

Inauguration of Mines Paris-PSL Innovation Campus in Versailles-Satory

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A NEW HUB OF EXCELLENCE IN VERSAILLES-SATORY

On Wednesday, October 22, 2025, the Mines Paris-PSL Innovation Campus will be officially inaugurated on the Versailles-Satory plateau. As project owner, the Yvelines Department has invested €104.8 million in building this hub of excellence, strongly reaffirming its commitment to research, industry, innovation, and higher education.

In a context marked by climatic, economic, and geopolitical uncertainties, this Campus represents a strategic lever for the development of the Yvelines region. It meets immediate needs in training and research while being part of a long-term vision.

The Campus occupies 13,000 m² of a building with a total area of 15,000 m². In this vast space, nearly 750 people—researchers, PhD candidates, students, and staff—will work daily. Three leading research centers from Mines Paris-PSL are located here: the Centre des Matériaux (CMAT), the Centre Énergie, Environnement et Procédés (CEEP), and a branch of the Centre de Robotique (CAOR). In parallel, 2,000 m² are specifically designed to host innovative companies.

The Campus also plays a central role in spreading scientific knowledge, particularly to schools in Yvelines, with a focus on openness, knowledge-sharing, and raising awareness about technological challenges.

This structuring project strengthens an already rich ecosystem—the Versailles-Satory plateau—where industrial players, research organizations, and defense institutions coexist. The area will be served by Line 18 of the Grand Paris Express by 2030. It continues the momentum of the Paris-Saclay science hub while affirming the strategic position of the Satory plateau. Through its positioning, the Mines Paris-PSL Innovation Campus supports French technological and scientific sovereignty and will actively contribute to meeting the energy and industrial challenges of tomorrow.

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(including 300 researchers, PhD
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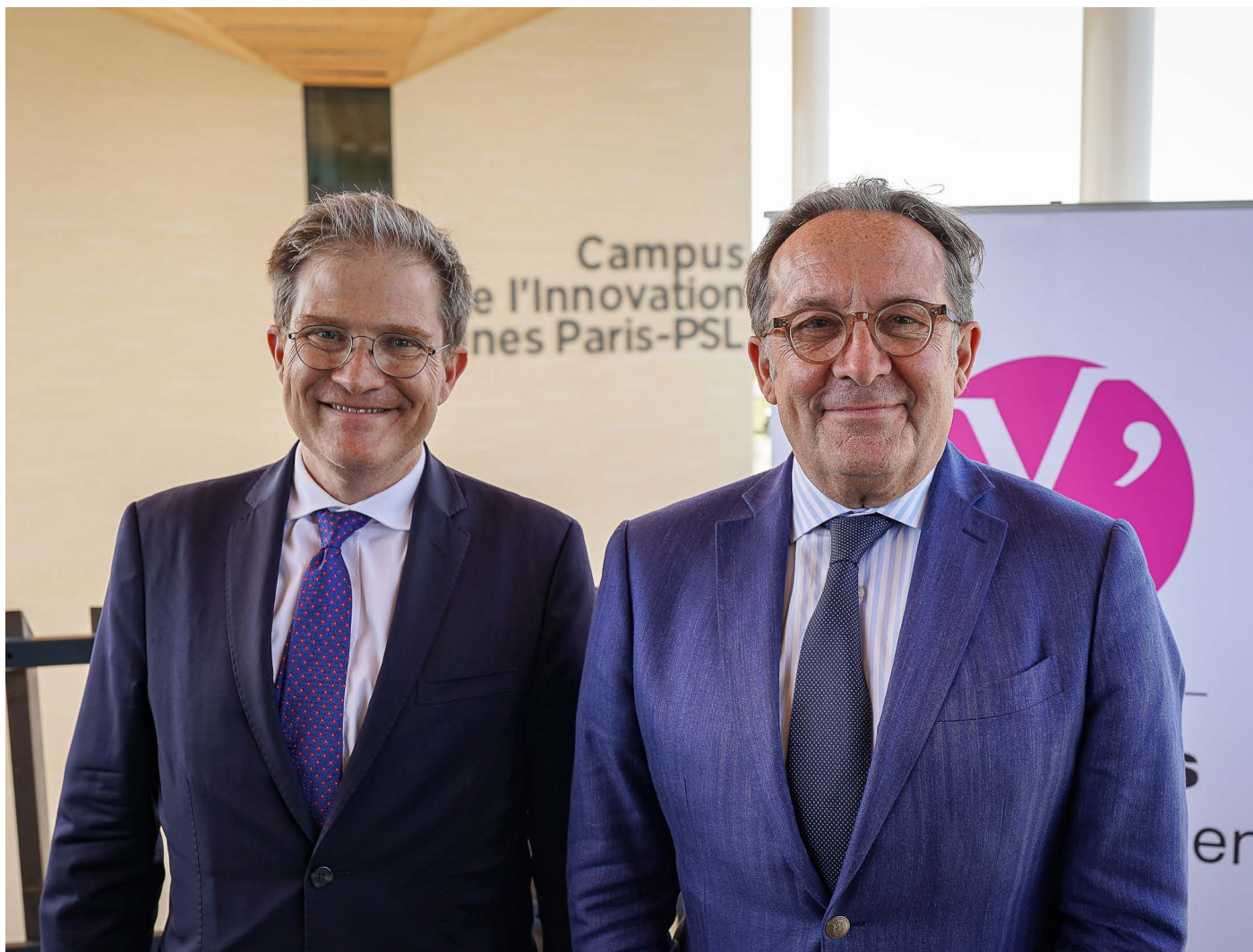
**Centers of excellence
hosted**

