





# IN 2022

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# SCHAEFFLER

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

The automotive supplier Schaeffler has chosen Haguenau (Grand Est region) to produce bipolar plates, components used in the manufacture of fuel cells for vehicles, as part of a joint venture with the French group Symbio (joint-owned by Michelin and Faurecia). The €100 million investment will create up to 150 jobs by 2030. Innoplate will start production at the beginning of 2024, with the aim of reaching 50 million bipolar plates. Innoplate's first customer will be Symbio, which has been retained by a leading French automotive manufacturer.



#### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES

Zeiss is a German international group and a leader in the field of precision optics. Its subsidiary Carl Zeiss Meditec, which specializes in the manufacture of intra-ocular implants for cataract surgery, invested more than €33 million in 2022 to expand its Périgny site, near La Rochelle (Nouvelle Aquitaine region), with the construction of a new building. Furthermore, the group will invest an additional €55 million between now and 2030 to increase production capacity, automate production lines and develop the manufacture of new products. Ultimately, the site's workforce will be tripled, with approximately 350 new jobs.

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MACHINERY AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

Ergoflix is Germany's leading manufacturer of foldable electric wheelchairs. Recently named "Growth Champion 2023" within its sector by Focus-Business and Statista, the group decided to create Ergoflix France SAS to strengthen their presence in Europe. Ergoflix's aim is to facilitate accessibility to electric mobility devices for the elderly or people with disabilities. Recently installed in new premises on the outskirts of Lyon, the business expects this project to create 20 new jobs within three years.



HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Manufacturer of Thermomix<sup>®</sup> in Cloyes-sur-le-Loir (Centre-Val de Loire region), Vorwerk has decided to increase its production capacity and strengthen the integration of its value chain in the region with the opening of a new manufacturing facility in Donnemain-Saint-Mamès (Centre Val-de-Loire region). This €57 million investment in the Châteaudun urban area, creating 74 new jobs, will see the relocation of part of the Thermomix<sup>®</sup> value chain to France.



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