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# Welcome to Ain

**THE AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM FOR THE CHEOPS PYRAMID** was designed and developed in Ain. Our companies are ingenious and export everywhere. Think about tomorrow, come and join us in Ain.

# High-performance in Ain

In Ain, companies innovate and look far ahead. They know how to be competitive on worldwide markets and have been increasing the department's attractiveness for decades.



**1<sup>st</sup> industrial department in France.**

- ➔ Over 3,600 industrial establishments from local companies to international groups.
- ➔ A market of 6 million consumers.

## Key figures

- :: 34% of the population is less than 24 years old
- :: Every year Ain's population increases by 7,500 (600,000 inhabitants)
- :: Pool of qualified labour in 8 universities, 37 higher education academies, including 21 regional engineering schools.

AIR FORCE PILOTS wear helmets developed and made in Ain. Our companies give their very best to design innovative, high-performance products.

## Plastics

**Highest concentration of plastics companies in Europe**

400 companies  
12,000 employees

- :: PLASTIPOLIS competitiveness pool
- :: European Plastics Centre (R&D)

## Metals, mechanical engineering and metalworking

**1<sup>st</sup> region in France for industrial sub-contracting (metalworking, mechanical engineering, industrial coachbuilding and HGVs)**

915 companies  
21,000 employees

- :: Lyon Urban Truck & Bus competition centre (LUTB)
- :: VIAMECA competition centre (mechanical engineering, capital goods and industrial design)
- :: MECABOURG cluster (Mechanical engineering, - metalworking - industrial coachbuilding) in the Bourg-en-Bresse basin

## Food-processing

**4<sup>th</sup> region in France for the food-processing industry**

450 companies  
5,300 employees

- :: ALIMENTEC technical centre (scientific and technological platform)
- :: VITAGORA competitiveness pool

## Aerualics

**1<sup>st</sup> region in France for aerualics**  
25% of all French companies  
35% of national sales  
29% of French jobs

- :: Refrigerating and Thermal Aerualics cluster
- :: European REFRIGERATION training platform, open to companies

Industries of  
**EXCELLENCE**

## The wood industry

**Second department in Rhône-Alpes for wood production**

900 companies  
5,700 employees

- :: Wood-training centre (initial and adult training in professions concerning the wood industry)
- :: Bugey rural centre of excellence for wood

