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#### **Creation of Hello Lille**

The European Metropolis of Lille attractiveness agency

#### ATTRACTIVENESS AND OUTREACH

#### **OF THE METROPOLIS**

- Rollout of the Hello Lille brand
- Development of brand awareness in France and internationally by leveraging major events
- Networking and event organisation



#### BUSINESS SETTING UP

- Prospecting in France and internationally
- Support for business set-up
- Promotion of centres of excellence
- Talent onboarding

#### HOSTING OF EVENTS,

#### **CONFERENCES AND PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

- Support for bids to host major cultural, sporting, academic or economic projects
- Facilitation of the organisation and sustainability of trade fairs and conferences
- Development of business tourism







95 municipalities spread over 671km<sup>2</sup>

136.000

students





**67** km

of border with Belgium Eurometropolis of more than:



Regional capital of the Hauts-de-France:

6 M inhabitants

# 1<sup>st</sup> concentration of international head offices

in France (outside Paris) (source : "10 reasons to invest in the European metropolis of Lille", EY and JLL, 2021)

# 1<sup>st</sup> land of networks

and business clubs (source : MEL 2023)

# 1<sup>st</sup> agricultural metropolis in France

with 43% of agricultural land (source : RGA, 2020)

# 1<sup>st</sup> metropolis for business accommodation and commercial property

(source : Arthur Loyd 2024 barometer)

# A certified metropolis



Innovative and Sustainable Destination 83 committed professionals



Industrial Areas

# hello living environment



• 2,595 ha of natural areas

+ 982 ha of parks and gardens













# Less than 1 hour from the sea

In the immediate vicinity of the Flanders hills and the Blue Square of the Eurometropolis



#### +200 M journeys in 2023 by metro, tram and bus

metro lines

#### Extramobile project by 2035

- + 2 tram lines
- + 2 high-service bus lines

bus routes

34

stations in the region

2,600

V'Lille bikes spread over 259 stations in the MEL (source : MEL 2024) 5,500 park-and-ride spaces

# Real estate

Rental (median price)

- Apartment 12,5€/m<sup>2</sup> (average surface area of 52 m<sup>2</sup>)
- House : 9,5€/m<sup>2</sup> (average surface area of 88 m<sup>2</sup>) (source : local rent observatory for the Lille metropolitan area, 2023)

Purchase (median price)

Former apartment 2,830€/m<sup>2</sup>

• Former house **2,220€/m<sup>2</sup>** (source : Notaries 2024)

# **Multilingual secondary education**

#### European languages and cultures section:

- English: 75 establishments (34 secondary schools and 41 high schools)
- German: 21 establishments (9 secondary schools and 12 high schools)
- Dutch: 3 establishments (1 secondary school and 2 high schools)
- 3 binational high schools

#### 2 international schools

- Lille Métropole Jacques-Delors European School
- Jeannine Manuel School (source : ONISEP 2024)

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# helo accessibility

A metropolis located less than **s** 300 km from 5 capitals: London,

THIN DISTRICT

Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Luxembourg

TRAIL DATE OF

A cross-border metropolis, capital of a region of:

TRANSPORT OF THE OWNER.





Journey time by TGV (high-speed train):

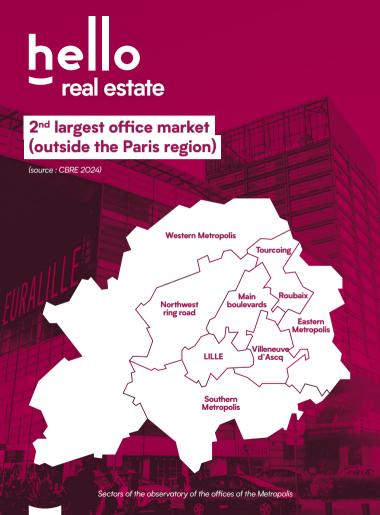




13 multimodal ports including the port of Lille:



8,9 millions tonnes in 2023
300,000 "boxes" at the container terminal (source : Ports de Lille)
53 KM of wide-gauge waterways (source : VNF)



# 1<sup>st</sup> metropolis

(with more than 1 million inhabitants)

for business accommodation and commercial property (source : Arthur Loyd 2024 barometer)

# 198 M€

invested in the office market in 2024 (source : OBM 2024)

# 152,000 m<sup>2</sup>

of office space marketed in 2024 (source : OBM 2024)

**Euralille** 2<sup>nd</sup> largest business district in France (outside Paris)

#### 141 business parks

4 business incubators



# Major urban projects

#### 🕳 Grand Euralille

- · Saint-André-Lez-Lille, Lambersart, La Madeleine and Lille
- 200 ha

#### 🕳 La Lainière

- Roubaix and Wattrelos,
- 33 ha
- 1,000 employees 1,000 residents 70% business 3% housing

