

Welcome to France



Missions of the Agence Iter France

- **Site preparation:**
 - Levelling for the Tokamak platform over ~40 hectares (almost completed)
 - Site access and roads (completed)
 - Water and electrical supply (ongoing)
 - Site fence (to be completed end of 2009)
 - Annex buildings (public relations, restaurant, medical centre, access controls, effluent treatment station). To be completed mid-2011.

- **Joint Work Site**
 - Temporary buildings for ~350 people inside the CEA-CADARACHE centre
 - New modular building (JWS2) for 300 people was delivered to ITER ORGANIZATION on 17 November 2008.

- **Communications**
- **Dismantling operations**

- **The Welcome Office:** *organized as a “one stop shop”, is THE interface for all administrative tasks for newcomers and their families*



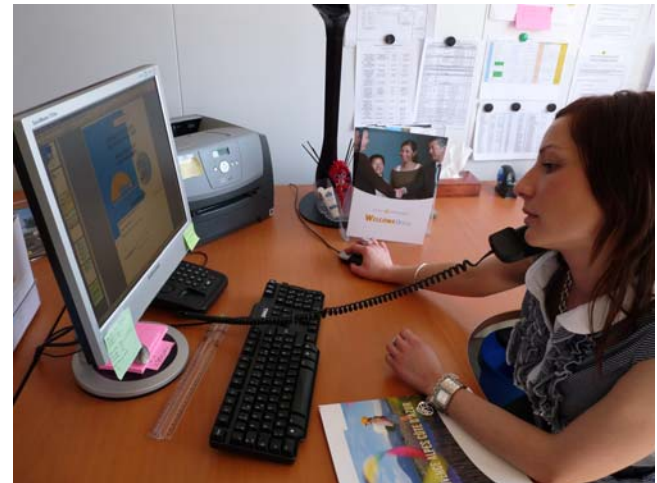
Welcome Office team

6 people dedicated to the welcoming of the ITER Staff

Located in the Cadarache Centre close to the ITER Staff

Open from 8 am to 5:30 pm from Monday to Friday

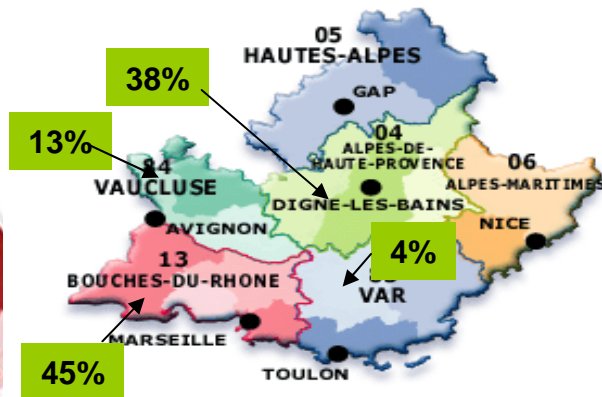
Tailor-made services



Housing



- A **dedicated Relocation Company** called “CSE” was chosen to help ITER members **find housing and help** you with your lease, contract, deposit, monthly rent...
- The Welcome Office offers the services of this company with **3 options**:
 - **Whole package**: home search +contract + assistance with all utilities
 - **Only home search**
 - **Only assistance** for people who have found their homes on their own



- 300 people have been helped to relocate in the region.

Relocation to France

Staff members of the ITER Org are entitled to privileges and immunities due to of the agreements signed by its member states and concluded by the Organization with the Host State, France.

Thus, **specific contacts and procedures with the French administrations** like the **Foreign Affairs Ministry**, the **Sous-Préfecture** (local administration) and **Customs** in order to facilitate your formalities in France have been implemented by the Agence ITER France/WO.

For example, for moves outside the EU : **Staff members residing abroad are entitled to import their furniture and personal effects tax and duty-free when moving to France for the first time.**

Special forms are provided and collected by the Welcome Office once completed.