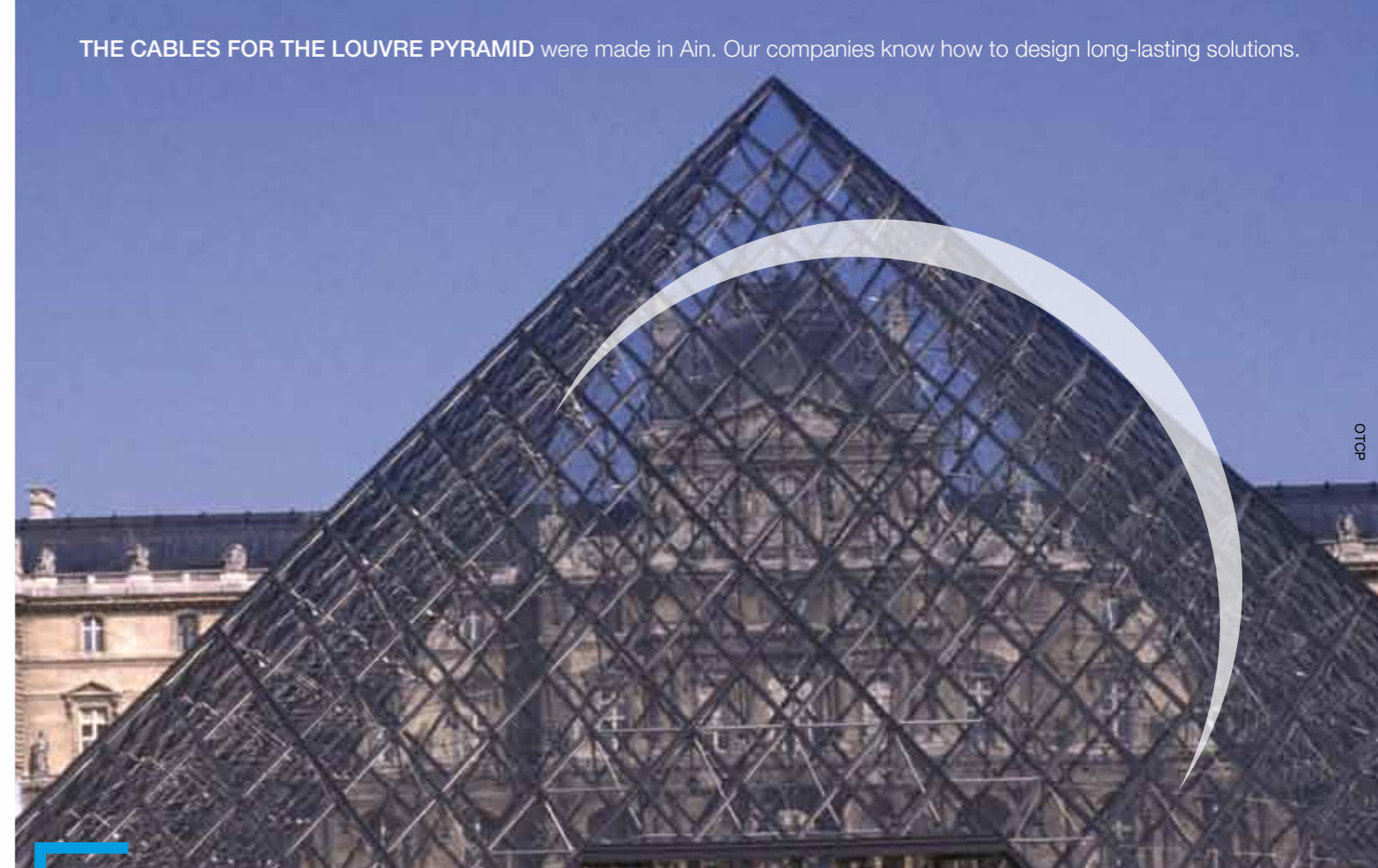
## PERFORMANCE AND INNOVATION

Ain, at the heart of the second region of France for patents registration, proposes an innovation ecosystem to companies.

- Aeraulics and heat engineering
- Civil, military and space aeronautics
- Food-processing
- Biotechnologies and pharmaceutical industries
- Wood
- Chemicals and environment
- Bulding and construction
- Screw-turning and mechanical engineering
- Lighting
- Eco-technologies
- Software editing
- Fruits and vegetables
- Logistics
- Digital leisure activities
- Energy control for the building industry
- Micro and nanotechnologies and onboard software
- New and renewable energies
- Plastics
- Biological products
- HGV and industrial coachwork
- Sport, leisure and equipment for mountains
- Health technologies
- Technical and functional textiles
- ...

### And also

2 378 research scientists at CERN  
(European Organization for Nuclear Research)



## DEVELOP YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE

**A privileged environment**

- Wide open spaces, 1h from the big cities
- 4 natural reserves and parks

**A dynamic cultural life**

- Over 30 museums
- Over 100 historic monuments (Brou church, etc.) and classified natural sites
- Over 60 festivals and cultural events (including Ambronay Festival, "Printemps de Pérouges et de la Plaine de l'Ain", "Les Temps Chauds" festival, "Éphémère" festival at Hauteville, etc)

**Sports activities**

- 10 family ski-resorts
- 16 golf courses
- Over 40 horse-riding centres and clubs and over 1000 km of signposted tracks for rides on horseback

**A discerning taste for good products**

- Restaurants with chefs of international reputation (Georges Blanc), Bresse poultry, frogs legs from the Dombes, 7 quality labels (including Bresse poultry, Gex blue cheese, Comté cheese, Bugey wine)

**And close by**

- Lyon Opera, Geneva Opera, Le Bourget lake, Annecy lake, Nuits de Fourvière, Vienne Jazz Festival, Montreux Festival, Mont Blanc...

## GET CLOSER TO YOUR MARKETS

Close to the major European cities, Ain possesses undeniable assets not only for developing your economic activities, but also for guaranteeing your employees' personal fulfilment.

# In Ain, combine working life with a high standard of living



Installation solutions,  
**JUST THE WAY YOU LIKE IT**

**From the European zone to the local zone**

- :: Almost 500 hectares of fully-serviced plots available for tertiary, logistics or production activities : ISO 14001 Park, technology poles, mixed business parks, industrial zones
- :: Business centres, company nurseries, rental solutions...
- :: 470,000 sqm of business premises constructed every year.



**Tomorrow, together with you, in Ain**

In Ain, you will find the solutions that correspond to your ambitions. To set yourself up successfully, the Ain Economic Mission (MEA) is here to assist you.

The MEA offers you  
**TAILOR-MADE ASSISTANCE**

**For us, you are unique; this is why the Ain Economic Mission is always working to make your investment project a success :**

- :: As your privileged contact from the beginning of your project through to its completion, to ensure you save time.
- :: By engaging its network of operational partners for your project: Real-estate, human resources, environment, regulations, innovation, financial engineering, planning...

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# See you soon in Ain

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