#### The banks of the Deûle

- Marquette-Lez-Lille, Saint-André-Lez-Lille and La Madeleine
- Creation of a 20-hectare park
- Integration of a tramway line / LHNS / LINO
- 10,000 inhabitants

#### 🛥 Rives de la Haute Deûle

- Lille and Lomme
- ZAC 38 ha / 15 ha of public spaces / 6 ha of green spaces including 2 ha Parc du Marais
- 1,800 housing units 160,000m<sup>2</sup> of tertiary space 30,000 m<sup>2</sup> of facilities, services, shops, activities

#### 🗕 L'Union

- Roubaix, Tourcoing and Wattrelos
- 80 ha / 10 ha of green space
- 3,500 jobs / 600 housing units under development

# helo universities

# 2<sup>nd</sup> largest university centre in France (outside Paris)

(source : MESRI 2023-2024)

#### 136,000 students including:

- 122,000 in the two universities
- 14,000 in the grandes écoles
- 10% international students

(source : MESRI 2024)

universities :

University of Lille and Catholic University of Lille

17 member schools of the Conférence Régionale des Grandes Ecoles (CRGE)

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### **University of Lille**



of which **11,000** are of foreign nationality (152 nationalities).

Experimental public institution **labe**led Initiative of Excellence France 2030 since January 1, 2022.

#### 7 faculties 10 grandes écoles and institutes

**29** different geographical locations including **6** different campuses in the Lille metropolitan area.

# **O** Research

- 64 research units
- 50 research platforms
- 7 doctoral schools
- 2,100 doctoral students

Close relationship with the university hospital in the areas of training, research and innovation

#### Shanghai Ranking 2024:

Rang 301-400 globally Rang 12-16 nationally Leiden 2024: Ranked Top 500 for its scientific performance Times Higher Education 2025: 2nd place in France and 107th worldwide

## Université Catholique de Lille



of which 8,800 are foreign nationals.

Association recognized as being of public utility and labeled for its training establishments (EESPIG) and its hospital group (ESPIC).

#### 22 training establishments

## Multidisciplinary teaching

**354** training courses in **6** different training fields

#### +550 partner universities

# Healthcare and medical-social establishments

3 hospitals, 5 EHPAD (accommodation facilities for dependent elderly people), 1 DITEP (system of therapeutic, educational and pedagogical institutes)

# **O** Research

- 12 research units
- 900 researchers, teacher-researchers and university hospital staff
- 250 doctoral students

#### Ranking:

#### Financial Times (worldwide): EDHEC 4<sup>th</sup> and IESEG 23<sup>rd</sup> ChangeNOW des Echos (France):

Junia 15<sup>th</sup> engineering school, IESEG 7<sup>th</sup> and EDHEC 13<sup>th</sup> business school.

# helo tertiary service, retail and e-commerce

Numerous large retail head offices Strong family entrepreneurship

Highest density per km<sup>2</sup> in Europe of retail and e-commerce company head offices.

More than 80 brand head offices and 40 distributors. Home and head offices of major French retailers: Auchan, Décathlon, Leroy Merlin.

150 customer relations centres employing 10,000 people (source : CCI Hauts-de-France)

2nd largest financial centre 80 financial institutions and 13 international banks

#### Retail & e-commerce sector

- 1st e-commerce centre of excellence EuraTechnologies in Roubaix, located in the Blanchemaille building (15.000m<sup>2</sup>): a Prop Tech incubator (real estate technologies), a business centre, a marketing research laboratory and a training centre
- Historic headquarters of distance selling: La Redoute. 3 Suisses
- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest French centre in terms of the number of courses dedicated to e-commerce
- PICOM by Cap Digital : retail cluster 120 innovative organisations
- Connect Lille the benchmark retail event
- RetailGo : event focused on innovation in retail around topics such as Artificial Intelligence, circular commerce and the supply chain

#### **Higher tertiary sector**

107.000

establishments. including +70 head offices with +500 employees and 35 regional head offices

(source : Insee Sirene REE 2021 - CCI Grand Lille)

60,000 jobs in the higher services sector, including:

jobs in legal and ac-counting activities

11.100 employees in the banking sector

7.500 employees in the insurance sector (source : CCI Hauts-de-France)

Les Places Tertiaires, a club dedicated to companies in the tertiary sector.



