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As a member of the European University EULiST, Institut Mines-Telecom is scaling up its action to support the ecological and digital transition.

The EULiST alliance, which <u>Institut Mines-Telecom</u> (IMT) has been a member of since 2022, has been selected by the European Commission and will receive €14.37M in funding over a four-year period, as a European University. EULiST, "European Universities Linking Society and Technology", has existed since 2020 as part of the "European Universities" initiative launched by the European Commission to modernize higher education in a comprehensive and sustainable way. The EULiST project fully aligns with Institut Mines-Telecom's strategy to collectively respond to the ecological and digital transitions and support the group's internationalization.

Together with Institut Mines-Telecom, EULiST brings together ten major European partners with complementary strengths in the engineering sciences, humanities and social sciences. The goal? To develop new solutions adapted to the ecological transition in order to tackle the main socioeconomic challenges and build a sustainable future together, with a strong focus on technology to support society and its transitions. The ecological and digital transitions are therefore at the center of the project, whether in terms of research, innovation, training, mobility or other cross-disciplinary topics. Institut Mines-Telecom schools have historically provided solutions to respond to the major transformations impacting society. The EULiST Alliance is a European manifestation of IMT's commitment to creating links between society (and its challenges) and technology.

Tackling the major transformations of the 21st century is an integral part of Institut Mines-Telecom's identity, as these issues have been a central focus for several years (adopting its mission statement and signing its Roadmap for Ecological Transition, creating a competency framework for responsible engineers/managers in 2021). In its overall 2023/2027 strategy, ecological transition is one of the strategic priorities, with a view to becoming a leading player in territorial resilience.

EULIST: Putting IMT's overall strategy into action at the European level

EULiST targets various groups including students, the academic community (professors, researchers) and administrative staff, as well as citizens and regional socioeconomic stakeholders. The local impact of EULiST projects is therefore a key consideration. The Alliance focuses on each member's involvement, through high-impact research and initial and lifelong education, to help create links between science and society. Institut Mines-Telecom's involvement in EULiST allows it to scale up its action and elevate its impact by strengthening its international dimension. This objective is clearly set out in the 2023/2027 strategy, in which Institut Mines-Telecom aims to position itself as a committed, visible, and recognized member of the European and international ecosystem.

EULiST, collective governance

EULiST's governance is shared between the university partners in order to shape and carry out the decision-making process and ensure operational implementation. Students are included and given a voice in this process through the establishment of a Student Board made up of two representatives per university.

The implementation of EULiST projects is divided into five "Work Packages - WP" which include a set number of tasks. WP topics include management, project coordination and strategy, campus and mobility issues, teaching and apprenticeship, research and innovation, and outreach, engagement and technology transfer.

Each project includes cross-cutting objectives such as inclusion, gender equality, diversity, responsibility, democracy and social cohesion, cultural and institutional plurality across and beyond Europe, academic freedom and trust in science.

The ten members of EULiST are:

- <u>Leibniz University Hannover</u> (EULiST Coordinator), Germany
- National Technical University of Athens, Greece
- Brno University of Technology, Czech Republic
- Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Slovakia
- Lappeenranta University of Technology, Finland
- Jönköping University, Sweden
- Rey Juan Carlos University, Spain
- Vienna University of Technology, Austria
- University of L'Aquila, Italy
- Institut Mines-Telecom, France

Odile Gauthier, Executive Director of Institut Mines-Telecom: "Along with our nine prestigious partners, Institut Mines-Telecom is delighted to take part in this Alliance, combining societal, scientific and technological challenges. This positioning dovetails with our overall strategy for 2023/2027, which emphasizes strengthening our international presence. Research, student mobility, sharing best teaching practices – EUList combines the best of higher education to tackle the major transition challenges we are facing."



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About Institut Mines-Telecom www.imt.fr

Institut Mines-Telecom is the leading public group of French engineering and management schools to be placed under the supervisory authority of the Ministry of the Economy, Finances and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty. It is a public research and higher education institution made up of eight public graduate schools: IMT Atlantique, IMT Mines Albi, IMT Mines Alès, IMT Nord Europe, Institut Mines-Telecom Business School, Mines Saint-Étienne, Telecom Paris and Telecom SudParis as well as two subsidiary schools: EURECOM and InSIC. It leads and develops a rich ecosystem of partner schools and economic, academic and institutional partners and players in training, research and economic development.

Created to meet France's needs in economic and industrial development since the 19th century, Institut MinesTelecom's graduate schools have supported all the communications and industrial revolutions. Through its research and its training of engineers, managers and PhD students, Institut Mines-Telecom tackles the major industrial, digital, energy and environmental challenges in France, Europe and around the world.

Today, Institut Mines-Telecom and its 10 schools are imagining and building a world that combines science, technology and economic development with a respect for the planet and the people who live on it. It is double Carnot certified and trains 13,300 students every year.



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