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## WHAT DO THE TWO PROJECTS CONSIST OF?

### MINNOVARC (2010-2013):

**MinnovARC (Microtechniques INNOVation ARC jurassien) was set up in order to stimulate innovation in the microtechnologies sector in the French-Swiss Jura Arc.**

Launched in 2010 for a three-year period and supported by the Interreg IV A France-Switzerland programme, the project was born out of a partnership between the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Doubs Department (France) and [arcjurassien.ch](http://arcjurassien.ch), an association under Swiss private law bringing together the Cantons of Bern, Jura, Neuchâtel and Vaud that is active in regional development. This initiative was spurred by the awareness realisation of the lack of connection between the cutting-edge expertise and skills in microtechnology on either side of the border, which were underexploited as a result. The aim in particular was to give greater visibility to the Jura Arc's microtechnologies sector internationally.

The project consisted of four main areas for action:

- **A think-tank**, coordinated by a joint presidency and secretariat and bringing together manufacturers from the sector, scientists and institutional players, set about reflecting on the promotion of local technological and entrepreneurial skills and the future of microtechnologies in the region and in the economy in general. Day work sessions were held alternately in France and Switzerland, with the last two opened up to a wider public. Forward-looking and strategic reflections were set out in a policy document aimed at political and economic players (available on the project's website [www.minnovarc.fr](http://www.minnovarc.fr)).