

Press release
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Jacques Fayolle appointed as Director of Mines Saint-Etienne

Mr. Bruno Le Maire, Minister for Economy, Finance and Recovery at the supervisory ministry of Institut Mines-Télécom, has appointed Jacques Fayolle as Director of Mines Saint-Étienne by an order of March 23, 2022. He will take up his duties at the head of this Engineering Graduate School on May 1, 2022 for a five-year term.



Jacques Fayolle wrote his doctoral thesis in Computer Science at Université Jean Monnet, defended in 1996, on the study of image processing algorithms. He then joined Université Jean Monnet as a lecturer, and as a professor 5 years later. He obtained his HDR (accreditation to supervise research) in 2007. He was elected to lead Télécom Saint-Etienne in 2012, and re-elected in 2017, while also supervising 10 theses between 1999 and 2019.

The new director of Mines Saint-Etienne has also held numerous elective and national representative offices within the higher education and innovation ecosystems. Since 2011, he has attended the CDEFI (Conference for the Directors of French Engineering Schools) and served twice as interim president, in 2017 and 2019, before being elected president that same year, and re-elected in 2021.

Throughout his career, he has endeavored to bring together academic training/research communities and economic stakeholders. From 2014 to 2019, he was a member of the Strategic Steering Committee and Executive Committee of Institut Carnot Télécom & Société Numérique, led by Institut Mines-Télécom. He also led the start-up incubator 'USEIN' and held various positions within Digital League, the cluster of digital industry companies in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes. Finally, since 2019, he has chaired the Learning Lab Network Foundation, which brings together around a hundred public and private institutions with innovative training spaces. These various experiences will enable him to carry out his duties as head of Mines Saint-Etienne.

As Director of Mines Saint-Étienne School, his main missions will also be to develop and implement the school's strategy, to contribute to the future 2030 Strategy of Institut Mines-Télécom and to its upcoming 2023-2028 Contract of Objectives and Performance. He will continue to grow the activities of the school, in particular to meet the expectations of companies and students in training, in support of Institut Mines-Télécom's Mission Statement, "All together to imagine and build a sustainable future and to train its key stakeholders". To achieve this growth, he will promote synergies with IMT's other graduate schools and strategic partners. During his five-year term, he will also be responsible for strengthening the school's position in the local ecosystems (Saint-Étienne/Lyon and Aix-en-Provence/Marseille) and at the national and international level. In this respect, the experience he has acquired throughout his career

in the management of international programs and projects, such as the mutual recognition agreement for engineering degrees between France and other countries, or training and research programs for the European Commission, will be invaluable to him.

Jacques Fayolle, Director of Mines Saint-Etienne: *“Mines Saint-Étienne is ranked among the best engineering schools. I am very proud and honored to be at the helm of this fine school, whose actions are recognized by stakeholders in research and industry, especially for the industrial and ecological transitions. Mines Saint-Étienne has just joined the T.I.M.E. network for the top technological universities and has been awarded its 6th ERC. Together with our teams, we will further strengthen Mines Saint-Étienne within Institut Mines-Télécom and with our local partners, to find new dynamics for development and growth around the health of the future, the industry of the future, and the digital dimension, particularly the IoT.”*

About Institut Mines-Télécom 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 German-French 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.



About Mines Saint-Etienne

A member of Institut Mines-Télécom, the leading group of engineering and management graduate schools in France, Mines Saint-Etienne School is an engineering school that belongs to the international network of technology universities, T.I.M.E. (Top International Managers in Engineering). It has 2,500 students - 27% of whom are international students - and 400 members of staff across two campuses: Saint-Etienne and Georges Charpak Provence, near Aix-en-Provence. The School is listed in 3 World University Rankings: The Times Higher Education World University Ranking, the QS World University Ranking by subject, and the Times Higher Education Impact on Sustainable Development Goals. With 6 European Research Council Grants obtained by researchers from its 5 Research and Training Centers, 6 research and training Chairs, 4 up-to-date technological platforms, €8 million in partnership research, a €50 million budget, and a leading Center for Scientific, Technical, and Industrial Culture in France, Mines Saint-Etienne aims for the highest academic standards, pursues a proactive policy to support businesses in their transition towards Industry 4.0, and encourages public interest in today's scientific and technological challenges. Its goal? Inspiring Innovation! www.mines-stetienne.fr

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