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**Press release**

## **> Cirpack joins the Fondation Télécom as an Associate Partner**

**A second SME has joined the Fondation Télécom's circle of business partners. Patrick Bergougnou, CEO of Cirpack (telecom software publisher and Cloud stakeholder), is a graduate of Télécom SudParis, and a sponsor and ambassador of the campaign committee.**

This partnership is in line with Institut Mines-Télécom's mission to reinforce links with SMEs and middle-market companies for regional economic development purposes.



According to Véronique Deborde, Fondation Télécom Director, "The Foundation was able to convince Cirpack with an attractive partnership offer, both from a financial point of view, but also in terms of value proposition. Cirpack and its director Patrick Bergougnou, a Télécom SudParis alumnus and entrepreneur, who is already very committed to philanthropic activities supporting IMT in a personal capacity, will thus have the chance to make an active contribution to the Fondation's major programs. They will also enjoy special access to the Institut's expertise, to integrate into their innovative ecosystem, all whilst expanding the profile of the company on Télécom school campuses."

The second SME (after Streamwide) to join the Fondation Télécom alongside existing key digital company sponsors, Cirpack has, for many years, supported the Télécom schools' fundraising dinner that finances scholarships for social diversity and excellence. This participation has helped raise employees' and customers' awareness of the importance of the Fondation Télécom's action in favor of intergenerational solidarity and of the prestige of the telecommunication schools in France.

Through this patronage, Cirpack is now committed to a three-year initiative with the Fondation Télécom that provides the Fondation with means to support the education of talented students who will undoubtedly become the leaders of tomorrow's digital society: "Cirpack is a major French contributor to the telecom sector and I believe that it is our responsibility to enable students from all social backgrounds to be able to access an exceptional education, and thus we are contributing to improve social diversity and the training of future employees," declared Patrick Bergougnou, CEO of Cirpack. "When I was a student, these types of initiatives were very rare, and I think that we must encourage and develop these partnerships that enable private businesses to provide support to public institutions."

Cirpak hopes to stay ahead of the game and constantly adapt to the changes brought about by innovations of the new digital world (this is particularly the case in the telecoms sector with the digital transition), and this commitment should also allow ideas to transpire that could help improve tomorrow's world.

"Finally, being an active member of the Fondation Télécom is an ideal way for us to stand alongside and exchange with our colleagues, clients, partners, and prospective employees in a unique, open environment." Patrick Bergougnou added.

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Based in France, Germany, Mexico, Tunisia and Vietnam, Cirpack markets its products and services indirectly and on a CAPEX and SaaS basis. More than 60 million users benefit daily from CIRPACK solutions and services, or through more than 120 CIRPAK-operated global providers, such as SFR, Free, Coriolis Telecom, OVH, EWE TEL, etc.

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