- Centre des Matériaux (CMAT)
- Centre Énergie, Environnement et Procédés (CEEP)
- Antenne du Centre de Robotique (CAOR)



**A strategic
location**

The Satory plateau, a cluster of
industry and defense, future hub
of Greater Paris



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Godefroy Beauvallet, Managing Director of Mines Paris-PSL (left)
and **Pierre Bédier**, Président of Yvelines Departmental Council (right)

"At the Yvelines Departmental Council, we chose to invest in this magnificent campus and to join forces with a leading academic partner. Not to simply "look good" on the map of French campuses, but because Mines embodies what we value most: excellence, rigor, knowledge, and innovation.

Pierre Bédier,
Président of Yvelines
Departmental Council

Welcoming such a prestigious institution is, of course, a source of pride. But above all, it marks the fulfillment of a vision: to make Satory the natural complement to Saclay; the realization of an ambition: to place Yvelines at the heart of the knowledge economy; and the outcome of a deliberate choice: the choice to prioritize intelligence.

Since 2019, we have invested more than 220 million euros in higher education, research, and innovation. Of this amount, 100 million euros have been dedicated to Satory. This money is not merely spent — it is an investment in the future. And, if I may say so, it is probably the most profitable investment of the decade: it does not depreciate, it multiplies.

Promoting scientific excellence is an absolute economic priority. Science is the engine of employment, attractiveness, and sovereignty.

Thanks to this campus, Yvelines SMEs will find new opportunities, startups an incubator, and researchers a place for experimentation. It is a virtuous cycle we are setting in motion across the territory."

"It's not every day that a new campus is inaugurated! Today, that's exactly what's happening for Mines Paris-PSL, in the opening of its fourth campus (alongside Paris, Fontainebleau, and Sophia Antipolis).

Godefroy Beauvallet,
Managing Director
of Mines Paris-PSL

Today's inauguration is a celebration of determination. It was made possible thanks to the commitment of the Yvelines Department, whose support to the school contributes to the development of this new district dedicated to innovation, industry, and defense. Thanks also to the school's determination to bring together several laboratories to reach a critical mass of 250 scientists on site. And finally, thanks to the drive of the pioneers and partners working together within Satory's rapidly growing ecosystem.

