fabric specialised in transforming metals and materials, as well as the development of expertise in surface treatments, it is not by chance that the most prestigious luxury brands draw on the region's skills for the technical and creative resources they require to craft the products for their collections.

A combination of traditional know-how and innovative strategies FRANCHE-COMTÉ, with its expertise in the choice and converting of materials, boasts the necessary resources for working metals, precious metals, ceramics, stone and precious stones, crystal, glass, wood, leather, horn, etc., as well as a ceaseless spirit of innovation.

The traditions of watch-making and eyewear, the culture of precision-built products, the striving for a good job well done have encouraged the development of sub-contracting talent but also brands native to FRANCHE-COMTÉ; talents and products which are exported all around the world every day.



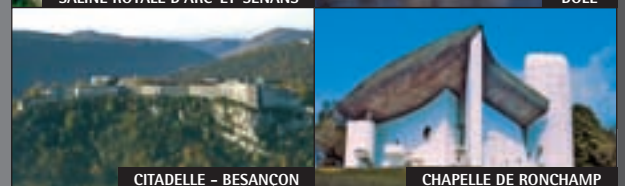
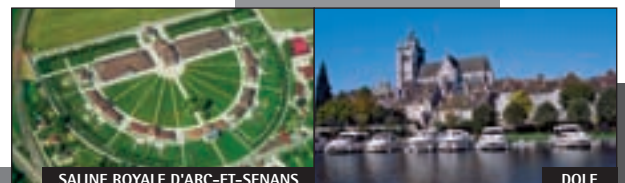
Setting up business

FRANCHE-COMTÉ offers many opportunities and competitively low cost levels for setting up new businesses.

All the players in the economy, working as a network, help to provide professional support to all projects, from creation to setting up.

Tailor-made services to help you set up business

- Feasibility studies
- Concerted efforts from all regional players
- Assistance with seeking funding
- Identification of solutions for land and real estate
- R&D interaction
- Welcoming of displaced employees



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