

ORGANIZATION : SOCOPA VILLEFRANCHE d'Allier

TOUR NAME: Visite du site SOCOPA VILLEFRANCHE

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DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

Historic

- **1935**, First establishment of the slaughterhouse "Éleveurs du bourbonnais SA" slaughtering 20 animals/week
- **1976**, Installation of a mechanised slaughter chain with throughput of 35 cattle per hour and opening of frozen beefburger facility.
- **1980**, merger with SOCOPA to become FRANVIL SOCOPA.
- **1987**, FRANVIL becomes SOCOPA VILLEFRANCHE D'ALLIER.
- **2009**, SOCOPA VILLEFRANCHE D'ALLIER joins the BIGARD GROUP.
- **GRAND PROJET 2022-2026**, Lairage / Abattoir / hot water and compressed air production facility.

General data

Europe's No. 3 meat processor

- 6 Bn € in sales
- 14 000 employees in France
- 60 sites industrial and sales in France

Geographical Overview of the BIGARD Group

- 59 industrial and sales sites (including 28 slaughterhouses).

The BIGARD Group

3 main brands



Global activity

SOCOPA VILLEFRANCE

- **Slaughtering and cutting** of beef, sheep, and pork
- **Weekly volume:** 1300 cattle (550 T : frozen ground beef processing) (500 T : cooked products)
- **37 000 T** sold in 2023
- **Staff:** 540 employees & 70 subcontractors (boning & cleaning)
- **Slaughter volume :** 25 185 T, 63 277 adult cattle (1220/week)