We aim to play an active role in the Satory area, connecting research, industry, and technological sovereignty in a dynamic, open space.

Theory and practice, excellence and relevance — these are the goals of Mines Paris-PSL across all its research and teaching activities. Changing the game for our partners by innovating alongside them — that is our mission!"



Project History

KEY STAGES AND CHALLENGES OF AN AMBITIOUS OPERATION

The creation of the Innovation Campus is the result of an ambitious partnership between the Yvelines Department and Mines Paris-PSL. This project was built over the years around a shared vision: to strengthen synergies between research, innovation, industry, and the region.

MARCH 2019

Vote by the Departmental Council approving the construction of the Innovation Campus.

JUNE 2021

Signing of the framework agreement formalizing the partnership between the Yvelines Department and Mines Paris-PSL.

2022–2024

Structuring of the partnership through two operational agreements, followed by the launch of the first collaborative projects between the Department and Mines Paris-PSL.

MAY 2025

Official delivery of the construction work on the Innovation Campus by the Yvelines Department and handover of keys to Mines Paris-PSL.

JUNE 2025

Pre-inauguration of the Innovation Campus, attended by elected officials and all project stakeholders.

SEPTEMBER 2025 - 2027

Deployment of a new partnership agreement **to support 10 projects divided into three strategic areas:**



