

51. Parc de l'Alba

MUNICIPALITY

Cerdanyola del Vallès

HEADLINE

The Parc de l'Alba Science and Technology Park offers its first plots for knowledge-intensive companies and institutions.

ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL DATA

- Surface area: 340 ha
- Land for public use (70%): 238 ha
- Land for building (30%): 102 ha
- New jobs: 40,000
- Residents: 10,000
- Green areas: 180 ha
- Total floorspace: 1.9 M m²
- Economic (70%): 1.3 M m²
- Residential (24%): 3,500 homes
- Commercial (6%): 106,000 m²
- Total investment: €1,500 M
- Investment in infrastructures: €300 M

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Parc de l'Alba is one of Catalonia's most important contributions to the European innovation map. This action boasts one of the most advanced research infrastructures worldwide, the Alba Synchrotron, and is situated by the UAB International Campus of Excellence, at the centre of the B-30 business hub. At this strategic location, which brings together one of the country's greatest concentrations of knowledge, the Parc de l'Alba aims to create a science and technology park of the first order on a European scale, with the capacity to house 40,000 workers and researchers of high added value.

With the aim of reaching a high level in terms of quality of life and the environment, the action also plans to create a sustainable residential neighbourhood, a broad offering of facilities, an extensive network of green areas and a biological corridor on a metropolitan scale.

Between 2006 and 2010, the first phase of urban development of the Parc de l'Alba was completed, placing at the disposal of knowledge-intensive activities some twenty-five hectares of public land, equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructures and situated between the Alba Synchrotron and the UAB Campus, to strengthen the synergy between scientific and university knowledge and technological and business innovation.

This year the commercialisation began of this first phase of the Alba Science and Technology Park, which has a capacity to bring together around twenty thousand professionals related with the areas of excellence of the synchrotron and the university, such as biotechnology, nanotechnology, advanced electronics, data processing or new materials. At the same time, design has also begun of modular buildings for small and medium-sized enterprises linked to research, technological development and advanced production.

WEBSITE

www.parcdelalba.cat

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