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**Press release**

## **> Three new start-ups supported by loans of honor.**

**Despite the current health crisis, the players of Fonds IMT Numérique, IMT, Fondation Mines-Télécom and IGEU have decided to uphold the fund's activities in order to support entrepreneurs during this difficult time. Following the committee's meeting in early April, three start-ups will benefit from the fund's support through loans totaling €180,000.**

Each year, over 35 loans of honor are awarded to the entrepreneurs in the IMT school incubators. These loans are interest-free and unsecured. Over 90 start-ups have received support since 2012. These loans play a key role in the development of start-ups aiming for rapid growth in France and abroad. They provide the projects with legitimacy, as well as technical expertise through the incubators, and leverage their seed funding.

Three start-ups from the incubators of Télécom Paris, Mines Saint-Etienne, Institut Mines-Télécom Business School and Télécom SudParis were awarded eight loans between them.

**Datafarm** (IMT Starter, incubator of Télécom SudParis and IMT-BS) develops high performance data centers fueled by green energy obtained through agricultural methanization

[www.datafarm.io](http://www.datafarm.io)

**Three loans of honor of €20,000 each.**

**Cristalys** (Télécom Paris Novation Center, incubator of Télécom Paris) supports savings advisors in their decision-making process via an artificial intelligence tool.

[www.cristalys.fr](http://www.cristalys.fr)

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**Edge Technologies** (Mines Saint-Etienne incubator) aims to develop a complete range of autonomous deep learning sensors designed to render traditional industrial equipment (pipelines, valves, pumps, engines) connected (via Wi-Fi) and smart.

**Two loans of honor of €30,000 each**

Fonds IMT Numérique's loans of honor are co-financed by Fondation Mines-Télécom, Bpifrance and Revital'Emploi.

With the support of Fondation Mines-Télécom's main program partners: BNP Paribas, Nokia, Orange, Accenture, Airbus, Dassault Systèmes, Sopra Steria, Bouygues Telecom, DGSE, StreamWide and Wavestone.

**About Fondation Mines-Télécom** [www.fondation-mines-telecom.org](http://www.fondation-mines-telecom.org)

Fondation Mines-Télécom, a foundation recognized as a public utility, supports the development of Institut Mines-Télécom and its eight schools in their training, research and innovation activities. It boasts over 90 corporate sponsors and 2,700 individual donors who are committed to supporting substantial projects with a strong technological, industrial and societal impact, based on digital technology, energy and the industry of the future, as well as actions of solidarity regarding students. Thanks to the support of companies including its founding partners (BNP Paribas, Nokia and Orange) and of graduates and parents, Fondation Mines-Télécom finances some ten programs in the fields of training (scholarships, open-innovation program for students, MOOCs), research (theses, excellence awards, Franco-German Academy and teaching-research chairs), innovation (honor loans to start-ups and support for incubation) and forward studies (intelligence reports), as well as actions to develop IMT's schools (grants, making education accessible for all, state-of-the-art equipment, supporting international mobility).

**About IMT** [www.imt.fr](http://www.imt.fr)

Institut Mines-Télécom is a French public higher education institution under the aegis of the Ministry for the Economy, Industry and Digital Sector. It includes 8 engineering schools, 2 subsidiary schools and a network of strategic affiliated partners. Its activities in the fields of engineering and digital technology contribute to training engineers and managers, developing research partnerships, promoting innovation and supporting 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 Franco-German Academy for the Industry of the Future with Technische Universität München (TUM). It is recognized by 2 Carnot Institute certifications for the quality of its partner-based research. Each year, IMT trains over 1,200 students, concludes nearly 70 million research contracts, and hosts some 100 start-ups in its incubators.

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