Energy transition



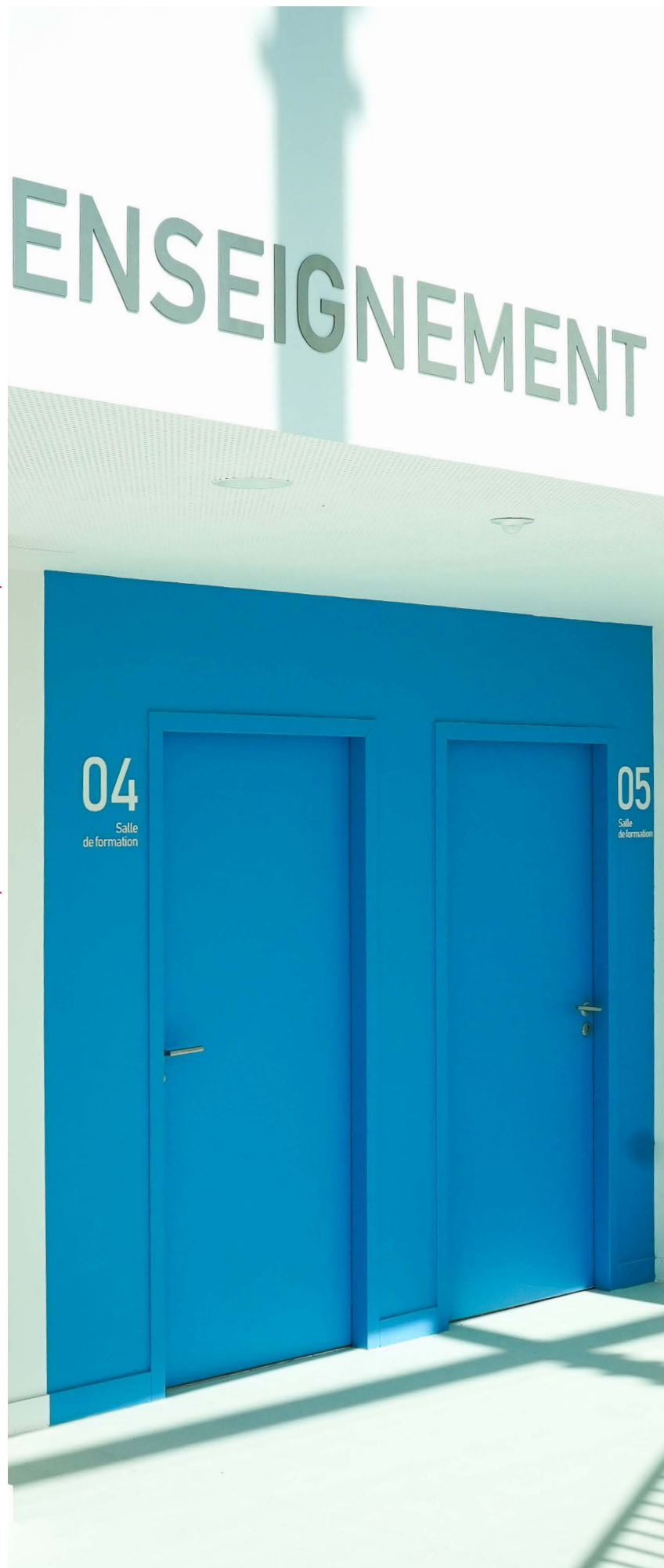
Local integration of Mines Paris-PSL



Promotion of scientific excellence in schools and colleges

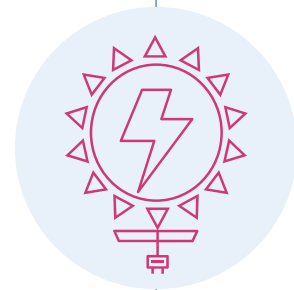
2028 →

Planned arrival of Inria on the Innovation Campus, marking a new stage in developing an innovation ecosystem combining research, industry, and defense.



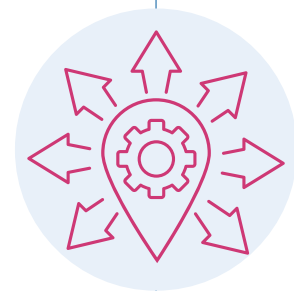
Addressing the above 12% growth in higher education and research enrollment over ten years.

The Campus provides a modern, well-structured environment to host students and researchers in optimal conditions.



Strengthening the region's energy and technological sovereignty

by leveraging Mines Paris-PSL's expertise to develop innovative solutions in strategic sectors: energy, mobility, artificial intelligence, and more.



Creating bridges between innovation and the area by encouraging collaboration

among academia, businesses, local authorities, and schools. Mines Paris-PSL Innovation Campus aims to promote scientific culture and embed innovation within the local community.



Satory, a Strategic Ecosystem

AT THE CROSSROADS OF INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, AND DEFENSE

Located on the Versailles-Satory plateau, southwest of Versailles, Mines Paris-PSL Innovation Campus sits in a rich ecosystem where defense, advanced industry, academic research, and technological innovation converge.



This area already brings together major defense players—such as the Ministry of the Armed Forces, the GIGN, and the Army Technical Section—alongside major industrial groups such as KNDS, Arquus, and Renault Group.

It is also home to leading academic and technological institutions: the Université Gustave Eiffel, known for expertise in sustainable mobility, urban planning, and engineering; VEDECOM, a research institute dedicated to innovative mobility; and soon, Inria, the National Institute for Research in Digital Science and Technology. The arrival of Mines Paris-PSL Innovation Campus strengthens this network with a world-class research hub focused on energy, materials, robotics, and industrial transition.

