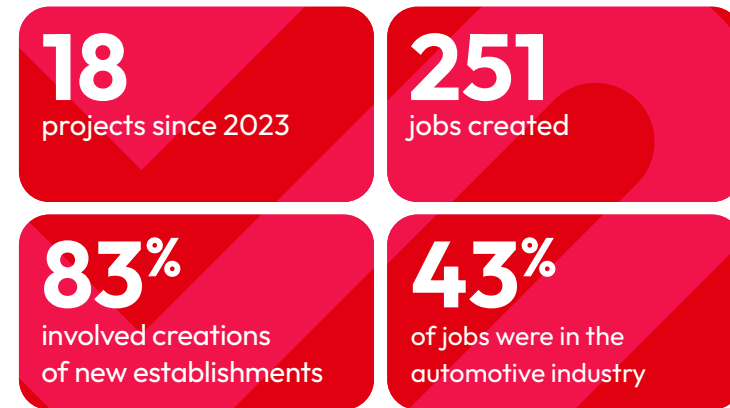


# South Korea

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### Nombre de projets et d'emplois par type d'opération

Investment type	Projects	Jobs
Creation	15	241
Expansion	2	10
Safeguarding and partnership	1	-

### They chose France in 2025

**AlMedic:** This South Korean medical artificial intelligence software firm specializes in cardiovascular image analysis (non-invasive diagnostics and hemodynamic simulation). The business has chosen the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region as part of its expansion into the European market, where it aims to obtain EU-MDR certification to provide clinical solutions to hospitals and clinical partners. To this end, AlMedic has signed a research licensing agreement to supply products to the Marseille Regional Hospital Center (APHM) to explore potential use cases.

**LG Energy Solution:** This firm, which is South Korea's leading manufacturer of lithium-ion batteries, and Derichebourg, the French leader in metal recycling, have created the joint venture "EV-LOOP" to build an electric vehicle battery recycling plant in Bernes-sur-Oise (Ile de France/Paris region). The facility, whose construction and operation will begin in 2028, will specialize in the pre-treatment and recovery of critical and strategic materials (lithium, nickel and cobalt) from used batteries and waste from gigafactories. At full capacity, the site will be able to process 25,000 tonnes of batteries per year and is expected to generate local industrial activity, ultimately creating approximately 70 green jobs.

### South Korean investments in France

According to its definition,<sup>2</sup> INSEE recorded 36 businesses in France originating from South Korea, employing 2,785 full-time equivalents.

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Nearly half of the projects (44%) involved the creation of a decision-making center in France, with these projects also generating more than one-quarter of all jobs (26%). Projects related to production/manufacturing activities (11%) accounted for the largest share of South Korean jobs (34%).

Sector-wise, the automotive industry accounted for the largest number of projects (17%), as well as jobs (44%), followed by IT services (17%) and consumer electronics (11%).

More than two-thirds of the projects were located in Ile de France (Paris region) (67%), followed by Hauts de France (17%) and Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes (11%). The Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region received the fewest projects (6%).

<sup>2</sup> Source: French National Institute for Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE), 2025; stock of foreign businesses in France, according to the INSEE definition of December 31, 2022, excluding confidential data.

### Breakdown of projects by business activity

Business activity	Number		Share	
	Projects	Jobs	Projects	Jobs
Decision-making centers	8	66	44%	26%
R&D, engineering, design	5	55	28%	22%
Production/Manufacturing	2	85	11%	34%
Consumer services	2	42	11%	17%
Retail outlets	1	3	6%	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Top 3 business activities

- Decision-making centers: 8 projects
- R&D, engineering: 5 projects
- Manufacturing: 2 projects

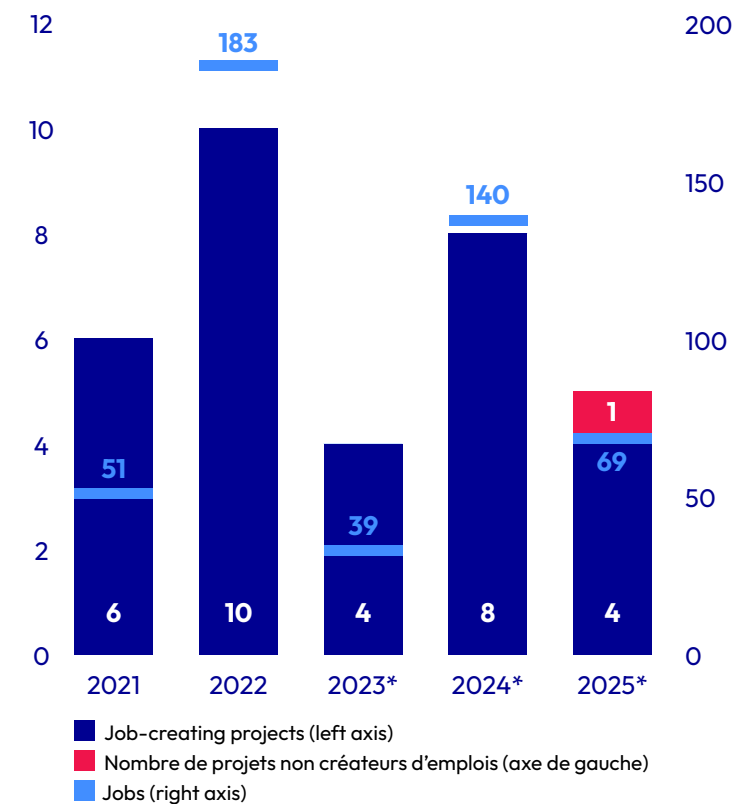
### Top 3 host regions

- Ile de France (Paris region): 12 projects
- Hauts de France: 3 projects
- Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes: 2 projects

### Top 5 business sectors by projects

Business sector	Number		Share	
	Projects	Jobs	Projects	Jobs
Automotive industry	3	110	17%	44%
IT services	3	19	17%	8%
Consumer electronics	2	6	11%	2%
Hospitality, tourism and restaurants	1	41	6%	16%
Energy and recycling	1	25	6%	10%

### Change in projects and jobs since 2021 (excluding retail outlets)



■ Job-creating projects (left axis)  
■ Nombre de projets non créateurs d'emplois (axe de gauche)  
■ Jobs (right axis)  
\* Recording of safeguarding and technology partnership projects

<sup>1</sup> In 2025, all jobs projected at the time of the investment decision are counted, not just those expected within three years. Furthermore, since 2025, business openings have been counted at the municipal level, rather than the level of départements. (See the analysis note in the Annual Report 2025: Foreign Investment in France.)