

Sophia Antipolis — Europe's First Planned Science Park

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Quality score: 48/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Founded in 1969 on 2,400 forested hectares near Nice, Sophia Antipolis grew from one company in 1974 to over 1,300 by 2012, but a 2013 French government inquiry found growth had stalled and flagged fragmented governance as a barrier to renewal.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	3/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

[Fondation Sophia Antipolis / Communauté d'Agglomération Sophia Antipolis \(CASA\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

[French Ministry of Ecological Transition — inspection report on Sophia Antipolis \(2013\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

[INSEE — Communauté d'agglomération Sophia Antipolis economic analysis \(2015\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

[Sophia Antipolis official site — History](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

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