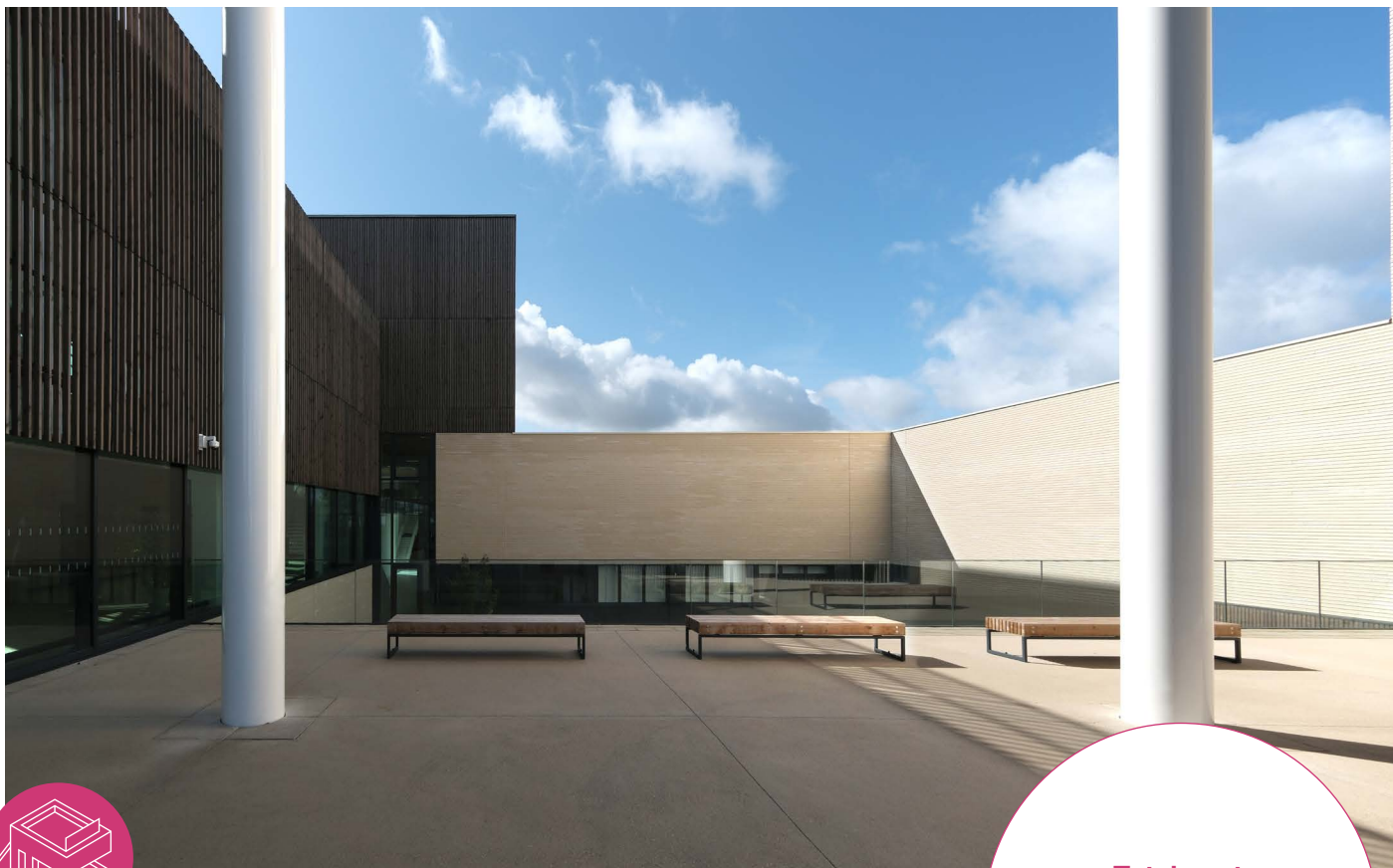
In 2025, to structure this dynamic, the Yvelines Department, alongside Arquus, initiated the SatoryTech committee, chaired by the Groupement des industries françaises de défense et de sécurité terrestres et aéroterrestres (GICAT). Bringing together public, industrial, and academic players, this structure oversees innovative and collaborative projects: large-scale 3D printing, a Robotics Village, technological platforms focused on energy, and new-generation technical training programs.

A framework agreement between the Yvelines Department and the Ministry of the Armed Forces was signed on October 1 in Versailles. Its main goal is to formalize a lasting partnership aimed at improving living conditions for the defense community in Yvelines (active-duty personnel, civilians, families, etc.) and facilitating access to housing, mobility, and education.

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The arrival of Line 18
of the Grand Paris Express will directly connect Satory to Orly Airport, Saclay, and the entire metropolitan network, reinforcing its status as a strategic hub with both national and international reach.





