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L'INKUB and Le Village by CA Nevers accelerator

L'INKUB is a Digital Business Park housed in a converted military barracks in Nevers where the 'Crédit Agricole' Bank with the Greater Nevers Urban Area established an accelerator for digital start ups, part of a 30+ national network offering: master classes, conferences, expert networks, dedicated spaces for hosting clients and investors, networking with major business groups, an alumni network

Issues Faced

In an economically peripheral area such as Nevers with continuing population decline and lack of business start ups, the development of Digital Innovation ecosystems needs both private and public initiatives to create physical hubs and innovation networks that facilitate clustering, access to high speed digital infrastructure and support new business activity.
The Crédit Agricole and Greater Nevers Urban Area recognise the need for a balanced spread of accelerator support to ensure economic and social cohesion and attract and foster innovation activities in partnership with public adminstrations and local communities.

Key Objectives

L'INKUB: * To create a physical digital innovation hub to cluster existing local businesses, attract businesses from other regions, support start ups and generate new economic activity and highly skilled job opportunities
* To regenerate/convert an unused building with significant cultural value to new functions and create a dynamic innovation hub within the Nevers urban area
Le Village: To create a private non-metropolitan digital start-up accelerator to offer a stimulating working environment, business network, personalised support programmes, coworking spaces, for start-ups in strategic digital areas: robotics, drones, mobility..

Main Results

The creation of the first incubator-accelarator for start ups in the Nièvre.
A functioning digital business and innovation cluster in a rural county and the integration of local start ups into a national and international innovation and business support 'Le Village' network
A ready-to-go space for digital businesses & new Startups from inside and outside the region

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