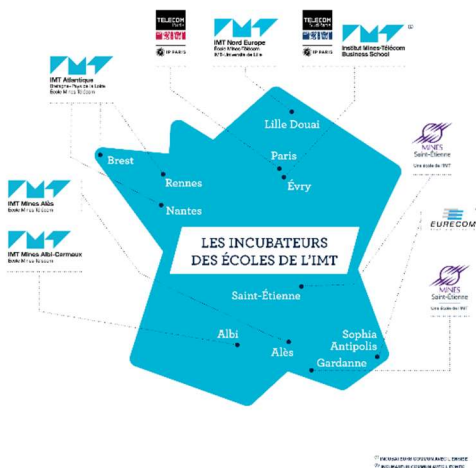


Press alert

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Institut Mines-Telecom selected for the “French Tech Springboard” program by the French Tech task force in partnership with Bpifrance.

The **Institut Mines-Telecom (IMT)** incubator network has been appointed operator of the 3rd edition of the French Tech Springboard to support talents from underrepresented populations in the Tech ecosystem. The incubators affiliated with IMT schools are to host and guide the program’s winning start-ups for a year. Via the call for projects, Institut Mines-Telecom demonstrated its expertise in guiding innovative deeptech and impact projects led by entrepreneurs from all backgrounds.



Under the responsibility of the Ministry for the Economy, Finance, and Industrial & Digital Sovereignty, Institut Mines-Telecom implements entrepreneurial and innovation actions by drawing on its network of incubators, to support the creation and development of start-ups, from ideation to maturation, in association with the ecosystem’s players. With more than 120 projects supported annually and over €100M€ raised in seed capital, IMT’s incubators constitute France’s leading academic network. The winners of the French Tech Springboard will thus benefit from a unique and tailor-made support scheme, with nationwide access to the 8 incubators of Institut Mines-Telecom schools. Thanks to the complementarity between IMT schools, each entrepreneur can draw on an extensive range of expertise. Applicants will thus be hosted by the

incubator offering the know-how and experience specific to their activity sector. Incubated projects are guided through every step of their development and growth with a high degree of technological support calling on the scientific and technical expertise of research laboratories, and the technological testing and prototyping platforms common to all Institut Mines-Telecom schools.

This program embodies the 2023/2027 strategy to play an active role in regional policies for economic growth and support businesses in their digital and ecological transformation, by providing each region of France with the local commitment of schools and access to all the expertise of the Institut Mines-Telecom group.

Françoise Prêteux, Vice-President for Research and Economic Development at Institut Mines-Telecom comments: *“Through their rich diversity, the egalitarian coming-together of all talents and incubators*

must enable technological impact projects to prosper. The nationwide network of Institut Mines-Telecom incubators represents a genuine asset in the form of local support and expertise. We look forward to welcoming future Tech talents, to helping their projects succeed, and thus play our part in the emergence of upcoming nuggets. In order to meet the challenges of ecological, digital and industrial transitions, we must rally all entrepreneurial players and draw on their diversity to foster the development of innovative ideas and social progress for an inclusive future.”

About Institut Mines-Telecom www.imt.fr

Institut Mines-Telecom is France’s leading public group of graduate engineering and management schools, under the responsibility of the Ministry for the Economy, Finance and Industrial & Digital Sovereignty. This public higher education and research institution is 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-Etienne, Telecom Paris and Telecom SudParis, and 2 subsidiary schools: EURECOM and InSIC. It leads and develops a rich ecosystem of partner schools, corporate, academic and institutional partners, and players in training, research and economic development.

Founded in response to France’s economic and industrial needs in the 19th century, the graduate schools of Institut Mines-Telecom have played their part in all industrial and communication revolutions. Through research and the training of engineers, managers and PhDs, Institut Mines-Telecom addresses major industrial, digital, energy and environmental challenges, on a national, European and worldwide level.

With its 10 schools, Institut Mines-Telecom presently shapes a world which unites science, technology and economic development with respect for the planet and its inhabitants. It has dual Carnot certification and trains more than 13,300 students annually.



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