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A Building Meeting Future Standards

13,000 M² OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY FOR RESEARCH AND INDUSTRY

The new Mines Paris-PSL Innovation Campus is set up in a large-scale facility designed to meet high scientific, technological, and environmental standards. It was designed by Celnikier and Grabli Architects and built by the GCC group.

With a total surface area of 13,000 m², it reflects the shared ambition of Mines Paris-PSL, the Yvelines Department, and their public partners to make this site a benchmark for scientific innovation.

Total cost
€104,8 M

€95,1 M
building

€8,2 M
land &
development

€1,5 M
operations
/ maintenance

13,000 m²

dedicated to research
and industry

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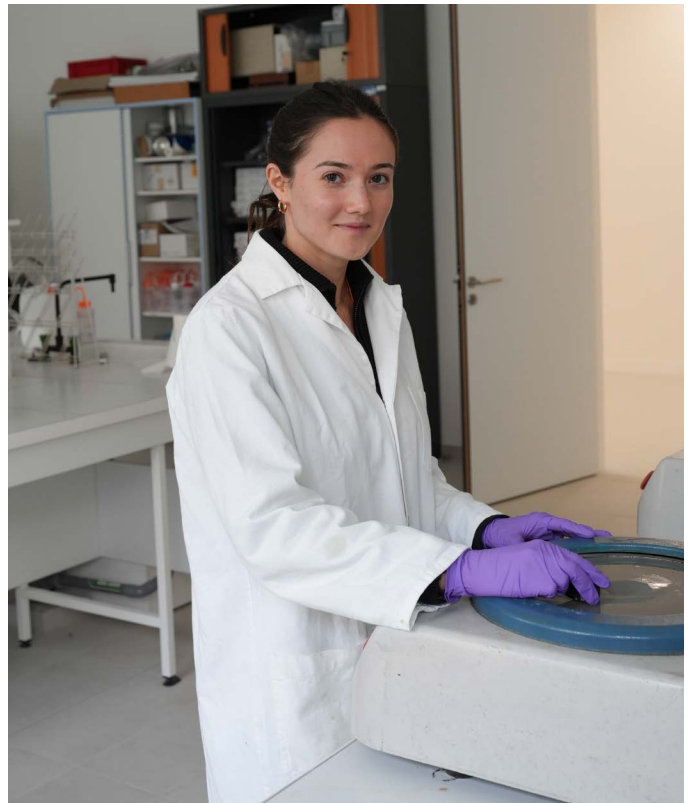
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Justine Lequin-Souchon, CIFRE PhD student (Industrial Research Training Agreement) – Renault >

Three advanced laboratories are housed in the Campus: the Centre des Matériaux (CMAT), the Centre Énergie, Environnement et Procédés (CEEP), and a branch of the Centre de Robotique (CAOR). These units benefit from facilities such as immersive rooms, a climate chamber, advanced robotics workshops, and prototyping areas—all designed to foster breakthrough research, interdisciplinary synergy, and technology transfer to industry.



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CEEP, Centre Énergie, Environnement et Procédés

The building also encourages interaction between researchers, engineers, and entrepreneurs. This architectural and functional choice reflects the intention to create a true innovation ecosystem where science meets the practical needs of the economy.

With an overall investment of €104.8 million, this project represents a major real estate development in Île-de-France in the field of scientific research.



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Matthieu Rambaudo, Mechanical Testing Engineer

Flexibility, energy performance, and user comfort: the building was designed to support the evolution of research practices and future environmental requirements. It matches the ambition of this new Campus—to become a driver of innovation for industrial, ecological, and digital transitions.



