As part of the revitalization plan of the economic fabric of the Champagne region in France and of the boosting of business competitiveness, Haute-Marne local authorities decided to extend the activities of the Regional Centre for Innovation and Technology Transfer (CRITT-MDST) located on the site of Nogent into a partnership with the Troyes Technology University (UTT) to build a technology park. Constructed over the years 2007, 2011 and 2015, the park is currently the major innovative area in Haute-Marne.

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**MAP OF THE TECHNOLOGY PARK**

- Impulsed in 2009 by the Haute-Marne Conseil Général*, the Sud-Champagne Technology Park is currently the major innovative area in Haute-Marne in the field of materials.

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The Cluster NOGENTECH association gathers 45 industrial companies located in Haute-Marne. Its mission is to develop Haute-Marne companies through stimulating and boosting actions. David Biguet has been its president since 2014.

THE NOGENTECH Cluster was labelled SPL (Productive Localised System) in 2000, then Rural Centre of Excellence (PER) in June 2006 and it was recognized nationally as a «cluster of companies » in May 2010. It counts two departments: Prosthesis Valley (Health) and FLAMM (Forge, Laser, Aeronautics, Automobile, Mechanics , Materials).

The Champagne-Ardenne Union of Metal Industries and Professions (UIMM) located in Haute-Marne owns a branch on the park. This employers federation aims at representing and promoting the interests of metallurgy companies of all sizes.

The NICCI Laboratory (Nogent International Center for CVD Innovation) is a « Correspondent Research Laboratory » to the Commissariat à l’Energie Atomique (CEA). The laboratory is the fruit of a UTT-CEA partnership. It is specialized in the elaboration and characterizations processes of thin layers (barriers to harsh environments) obtained by the Chemical Vapor Deposition process. It is home to an industrial prototype thermic CVD reactor.

The UTI branch hosts about fifteen people, most of them being teacher-researchers and doctoral students.

The Regional Centre for Innovation and Technology Transfer – Materials Deposits, Surface treatments (CRITT-MDTS) is a research, technology transfer and expertise centre. It offers technical assistance to companies in the field of materials characterization and the development and validation of products such as expertise, chemical analysis, metallurgy characterizations, mechanical and fatigue tests...

Companies of the department.

Innovation referent to the various actors and the Nogent area. He is also the Haute-Marne CCI (CCI), the Haute-Marne Public Interest Group (GIP) and the Nogent area. It counts two departments: Prosthesis Valley (Health) and FLAMM (Forge, Laser, Aeronautics, Automobile, Mechanics, Materials).

The Sud-Champagne Technology Park is led by Christophe Juppin in a partnership between the Haute-Marne Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI), the Haute-Marne Public Interest Group (GIP) and the Nogent area. He is also the Haute-Marne CCI Innovation referent to the various actors and companies of the department.

The second building is home to the Nogent branch of the Troyes Technology University with its laboratory and two trainings since September 2011.

Students with an undergraduate degree (DUT, BTS, Licence 2 and 3, classe préparatoire) are trained to get a Materials Science and Mechanical Engineering degree (MM) and a Materials Science, Mechanics, Design Professional Licence (M2-C) on apprenticeship. The trainings are built in close cooperation with the companies of different industrial sectors in the aeronautics, automobile, rail transport and medical fields.

To this day, 50% of the students have been trained in the local companies. Since 2014, the release date of the first promotion, about forty students graduated in Materials Science and Mechanical Engineering. They quickly found a job with 50% of them finding one at the company where they had their apprenticeship training.