

Press release
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> IMT awards the Bercy-IMT Grand Innovation Awards to two start-ups, Energysquare and Optiwaves, on the occasion of CES 2019 in Las Vegas

On November 13, 20 or so start-ups selected from the IMT schools' incubators were examined by a panel of experts at the Bercy-IMT Innovation Awards at the French Ministry of Economy. The two awards, worth €50k and €40k respectively with support from the Télécom & société numérique Carnot Institute and Fondation Mines-Télécom, were given to Energysquare and Optiwaves on January 8 during the French "Convergence Innovation Awards" evening. The event was organized by IMT, Business France, La Tribune and Le Village Francophone of CES and was attended by the entire French innovation ecosystem. Fondation Mines-Télécom also awarded several *Coup de Cœur* (judges' favorite) awards from 5 patrons (Bouygues Telecom, Deloitte, Engie, Safran and Wavestone).

the Innovation Prizes, financed by IMT, the Télécom & Société numérique Carnot Institute and Fondation Mines-Télécom, were awarded to two of the [20 start-up finalists of the Bercy-IMT Innovation Awards of November 2018](#):

First Prize of €50,000: Energysquare (energy) - www.energysquare.co

Incubator: Télécom ParisTech

Energysquare develops new wireless charging technology that works through contact. It allows multiple devices to be charged simultaneously on a surface, at high-power, with no electromagnetic waves or loss of energy.

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Second Prize of €40,000: Opti'waves (health) - www.opti-waves.com

Incubator: Mines Saint Etienne

Opti'Waves develops and commercializes technology for sintering ceramics using microwaves. It is ten times faster than the technology currently present on the market and is used for the creation of dental prostheses.

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Created in 2018, the Bercy-IMT Innovation Award aims to foster the growth of IMT's most promising start-ups in all fields of major transformation in the 21st century.

For Patrick Duvaut, Director of Innovation at IMT: "*This entrepreneurship challenge lies at the heart of the new innovation strategy of IMT, whose aim is to strengthen its position as the leader in France for higher education in the incubation and acceleration of innovative projects.*"

For Christian Picory, Director the Télécom & Société numérique Carnot: Institute: "*It is important for the Télécom & Société numérique Carnot Institute to promote start-ups from the IMT ecosystem, in order to demonstrate academic research's contribution to business creation and to value creation in general. This illustrates the very essence of the Carnot label.*"

Coup de Cœur awards from patrons of the Foundation

Alongside the two Bercy-IMT Innovation Awards, 5 *Coups de Cœurs* (judges' favorites) were awarded by patrons of Fondation Mines-Télécom:

>> **Coup de Cœur by Bouygues Telecom & Coup de Cœur by Safran: Uavia (smart city)** - www.uavia.eu

Incubator: Télécom SudParis / Institut Mines-Télécom Business School

Uavia is a design and manufacturing company and service provider in the field of civilian drones for professional use. It manufactures high-tech drones to meet the needs of companies with strict requirements.

>> **Coup de Cœur Deloitte: Askhub (smart industry)** - www.askhub.io

Incubator: Télécom ParisTech

An artificial intelligence platform for the ongoing improvement of chatbots, AskHub provides an ecosystem of ready-to-use conversational plugins and cutting-edge artificial intelligence software components to improve user experience. It enables the development of a new generation of chatbots that follow a collaborative approach to provide improved and more relevant content as well as personalized and secure services.

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>> **Coup de Cœur Engie & Coup de Cœur Wavestone: Acklio (smart industry)** - www.ackl.io

Incubator: IMT Atlantique

Acklio develops software designed to facilitate and secure the development, integration and use of IoT deployments. Created in Rennes in 2016, the start-up is at the origin of a technology that allows emerging Internet of Things networks to use IP addresses. This technology, which is currently exclusive to Acklio, is due to be recognized as the international standard by the IETF.

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L'Institut Mines-Télécom est un établissement public dédié à l'enseignement supérieur et la recherche pour l'innovation dans les domaines de l'ingénierie et du numérique. Always attentive to the economic world, IMT combines academic and scientific legitimacy with strong corporate relationships and a unique focus on the key transformations in digital technology, industry, energy and education in the 21st century. Its activities are conducted in Mines and Télécom graduate schools under the authority of the Ministry of Industry and electronic communications, a subsidiary, and associates or under contractual agreements. IMT is a founding member of the *Alliance Industrie du Futur*. It has two Carnot Institute accreditations for its high-quality research partnerships. Every year, around 100 start-ups come out of its incubators.

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