

## **Institut Mines-Télécom among the Top 50 patent applicants**

INPI has ranked IMT among the top 10 higher education and research institutions for patents filed, with 33 patents published in the 2020.

**Institut Mines-Télécom (IMT) puts its research to work for economic development, with a strategy aimed at promoting technology transfer to companies and to the startups in its incubators, and by encouraging spin-offs from its laboratories.**

IMT is a key academic contributor to patents in its regions. At its eight schools, 2,200 researchers, research professors and research engineers, PhD students and post-doc students (excluding CIFRE scheme) are taking up the major technological challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, at the crossroads of major industrial, digital and ecological transformations. Its excellence in research focused on key issues has led to the development of scientific leadership that serves the needs of the economy and society.

### **Research partnerships, a key model for IMT**

Through IMT's two Carnot M.I.N.E.S, and Carnot Telecom & Société Numérique institutes (the leading academic Carnot Institute for research partnerships by volume), it has tested its scientific advances against real-world innovation challenges from companies by offering flexible partnership arrangements suited to their needs. This involves rapid contract procedures and a clear vision for intellectual property and the use of future research results. IMT's policy limits cases of joint ownership of intellectual property and grants companies the most flexible options in the development of the results. In 2020, 13 patents were jointly filed with companies.

### **Spreading innovation beyond collaboration with a third party**

When a researcher yields transferable results, IMT is there to help. For each invention or innovation, IMT works in a collegial manner with the inventor to determine the most relevant strategy for developing and protecting the results before any transfer occurs. This can take several forms, from the creation of a spin-off, to the establishment of a partnership with a manufacturer to develop the innovation. Startups incubated at one of the IMT schools can also use the patent to pursue its activities.

Christian Picory-Donné, Director of Partnership Research and Commercialization at Institut Mines-Télécom: *"First and foremost, these results reflect the scientific and technical potential of our laboratories. Next, in order to contribute to economic development, we must have a policy for protecting the research results, and clear operational industrial property guidelines in order to safeguard industrial partnerships. This is one advantage of the Carnot label. The*

*growth of our research partnerships benefiting small and medium-sized companies in our ecosystem can be credited to the implementation of this policy. In the context of this policy, partnership research with companies, and the transfer of patents, protected software, and confidential expertise are all key levers for enhancing the innovation, competitiveness, and sovereignty of our companies. This pro-company approach is further supplemented by our support of startups in connection with our laboratories, as in the case of spin-offs created by our research professors. This aspect also requires research partnerships and the secure transfer of industrial property assets.*

**About Institut Mines-Télécom [www.imt.fr/en](http://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 GermanFrench 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, and hosts some 100 start-ups in its incubators.

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