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Caisse des Dépôts and Institut Mines-Télécom sign a partnership to promote ecological transition and digital sovereignty

Institut Mines-Télécom (IMT) and Caisse des Dépôts signed a three-year framework agreement today amid growing concern in France for ecological transition and digital sovereignty issues. The agreement aims to unite the strengths of Caisse des Dépôts Group with the resources of Institut Mines-Télécom to promote innovative approaches and technology to support ecological transition and digital technology.

This partnership initiative is based on the consensus that Institut Mines-Télécom and Caisse des Dépôts Group share a commitment to regional and national economic development and to promoting the rise of French digital champions in ecological and solidarity transition. Under this agreement, Institut Mines-Télécom will support Caisse des Dépôts Group in its operations promoting economic development, ecological transition and the sovereignty of national infrastructure, including digital systems, by contributing scientific and technological expertise and entrepreneurial resources from its network of start-up incubators.

“We are pleased with this partnership with Caisse des Dépôts Group, which will allow us to expand our education, research and support activities for companies. We share the same vision for the major environmental and technological issues of our regions and will work together to provide increasingly customized solutions,” said Odile Gauthier, Executive Director of Institut Mines-Télécom.

“This strategic partnership with Institut Mines-Télécom allows us to strengthen our commitment, means of action and collaboration to address all the aspects involved in innovative approaches and technologies in the fields of ecological transition and digital technology,” said Catherine Mayenobe, Deputy CEO and Director of Operations and Business Transformation Management of Caisse des Dépôts.

The partners will pool their skills to respond to the government’s new priorities in the areas of green technology and the creation of high-value-added companies through joint reflection and action.

Both partners are implementing an action plan covering the following five components:

- **Support for TechSprint**, a collaborative call for projects implemented by Caisse des Dépôts Group to accelerate the development of Cloud/Data/AI solutions to promote the country’s ecological transformation. IMT will contribute its scientific, technological and entrepreneurial resources, and the use of its AI & big data platform, Teralab, to assist project onboarding phases, selection processes and support for the winners.

- **Increasing national and European digital sovereignty** with Gaia-X, of which the Institut Mines-Télécom is a founding member, and the Data Space Lab led by its Teralab platform. Caisse des Dépôts is working in conjunction with the French General Directorate for Enterprises and CIGREF to promote the development of sovereign solutions that will boost the digital economy and flow of data, and support Gaia-X's Hub France. Together, Institut Mines-Télécom and Caisse des Dépôts will play an active role in structuring InfraTech as an industrial sector with an emphasis on end-to-end sovereignty.
- **Support in implementing France's Green Nation plan.** Institut Mines-Télécom will assist Caisse des Dépôts in its role of supporting the implementation of the government actions defined in the France Green Nation ecological transition program.
- **Support for research and innovation with a "green for tech" and "tech for green" approach:** another objective of the partnership between Caisse des Dépôts and Institut Mines-Télécom is to overcome the scientific and technological challenges identified in the France Green Nation plan and those observed by major private operators in the target sectors. Caisse des Dépôts will support IMT's network of incubators to facilitate the creation of innovative new green technology companies and accelerate their development throughout the country.
- **Promote visibility for Caisse des Dépôts and its employer brand within the IMT ecosystem** to build its capacity to better achieve and guide its missions. This aspect will be carried out by Caisse des Dépôts joining the collective programs offered by Fondation Mines-Télécom or the schools. This will support the actions of IMT schools in research, innovation and education while also promoting the Caisse des Dépôts employer brand among students.

About Institut Mines-Télécom www.imt.fr/en

Institut Mines-Télécom is the leading public group of French engineering and management schools to be placed under the supervisory authority of the Ministry of the Economy, Finances and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty. It is a public research and higher education institution made up of eight public graduate schools: IMT Atlantique, IMT Mines Albi, IMT Mines Alès, IMT Nord Europe, Institut Mines-Télécom Business School, Mines Saint-Étienne, Telecom Paris and Telecom SudParis as well as two subsidiary schools: EURECOM and InSIC. It leads and develops a rich ecosystem of partner schools and economic, academic and institutional partners and players in training, research and economic development. Created to meet France's needs in economic and industrial development since the 19th century, Institut Mines Télécom's graduate schools have supported all the communications and industrial revolutions. Through its research and its training of engineers, managers and PhD students, Institut Mines-Télécom tackles the major industrial, digital, energy and environmental challenges in France, Europe and around the world. Today, Institut Mines-Télécom and its 10 schools are imagining and building a world that combines science, technology and economic development with a respect for the planet and the people who live on it. It is double Carnot certified and trains 13,600 students every year.



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About Caisse des Dépôts Group

Caisse des Dépôts and its subsidiaries form a public group, a long-term investor in the public interest and local economic development.

It has five areas of expertise: social policies (retirement, vocational training, disability, old age and healthcare), asset management, monitoring of subsidiaries and holdings, corporate financing (with Bpifrance) and Banque des Territoires.

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