#### A dvnamic sector :

Since 2017 : + 57% business start-ups

#### **EuraTechnologies :**

Start-up and innovation hub. 1st in France and among the 30 best in Europe :

- 145, 000 m<sup>2</sup> spread over 5 sites. More than **600 companies** resident and **8.000 iobs** created in 15 years.
- 3 sites in the metropolitan area : Le Blanc-Lafont, Roubaix (Blanchemaille site) and Willems (Agrotech site)
- 200 projects supported per year.



specialized

# **5 establishments**

involved in research: Inria, CNRS. training courses Université de Lille. Centrale Lille Institut. Junia

#### Support structures for professionals

#### French Tech Lille :

A unique ecosystem that brings together start-ups and investors.

#### The Cyber Innovation Center for **Contactless Technologies (CITC):**

A cluster certified as a European Digital Innovation Hub (EDIH) for Internet of Things, AI and cybersecurity technologies.

#### The regional technology transfer platform of CEA Tech

For support for corporate R&D.

# helo cybersecurity

116 cyber

companies

10 certified companies ExpertCyber France

8,000

32

unicorn: OVH Cloud

# **Dedicated site :**



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# The Metropolis, a cyber territory

- 8 major players in the cyber sector present in the metropolis (including Thales, Orange Cyberdefense, OVH Cloud, Sopra Steria, etc.)
- 45 pure players (including Advens, Hornetsecurity, Allistic, etc.)

#### The Hauts-de-France Lille Métropole Cyber Campus

- Operated by EuraTechnologies, it is the first regional cyber campus to be certified by the National Cyber Campus.
- 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> of workspace,
- 1 network of 70 partner companies,
- 1 startup incubator

#### Training

- 20 specialized higher education courses
- The National Cybersecurity Training Center of the National Gendarmerie
- Renowned engineering schools (IMT, ISEN, Centrale Lille...)

#### Research

Around a hundred researchers and research professors working at the CNRS, INRIA, Centrale Lille, Institut Mines Telecom at the University of Lille and the Catholic University of Lille.

#### Two major events:

- The FIC Forum In Cyber (20,000 visitors, 700 partners and 103 countries represented 2024 figures)
- The Campus Cyber Summit organized by the Campus Cyber HDFLM

#### A first-rate alert tool

The Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT) operated by the Contactless Technology Innovation Center (CITC- EuraFID)

# hello cultural and creative industries

700

companies



#### Site of excellence: EuraCreative by



High-performance incubator of the ecosystem with 59 projects incubated in 2024.

# **Emblematic companies**

- Ankama
- 🥌 Isthar Games
  - Cyber Group Studios
- 🖵 Petit Bambou
- 🖵 Lylo

# Training

€ 3,500

students and recognised training courses

- 🥌 Series Mania Institute
- E-Artsup
- 🕳 Piktura

## Research

A research federation

- Visual sciences and cultures (CNRS — University of Lille)
- An Equipex platform (Ir Dive)

#### 🖵 Le Fresnoy

#### 📥 ArtFX

2<sup>nd</sup> school in special effects in the international ranking of creative schools

# **National studios**

- Le Fresnoy Studio National studio of contemporary arts
- 🥌 Kazoo Animation
- Cybergroup studios
- 🕳 Broadway studio

## Support structures

- Game IN : Association of video game professionals.
- Noranim : Professional association of the animation film industry.
- Pictanovo : Promotion and support for film and audiovisual production.

### **Events**

Game Camp : trade show for the video game industry Series Mania : international series festival PIX : professional festival of cultural and creative industries

# hello textiles and innovative materials

Textile



## 3 pillars:

Wood, paper, cardboard and printing

1.800

employees

**Chemicals and pharmaceuticals** 

#### 2nd largest region in France for the manufacture of technical textiles (source: CCI Hauts-de-france)

# Site of excellence:



# Training

ENSAIT : Ecole nationale supérieure des Arts et Industries Textile (National Higher School of Textile Arts and Industries) 17% of European textile engineers trained in Belgium.

ESMOD: 1<sup>st</sup> French school in the CEOWORLD ranking (which ranks the best fashion schools in the world). EPICC : Ecole de Production Industrielle de Couture et Confection (School of Industrial Sewing and Clothing Production)

INFORMA : continuous professional training organisation dedicated to companies in the fashion/textile/ clothing sector

ESAAT : Ecole Supérieure d'Arts Appliqués et Textile (Higher School of Applied Arts and Textiles)

### Research

The Institut Chevreul, a research federation of more than 450 researchers

The Textile Materials Engineering Laboratory (GeMTEX) of ENSAIT.

The French Textile Clothing Institute (IFTH) in Tourcoing.

