

A VILLAGE OF INTERNATIONAL STANDING AIX-EN-PROVENCE



GENERAL INFORMATION (2012 figures)



Location:

- 20 km from Marseille Provence international airport
- 11 km from Aix en Provence TGV high-speed railway station (2hrs50 from Paris)
- 20 km from the port of Marseille (Europe's 3rd biggest port)

Population: 158 092 inhabitants

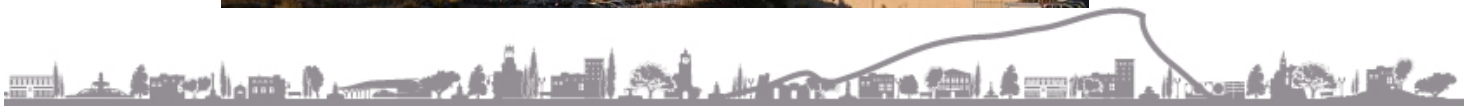
Territory area: 18 000 ha (11th *commune* of France)

74 045 students, of which 13.8% are foreign students

Popular tourist destination: 1 million overnight stays each year

Number of companies:

- 44 304 businesses
- 30 000 ha of business parks

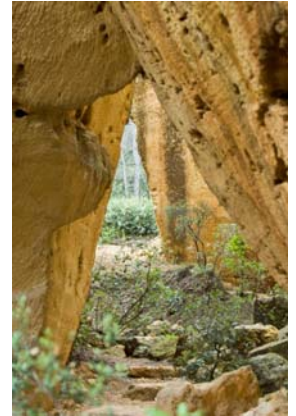




AIX DNA



- A 600-year old university with 74 045 students
- A historic Judicial City
- An urban heritage dating back more than 2 000 years (Roman Times)
- A dynamic cultural life confirmed by the awarding of the status of European Capital of Culture
- Outstanding natural areas (Cézanne sites)



An internationally renowned quality of life



A TERRITORY SUBJECTED TO MAJOR CONSTRAINTS REQUIRING THE COORDINATION OF PREVENTION ACTION PLANS



Risks:

- Seismic activity (fault)
- Flooding (Bimont barrage)
- Forest fires
- Nuclear incident
- Communication hub: motorways, railways



Coordinated prevention programmes:

- Risk exposure plan
- Territorial Energy Climate Plan
- Snow plan, Municipal emergency action plan, Heatwave plan, etc.



Coordination between the State, Region, Department and Municipalities to anticipate the risks.



AN INTENSE CULTURAL POLICY CONTRIBUTING TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE

- The cultural forum (Conservatory, National Choreographic Centre, Grand Théâtre de Provence, Cité du Livre, Departmental Archives)
- The International Festival of Lyric Art (broadcast on big screens in various districts)
- European Capital of Culture: Marseille Provence 2013
- Public financing for cultural associations (152 associations, €6,254,412 budget in 2012)
- 120 cultural and arts events organised in public areas



A PREVENTION AND SECURITY POLICY SERVING INHABITANTS

- A certain level of antisocial behaviour which makes public action more difficult
- Mobilised Prevention and Security services (100 municipal police officers, 30 community liaison officers, 20 street surveillance officers)
- Specific support and security programmes:
 - New organisation of the Municipal Police / Urban Supervision Centre
 - Local Security and Delinquency Prevention Council
 - Nightlife Charter
 - Social Cohesion Urban Contracts



- A cultural town boasting more than 2 000 years of history
- A high-quality, well-maintained environment
- Population's expectations continuously changing



Municipal management under financial pressures requiring constant adaptation
in order to maintain the level of development

