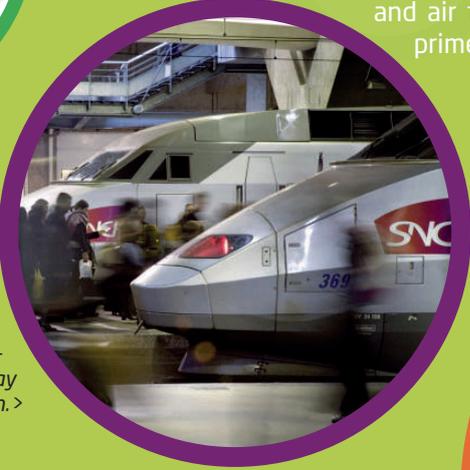


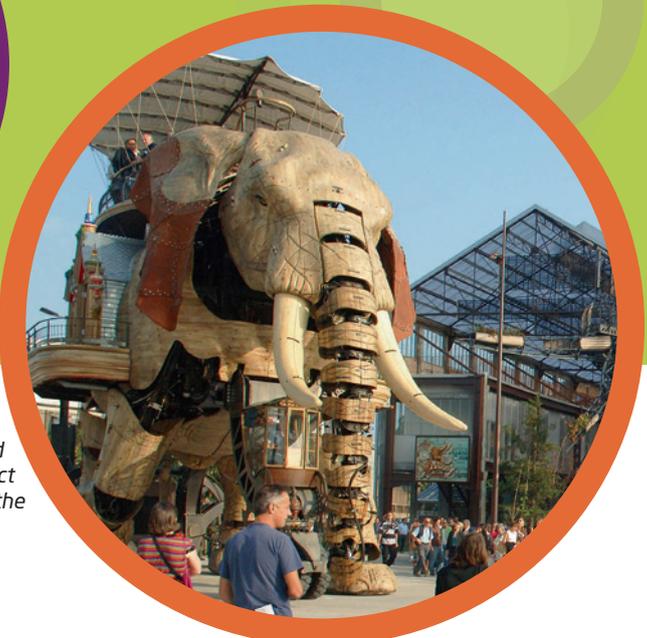
Moving for a life ahead



Regular rail (TGV) links Nantes-Paris every half hour, Nantes-Brussels with the Thalys, Nantes-London with the Eurostar. Nantes airport has direct links with Paris-Charles de Gaulle and other French and European cities - London, Milan, Barcelona, Amsterdam and Geneva. The Nantes Saint-Nazaire port is the fourth largest in France and combines the sea, the estuary, road, rail and air to form a multi-faceted transport centre of prime importance.



The TGV, or high-speed train, serves all of the main towns in the region. The region benefits from a first-class network of motorway links going in every direction. >



The artistic talent of the region is reflected in the original shows and events it organises, which attract huge crowds and are exported to the five corners of the globe. >

With factories in Nantes and Saint-Nazaire, Airbus builds composite aircraft which are lighter and consume less fuel than previous models. >



The Pays de la Loire counts more than 5,000 companies with export departments, with a genuine desire and ability for international cooperation. Economically speaking, we can cite famous examples such as Airbus, Bénéteau, Manitou and Fleury Michon. In the entertainment world, the region features internationally successful street theatre companies such as Royal de Luxe as well as the world renowned Folles Journées festival.

Végépolys, in Angers, is the world reference in innovation in the field of specialised plants. >



Leading French region in terms of productive investment growth in 2007.
Sixth leading region in terms of competitiveness clusters, with 7 clusters.
Third leading region in terms of population growth over the last decade.
Fifth in terms of job creation in the industrial and services sectors over the last 10 years.
Fifth leading region in terms of GDP.



- TGV links >
- Motorway links >
- Sea links >
- Direct sea links >
- Air links >



< The world's largest liners are built in Saint-Nazaire, where the whole network is working on developing environmentally friendly vessels as part of the Sustainable Ship Design project.



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