# Support structures

Euramaterials, acceleration and incubation site for companies in the materials processing sector, 180 companies, 100 projects supported per year, 25 projects incubated per year.

CLUBTEX, European network of leading companies in technical textiles serving companies.

#### L'UITH Nord, union of textile and clothing industries of the North.

# **Technological platforms**

CETI, the European centre for innovative textiles and an innovation platform for modelling, ecodesign, experimentation and the industrialisation of the textile materials of the future.

#### 2 technical platforms within the Institut Chevreul:

- one for advanced characterisation
- one in engineering for chemistry and materials

# hello health and nutrition

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13.40C

employees

# Site of excellence:

600

health

companies



Ranked in the Top 15 of Labiotech of the best incubators in Europe

A site of excellence on one of the largest university hospital campuses in Europe: 300 ha – 3400 employees – 600 companies – 86 projects (end of 2024) The University Hospital Centre, HQS certified

- 2<sup>nd</sup> hospital centre in France for clinical research
- 3<sup>rd</sup> health centre in France
- 22 research units



Pasteur Institute of Lille (established in 1894)

#### 7 research units bringing together 600 researchers from the University of Lille, l'Inserm, CNRS and Lille University Hospital.

- **Prevention, Health and Longevity Centre:** 25,000 health check-ups per year.
- 1 international vaccination centre, national reference in travel medicine: 15,000 people seen per year.

#### The Hospital Group of the Catholic Institute of Lille

2<sup>nd</sup> university hospital centre in the metropolis, 3 healthcare establishments, 4 healthcare facilities, 3,000 healthcare professionals.

# Research

50 laboratories attached to the University of Lille, Inserm, CNRS, the Oscar Lambret centre, the Pasteur Institute of Lille.

Recognised areas of scientific excellence in infectious and metabolic diseases, degenerative diseases, cancers, the fight against antibiotic resistance.

#### Cutting-edge research centres

- ONCOLILLE : interdisciplinary cancer research institute
- PRECIDIAB : diabetes precision medicine research centre
- Le CIIL : Infection and Immunity Research Centre

# Clubster NSL (Nutrition Santé Longévité) :

A national competitiveness cluster.

- 360 members
- 3 missions : financing innovative projects, business development, support for collaborative innovation.

# helo gastronomy and food

# From farm to fork

# 1<sup>st</sup> agricultural metropolis in France with 43% of agricultural land

(source · RGA 2020)

# 2<sup>nd</sup> market of national interest

For fruits and vegetables after Rungis (202,000 tonnes per year)

# 3<sup>rd</sup> best gourmet city in France

# **Lille Street Food Festival**

The biggest street food festival north of Paris.



49 k brewers 49,000 (+ 10 00)

(+ 10.000 more than in 2023)

# Site of excellence:



Since its launch in 2017, the Euralimentaire Incubator has supported 135 projects, resulting in the creation of more than 80 companies and 250 jobs.

#### The transformation from craft industry to world industrial leader



38 ha on average per farm



(source : GA 2020, ADULM processing)

2 PGI (Protected Geographical Indication) products for mainland France: Merville potatoes and Champagne poultry. (source : INAO, 2024)

88 food processing establishments (source : Hub Agro, 2023) 2,400

food shops, i.e. **15% of all shops** (source REE 2020, ADULM processing)

#### Short supply chains:

**146 points of sale in short supply chains** (farm sales, AMAP and pick-up points) (source : Carnet de producteurs 2023, MEL)

2/5 farms are involved in short supply chains (out of 757 farms) (source : RGA 2020)

#### Training

- Junia ISA : in 2025 the largest private engineering school in the field of ecological transition
- The University of Lille Polytech: a leader in the training of engineers in Biological Engineering and Food Processes for the agri-food sector, the bioeconomy and mass distribution.
- Lycée Hôtelier International de Lille
- Thierry Marx Ecole Cuisine Mode d'emploi

#### Research

A cross-border research unit **BioEcoAgro** which brings together researchers in biology, agronomy and biotechnology from the Hauts-de-France and Liège regions (including INRAE, the University of Lille, Junia).

The Palais Rameau, a historic monument, has been redeveloped by JUNIA to become a demonstrator/incubator for urban agriculture and the food of the future.

3 incubators Euralimentaire, Baluchon and Palais Rameau A unique network of metropolitan players in the food transition: **the Innov'Alim network** 

## Catering

430 bars and cafés 1.000 traditional restaurants

1,200 fast food outlets

(source : Acoss — 31/12/2023)

#### The brewing industry

**35** craft breweries

17 breweries with the Héritage Bière label

annual dedicated festival: the BAL (Bière à Lille)

#### 5 Michelin-starred restaurants:

- Le Rozo,
- Pureté,
- Arborescence,
- Le Cerisier,
- La Table du Clarance.