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A School for Tomorrow's Challenges

TRAINING TALENTS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY TRANSITIONS

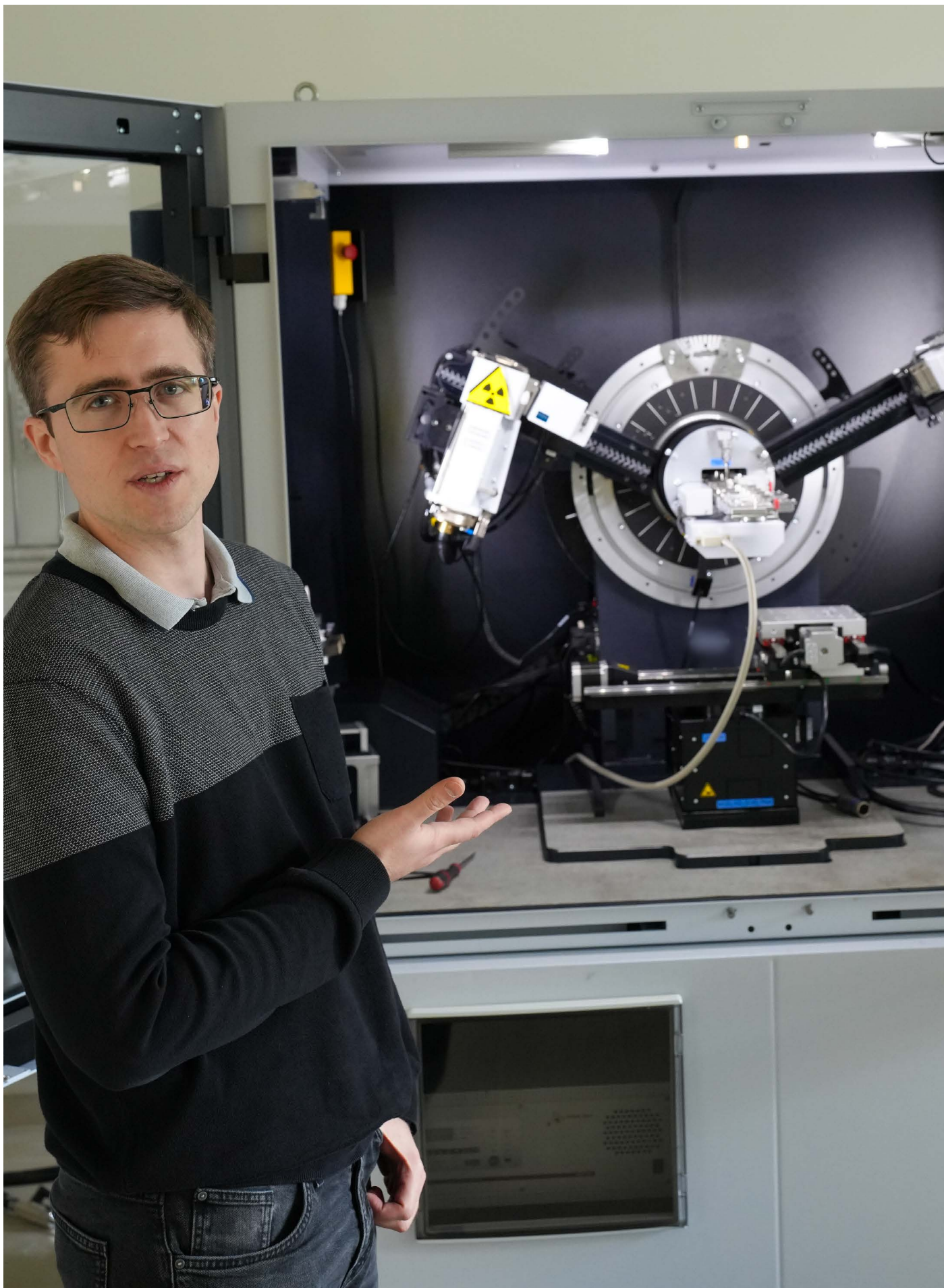
The educational ambition of the new Mines Paris-PSL site in Versailles-Satory combines fundamental research, applied innovation, and top-level training, closely linked to the companies already established on the Satory plateau, with the major challenges of the 21st century in sight.