Main formalities

- **French resident permit** : the official document.
(ITER members and their families):
 - mandatory for non-European members before the visa expires.
 - for all ITER members, very useful for administrative formalities in France (*job search, police control..*) and to show the ITER member status.
 - For French people: "Attestation de fonction"In case of problems, please contact the Foreign Affairs Ministry : (33) (1) 43 17 53 53



- **Driving License**: for non-European members, it is obligatory to exchange your foreign driving license for a French one within a year.
The **Sous-Préfecture**, in charge of this formality, comes **every Tuesday** morning to the Welcome Office.



Formalities for cars:

... a used car?

In this case, it is better to register with **normal French plates (for EU cars)**.

For non-EU cars, a EU conformity will be mandatory.

The Welcome Office will give a check list of mandatory documents to provide for the registration.

The Sous-Préfecture will help in the registration process.



... a brand new car?

ITER staff members and those holding a special residence permit, are entitled to one personal vehicle for a single person or two if married without payment of taxes and duties..

They are entitled to a special license plate (green plates).



Education: enrolment

- **International school:** The Welcome Office is the interface for the enrolment of “ITER” children.



- **Transportation:** school buses are available to take children from surrounding towns to the International School.

☞ Please note that transportation is not extensive in the region. So, for families whose children are at the International School, it is more convenient to find a home in Manosque.

- **Child care centers and babysitters:** The Welcome Office can help to enroll children in the day care centers in the towns around Cadarache for activities (sport, culture..)



The French Training Program

« *Learning French, Enjoying Provence* »

Apprentissage Interculturel du Français received the **European Label for Languages 2008** for its innovative intercultural approach
This is a European award for all languages



Learning French is essential to enjoying your new life, meeting people, sharing information...

Locations

On site (Agence ITER France building 521)
Aix-en-Provence (IS)
Manosque (GRETA)

The French Training Program

Tailor-made program for all ITER staff and spouses

A multi-activity package

1. Small group classes
2. Intercultural workshops (for staff)
3. Personal tutoring
4. Workshops on living in France
5. French in context (for spouses)
5. Petits-déjeuners



This specific approach is based on oral interaction and culture



The French program in **numbers**

511 registrations* to the program since end of 2006

48 registrations in 2006

179 registrations in 2007

162 registrations in 2008:

106 on site

36 in Manosque

20 in Aix en Provence

122 registered January 2009:

