

PRESS RELEASE

Paris, 1 June 2026

20 foreign direct investments worth over €7 billion at Choose France 2026: Paris Region confirms its status as the European capital of strategic technologies

Between a record wave of foreign investment announcements made at the Choose France 2026 summit and a high-level mission to Taiwan, Paris Region is establishing itself as the second most attractive region in Europe for foreign direct investment and a leading destination for cutting-edge technologies.

Driven by the scientific excellence of Paris-Saclay, the strength of its industrial base and the international outlook of its stakeholders, the Region accounts for nearly 30% of foreign direct investment (FDI) in France in 2025 and alone attracts nearly two-thirds of all foreign investment announced in France in artificial intelligence – a figure unrivalled in Europe.

Paris-Saclay: a global showcase for deep tech and European technological sovereignty

For the first time, Choose Paris Region, Business France and the Paris-Saclay Public Development Agency are joining forces to present the Saclay campus to 16 leading international executives, on the sidelines of the Choose France summit.

This unprecedented initiative, spearheaded by Valérie Pécresse, President of the Region, in the presence of Philippe Baptiste, Minister for Higher Education and Research, aims to position Paris-Saclay as one of the world's leading ecosystems for deep-tech research, innovation and industrialisation – supporting Europe's major technological transitions in artificial intelligence, semiconductors, quantum technology, biotechnology, energy and space.

Among the companies represented, hailing from more than a dozen countries, are world-leading players in their respective sectors: Curium Pharma (nuclear medicine), Stallergenes (allergenic immunotherapy), ProLogium (next-generation batteries), Schaeffler (e-mobility), Ligentec (integrated photonics for AI), Paralloy (high-performance alloys), Chiesi

(biopharmaceuticals), Toray Industries (advanced materials) and Astroscale (space), Tekever (aerospace, drones and defence systems), BioEsol (bioenergy), NexWafe (silicon wafers for solar energy), PLD Space (space launchers), EOS (defence laser systems), Verne Global (low-carbon data infrastructure) and MGX (investment in strategic technologies).

Their presence on the Paris-Saclay campus reflects the growing appeal of the area for research-intensive technology industries. This appeal will be further enhanced by the opening of the first section of Line 18 of the Grand Paris Express, linking Saclay to Orly from late 2026, which will connect the global campus to the heart of the Paris Region network.

Choose France 2026: new international projects for Paris Region

On the 9th Choose France summit held at the Palace of Versailles shortly afterwards, Valérie Pécresse, President of the Paris Region, accompanied by Baptiste Orlandini, CEO of Choose Paris Region, meet with several project leaders who announced major international investments in the Paris region.

Among the main projects in the Region:

➤ **Ardian / Verne partnership (France / UK)**

The two partners have announced the creation of an AI Gigafactory in Île-de-France: a 500 MW next-generation digital infrastructure campus, powered by low-carbon energy sources, representing an investment of up to €5 billion and the creation of 330 jobs. This project will position the region among Europe's leading high-performance computing centres by 2030.

➤ **Databricks (United States)**

The global leader in AI and data has announced an investment of €258 million to strengthen its presence in Paris, creating 200 new jobs.

➤ **E-SPORT FOUNDATION (Saudi Arabia)**

The E-SPORT FOUNDATION is investing nearly €250 million in organising the E-sports World Cup in Paris, a project set to generate significant economic benefits for the region.

➤ **Stallergenes Greer (Switzerland)**

Stallergenes Greer, a leading provider of desensitisation treatments, has announced an investment of €125 million by 2030 in its main production site in the Paris Region.

➤ **Revolut (United Kingdom)**

Revolut has announced a €100 million investment and 200 new jobs in Paris, mainly in the areas of financial fraud prevention and business development, consolidating the capital's position as a European fintech hub.

➤ **Adragos Pharma (Germany)**

Adragos Pharma confirms the takeover of the Sanofi industrial site, accompanied by a €50 million investment dedicated to the production of injectable medicines, thereby securing more than 450 industrial jobs and strengthening the region's pharmaceutical production capacity.

This list is being expanded by announcements from companies operating in key strategic sectors, such as AI, healthcare, banking and financial services, and software – notably Salesforce, SAP and Workday.

In total, 20 foreign direct investment projects worth over €7 billion and creating several thousand jobs have been announced for the region.

These announcements for Paris Region account for 30% of all announcements unveiled at Choose France across the country.

A Paris Region economic mission to Taiwan

Following on from Choose France, Valérie Péresse and Alexandra Dublanche, President of Choose Paris Region, are leading a Paris Region delegation to Taiwan on 3 and 4 June, to attend the InnoVEX-Computex trade fair, Asia's leading event dedicated to emerging technologies, AI and semiconductors.

On the agenda: high-level meetings with global leaders in electronics and computing – Foxconn, MediaTek, Wistron, ASUS, Giga Computing and ITRI, Taiwan's leading applied research institute. The President will deliver a keynote speech at the Innovex trade fair, followed by a strategic meeting bringing together Taiwan's leading financial groups – Taishin, Fubon, Cathay, CTBC and the National Development Fund – to discuss investment opportunities in the Paris region.

This mission is accompanying six leading companies based in Paris Region specialising in strategic technologies: Quandela and PASQAL (quantum computing), Bull/Eviden (high-performance computing and AI), Streamwide (critical communications), Inventec Performance Chemicals (semiconductors) and ZML (AI software infrastructure).

Through this initiative, Paris Region reaffirms its commitment to consolidating its position as a leading European platform for technological cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.

Valérie Péresse, President of Paris Region, welcomes this international momentum: *“While global competition to attract the best projects shows no sign of abating, Paris Region is proving this week that it is not waiting for investors: it is going out to find them, in Saclay, Versailles and Taipei alike. Billions of euros committed, thousands of jobs created: these are concrete results, tangible benefits for everyone in the Paris Region.”*

Alexandra Dublanche, President of Choose Paris Region, adds: *“These results demonstrate Paris Region's ability to enhance its appeal in strategic sectors and to attract the businesses and innovations of tomorrow. Choose Paris Region will continue to work to consolidate the region's leadership for the benefit of the whole of France and Europe.”*

Press contacts:

Choose Paris Region: Catherine Barnouin –catherine.barnouin@chooseparisregion.org

Paris Region: Eléonore Flacelière –eleonore.flaceliere@iledefrance.fr



Paris Region plays a leading role in French employment and growth, both through its economic weight and its influence. Paris Region is active in most areas affecting the daily lives of the region's 12 million residents: transport, as well as secondary schools, economic development, the environment, and more. Covering an area that accounts for 2% of France's territory but is home to 18% of its population and generates nearly 30% of the national GDP, the Region pursues a development policy that places the environment at the heart of its priorities, allocating €10 billion to this area. Île-de-France is a region of innovation, accounting for 40% of France's R&D activity, and enjoys international appeal.



Choose
PARIS
REGION

Choose Paris Region is the attractiveness agency for Paris Region, promoting the region internationally and ensuring high-quality services for investors, visitors, media producers and global talent, while supporting sustainable and balanced regional development. It assists companies with market entry through local economic expertise and a targeted partner network, supports tourism professionals in developing innovative offerings, strengthens the film and audiovisual sector — where the region leads in Europe — and facilitates the relocation of international talent by showcasing the quality of life in Paris Region.