Integrated into an institution that includes 18 research centers, 18 industrial chairs, 81 active patents, and more than 1,000 industrial contracts signed each year, the Innovation Campus is a place where teaching is based on experimentation, interdisciplinarity, and tangible innovation.

Here, 120 doctoral students and 60 engineering students on-site benefit from direct access to cutting-edge laboratories and outstanding scientific supervision.

In five years, 17 start-ups have been created within the Mines Paris-PSL ecosystem—proof of the school's ability to transform research into practical solutions that address the economy's needs and society's expectations.

Ranked among the best French and European schools in international rankings such as Times Higher Education (THE) and Les Échos START, Mines Paris-PSL stands out for its strong commitment to environmental, energy, and digital transitions. The Versailles-Satory Campus, at the heart of an ecosystem focused on the industry of the future, becomes a strategic tool for training engineers and entrepreneurs aware of tomorrow's environmental and energy challenges.



A Concrete Partnership Serving the Region

MINES PARIS-PSL AND THE YVELINES DEPARTMENT COMMIT TO A LONG-TERM ACTION PROGRAM

The new agreement between Mines Paris-PSL and the Yvelines Department covers the period from September 2025 to September 2027 and is structured around three areas of action, developed from the Innovation Campus in Versailles-Satory.



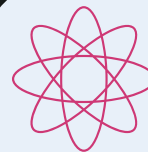
Developing a territorial energy transition strategy

- Development of a local renewable energy plan in Satory
- Student mini-projects addressing concrete local issues, led by Mines students and supervised by a research professor
- Mobilizing the expertise of the Innovation Campus to support Yvelines' energy transition



Strengthening Mines Paris-PSL's regional presence

- Regular meetings between local companies and academic partners
- Co-organization of events such as Research Day (first edition held in 2025) and conferences on "Security & Defense," organized in collaboration with local companies and stakeholders, including ARQUUS, Nexter, and KNDS
- Support for the creation of start-ups and spin-offs from research or academic-industrial collaborations
- Development of continuing education programs in partnership with local stakeholders (iXCampus, Inria, Safran, EDF, etc.)



Promouvoir l'excellence scientifique et l'innovation dans les collèges

- Visits to the Mines School and the Robotics Center (CAOR) for students
- Innovative Educational Project (IEP) Challenge Your Code: introducing students to robotics and programming
- Hosting 9th-grade internships in laboratories
- Implementing mentoring programs and targeted initiatives promoting equal opportunity



Operational Monitoring with Rigor and Transparency

EXEMPLARY MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The construction and operation of the new Innovation Campus are closely supervised by a consortium of companies coordinated by the Yvelines Department. Two main entities are involved: GCC, in charge of building construction and serving as the lead contractor, and CRAM, responsible for site operations until 2030.

Since the handover of the keys to Mines Paris-PSL on May 22, 2025, the focus has been on resolving the final pending items. This monitoring follows clear rules that distinguish justified delays from unjustified ones. The overall financial adjustment stands at approximately €350,000 (incl. tax).

This precise and transparent follow-up reflects the shared commitment of all parties to ensure an exemplary project, both technically and in the management of obligations.

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CALENDAR

2019 - 2025

Opening

2026

Operational
expansion

2028

Arrival of Inria

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The Yvelines Department and Mines Paris-PSL are joining forces in a strategic partnership to anchor academic excellence and innovation at the heart of a dynamic territory rich in industries and defense players. This partnership represents a visionary and lasting investment serving the collective interest and the challenges of tomorrow.

"The Mines Paris-PSL Innovation Campus, one of the world's leading schools with some of the most outstanding research laboratories, has chosen to establish itself in Yvelines, in Versailles-Satory. It is the Yvelines Departmental Council that made this possible and fully financed the investment required to create this innovative building, where today's and tomorrow's talents will flourish. This is a major achievement of which the people of Yvelines can be proud. It is the tangible expression of the Department's commitment to applied research that promotes high value-added economic development, whose benefits enhance the quality of life in our wonderful department."

Pierre Bédier,
President of the Departmental Council

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