87 on site

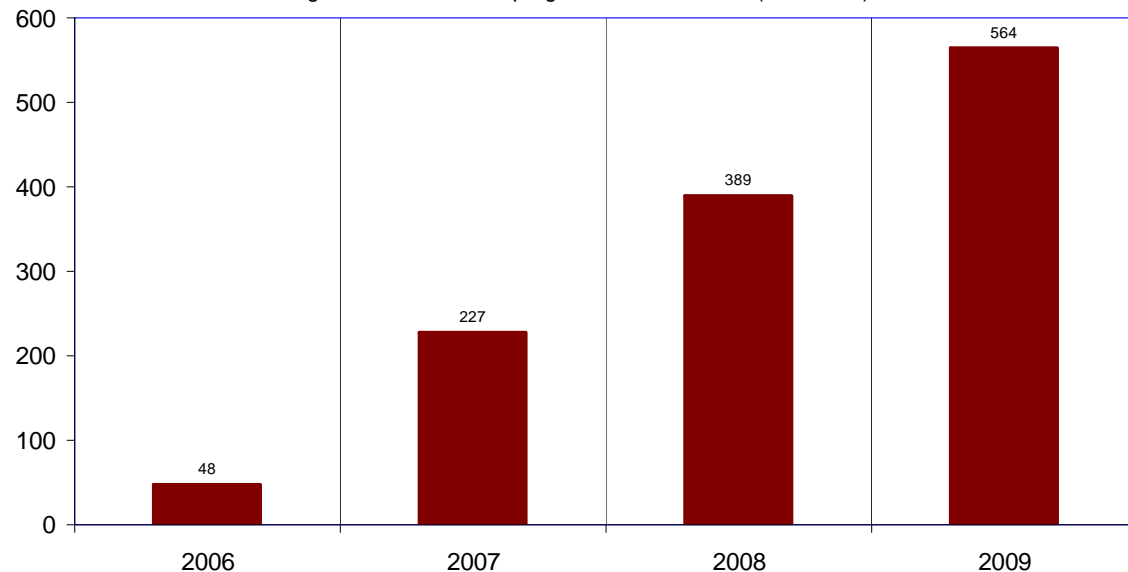
28 in Manosque

7 in Aix en Provence

200 registrations forecast for 2009

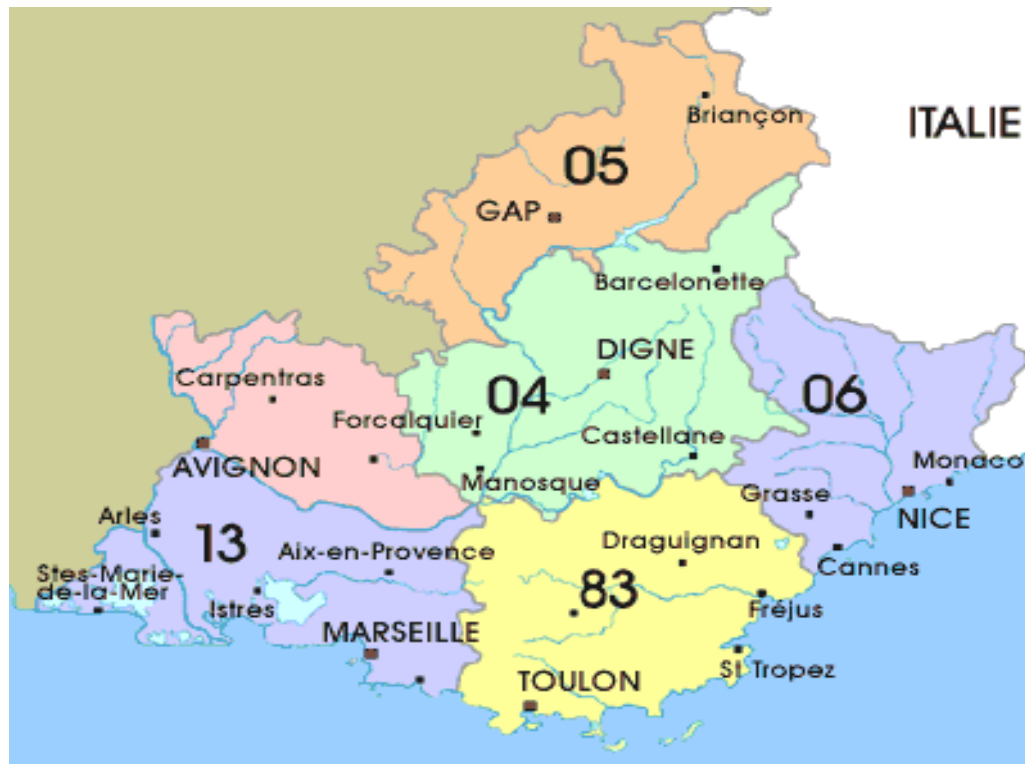
**Some people have registered several times*

Registrations to French program since end 2006 (cumulated)



The Cultural Programme

16 discovery days in 2008 organised with 350 participants



Welcome seminars

- Upon arrival, ITER Staff and spouses participate in this privileged moment of exchange which allows each newcomer to obtain vital information : safety, insurances, medical advice, local support associations, discovery of the region and of course, welcome office services.
- In 2008, 5 welcome seminars were organised and 150 people attended.



Conclusion

The Welcome Office, with over 3 years of experience providing personalized services to IO staff and spouses, offers the quality and personal care needed when relocating.

Thank you very much for your attention

