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Institut Mines-Télécom announces the winners of its METHA Europe Competition and its Pitch Competition devoted to the Sustainable and Smart city

Institut Mines-Télécom (IMT), the leading group of engineering and management schools in France, supports the tech ecosystem related to Smart Building, the Smart City and the Sustainable City. Its METHA Europe competition rewards entrepreneurs in three different categories. It has also teamed up with Ever Monaco, SBLM and MonacoTech to co-organise a pitch competition open to start-ups exhibiting in the village.

Winners of the METHA Europe competition

Organized by IMT Nord Europe and supported by Institut Mines-Télécom, METHA Europe is a competition open to a wide range of innovators based on three categories: "Student", "Ante-creation" and "Start-up".



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Student category

Traq-KING (Mines Saint-Etienne incubator): universal traceability for freight consolidation

Traq-KING is an open, light, user-friendly tracking solution for road freight transport focusing on transport chains where there is a high degree of sub-contracting and/or information is diluted. Traq-KING helps solve this problem by providing a single point of access for all of the participants in the chain.

Also in the running were Smart Assign (IMT Mines Albi incubator) for railway flow management and OX Blaster (University of Aix-Marseille incubator) for cleaning up air pollution based on the transport sector.

Ante-creation Category

Altere (IMT Mines Albi incubator): Solar concentrator kit providing renewable thermal energy for industry

Altere plans to manufacture and retail a Fresnel-type solar concentrator kit, profitable within three years without subsidies, to provide renewable heat for industry.

The prize was awarded by Alain Schmitt, Director of IMT Nord Europe.

Also in the running in this category were: Turtle Power which is developing a new generation of retarders for carbon-free electricity production; Hydrogenis (IMT Nord Europe incubator) which is developing a chemical process to produce carbon-free, renewable hydrogen and Heliore, which is reinventing solar thermal energy.

Start-up category

Lign.O (Mines Saint-Etienne incubator): For a sustainable city and housing

For a sustainable city and housing, Lign.O aims to make the building sector much cleaner by massively developing the use of wood in a sustainable, virtuous way (integrated within a sector) and materials that are bio-sourced or reused in short supply chains for building and renovation. The prize was awarded by the French ambassador to Monaco

The start-up also won the 5th "ESPOIRS des Partenaires" Prize (Rising Star) in the start-up village pitch competition.

The jury reviewed other projects: Swoop, the eco-responsible alternative to generators for professionals and B-Flow (IMT-BS/Télécom SudParis incubator) for collecting and reporting construction site data.

The METHA Europe competition awards €5,500 in prizes.



The winners of the 2022 METHA Europe competition with the jury and representatives of Institut Mines-Télécom

Winners of the Start-up Village Pitch Competition

1st IMT Prize

Green Systems Automotives has developed the first adaptable biofuel conversion device (Flex-Fuel technology) specifically developed for the powered two-wheeler and boating market.

The €3,500 prize was awarded by Françoise Prêteux, Director of Economic Development at Institut Mines-Télécom.

2nd MC2D/EVER Prize

ABIM is digitizing the management of port infrastructure & submerged structure assets.

The winner was awarded €2,000 and a free stand at Forum EVER 2023.

ESPOIRS des Partenaires (Rising Star) Prizes

The winners of these prizes are awarded services in kind provided by: Estimeo, financial evaluation consultancy for businesses; Yucatan, public relations consultancy; Cabinet Jeantet, legal counsel and SBLM Ventures, co-entrepreneurial support.

3rd ESPOIRS des Partenaires Prize

FGWRS develops greywater recycling processes which save more than 50% of drinkable water at a single site. Combined with energy recovery, this circular economy process has been awarded the Solar Impulse Foundation label.

4th ESPOIRS des Partenaires Prize

A-BIME invented the concept of BIM modeling applied to historical monuments and built heritage. It provides a single graphic medium to bring together all data about a building.

5th ESPOIRS des Partenaires Prize

Lign.O (Mines Saint-Etienne incubator) proposes new low-carbon construction modules with insulated timber frames for new buildings or renovation, made with wood from French forests and bio-sourced materials.

IMT 'Coup de Cœur' (Judges' favorite) Prize

L'Atelier Organique (IMT Mines Alès incubator) proposes urban greening solutions in the form of green totems that are water and energy self-sufficient.

Françoise Prêteux, Director of Economic Development at Institut Mines-Télécom, presented the winners with this €1,500.

About Institut Mines-Télécom www.imt.fr/en

Institut Mines-Télécom is a public higher education and research institution under the aegis of the French Ministry for the Economy, Industry and Digital Affairs, which groups together 8 graduate schools, 2 subsidiaries and a network of strategic and affiliated partners. Its activities in the fields of engineering sciences and digital technology support the education of engineers and managers, partnership-based research, innovation and economic development. Always attentive to the economic world, IMT combines strong academic and scientific legitimacy, close corporate relations and strategic positioning in the key transformations of the 21st century: digital technology, industry, energy and ecology, and education. IMT is a founding member of the Alliance for the Industry of the Future and co-founder of the German-French Academy for the Industry of the Future with Technical University of Munich (TUM). It is recognized by 2 Carnot Institute accreditations for the quality of its partner-based research. Each year, IMT trains over 13,000 students, enters into nearly 70 million research contracts,

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