# helo

11,000 tourists/day in the metropolis (source : MEL/ Metropolitan Tourism Observatory, data from



62% occupancy rate in 2024



French tourists

foreign tourists

13%

1/3

Distribution **business** trips leisure trips

30%

CEIVE THE

Top 4 foreign clienteles

16%

(source : Metropolitan Tourism Observatory, MEL, MKG & Club hôtelier data, 2024)

## **Business tourism**

#### 56 % of events come from MICE

#### Activity Top 5 conferences hosted in 2024:

- INCYBER Conference (International Cybersecurity Forum): 17,500 participants in the professional forum
- French-language pulmonology conference: 5,000 participants
- Series Mania Forum : 4,200 participants
- Congress of the French-speaking SAP users association: 3,300 participants
- Sleep Congress: 3,000 participants

# Leisure tourism

7,682 rooms 110 hotels 965 apartments (source : Flash Tourisme n°9, MEL & ADU IM 2024 data)

#### 583,500

nights booked via Airbnb, +14,4% vs 2023 (source : Metropolitan Tourism Observatory MEL, Liwango data 2024)

7,825 City Pass sold, +29% vs 2023 (source : Tourism Observatory, MEL, Otipass data, 2024)

# hello culture



## World Design Capital in 2020

### European Capital of Culture in 2004



#### Major events

- February Lillarious (comedy festival)
- March Series Mania, the International Series Festival
- April November Fiesta, the new edition of lille3000
- June URBX, urban culture festival
- July The Grand Départ of the Tour de France
- September Lille Flea Market
- October Lille Street Food Festival & Tourcoing Jazz Festival
- November Beer in Lille a festival of beer tourism & Christmas Markets
- December Art Fair

#### Number of entries in 2024

- Palais des Beaux-Arts 393.660 visitors
- La Piscine 286.847 visitors
- Hospice Comtesse Museum 160,000 visitors
- LaM Lille Métropole Museum of Modern, Contemporary and Outsider Art 106.677 visitors
- Museum of Natural History 50,319 visitors
- Villa Cavrois 115,174 visitors
- Birthplace of Charles de Gaulle 48,663 visitors
- MUba 75.038 visitors
- Museum of the Battle of Fromelles 13,320 visitors

(source : Metropolitan Tourism Observatory)

# 7 museums with the "Musées de France" label

- Palais des Beaux-Arts,
- Hospice Comtesse Museum,
- Natural History Museum,
- LaM Lille Métropole Museum of Modern, Contemporary and Outsider Art,
- La Piscine Roubaix Museum,
- MUba,
- Museum of the Battle of Fromelles

The belfries of Armentières, Lille, Comines and Loos, the Pheasant Wood cemetery, and the VC Corner (Fromelles) listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Lille, Roubaix and Tourcoing labeled cities of art and history

# The C'ART

A single pass for **15 museums and art centers** in the metropolis. (source : MEL 2024)





# Live performance

- Lille National Orchestra (ONL): 75,000 spectators at the Nouveau Siècle and 97,000 in total with off-site events (regional concerts, Belle Sorties MEL, etc.)
- Lille Opera: 69,000 spectators across all activities offered to the public.
- 1 Zénith with 7,000 seats
- 1 national stage: la Rose des Vents
- 1 national drama center: le Théâtre du Nord
- 11 cultural centers

**125 libraries** in the Lille Metropolis, including 2 listed municipal libraries (Lille and Roubaix)



# heloz sport

The Lille Metropolis, a welcoming place for major sporting events.

The MEL supports 21 sports clubs



major events and 80 to 100 metropolitan sporting events every year. 10

# **Events**

- Grand Départ of the Tour de France Lille –Nord de France
- Play In Challenger ATP 125
- Paris-Roubaix cycle race

(source : MEL 2024)



# **Results of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games**

**1,300,000** tickets sold during the Olympic fortnight at the MEL (for 52 events) +45% tourists vs the same period in 2023



Hotel occupancy rate: 72.6% on average over the fortnight, i.e +28,6pts vs 2023 over the same period.



nights booked per day, on average, in the MEL during the competition. +104% vs 2023

(Source : Metropolitan Tourism Observatory MEL, Orange Flux Vision data, 2024)



Stayed an average of **3,9 nights** (42% hotels – 26% furnished rentals – 8% cottages)

99% of visitors satisfied

**57%** intend to return to the metropolis

(Source : Metropolitan Tourism Observatory MEL, GECE Survey data, 2024)

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