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ESAIP Engineering School will incorporate Excelia at the start of the new academic year consolidating its position as a multidisciplinary establishment of public interest

In the next intake in September, adopted following the vote at the Annual General Meeting at the end of July, Excelia will boast a fourth school, with the incorporation of ESAIP Engineering School. The group is taking a major step forward in its 2025-2030 strategic plan, 'Intelligences for our Futures'. By choosing structural integration, Excelia is ramping up its hybrid approach and placing engineering firmly at the heart of its institutional and educational strategy. The group is thereby strengthening its position as a leading multidisciplinary establishment of public interest and giving itself the resources to achieve its ambition, namely, to promote sustainable interaction between the different academic disciplines in order to shape the models of tomorrow and to meet major societal, environmental, and technological challenges.

Valuable addition of recognised, essential fields of expertise for the transitions

With the incorporation of ESAIP Engineering School, Excelia is not simply adding a new school, but rather enriching the group with well-established and widely recognised scientific and technological savoir faire. By focussing on the transitions, ESAIP has developed several areas of expertise: cybersecurity and artificial intelligence in the context of the digital transition; risk management and environmental protection within the context of the environmental transition. It offers post-High School programmes centred around these specialist fields: a recognised engineering qualification accredited by the CTI (*Commission des Titres d'Ingénieurs*) since 1998, as well as Bachelor and Master of Science qualifications.

A further step in Excelia's multidisciplinary development

By incorporating ESAIP, alongside its three existing schools (business, tourism and hospitality, communication), Excelia is adding a new dimension to its multidisciplinary strategy. The group is putting its vision into practice: the ecological, digital, industrial, and societal transitions all call for transdisciplinary approaches and profiles capable of drawing on a range of expertise to support evolving practices. Beyond mere academic collaboration, the structural integration of ESAIP confirms hybridisation as a fundamental principle of the group's operations, at the heart of teaching, research and pedagogical innovation.

Structural hybridisation at the service of today's transformations

By bringing together management and engineering, Excelia aims to strengthen its ability to meet the demands of the current transformations. Markets, practices, and organisations can no longer be fully understood without an appreciation of the scientific and technical principles shaping their transformation. Conversely, technological expertise takes on its full significance when viewed in relation to the imperatives of implementation, sustainability, management, and value creation. With the incorporation of ESAIP, Excelia is strengthening its capacity to develop hybrid profiles and to imagine the solutions of tomorrow.

Public interest as a common denominator

As part of the Lasallian network, ESAIP has a strong sense of human values, a focus on openness, and a commitment to student wellbeing and support. Just like Excelia, it holds the EESPIG label, which is awarded exclusively to private, not-for-profit higher education establishments under contract with the French government and serving the public interest. By incorporating ESAIP, Excelia is further demonstrating its commitment to the highest educational standards and reinforcing its long-standing focus on not-for-profit education, promoting social inclusion, academic excellence, and the generation of knowledge that benefits society. Furthermore, ESAIP is a member of FESIC, a federation of higher education institutions of public interest, and the CGE (*Conférence des Grandes Écoles*).

New opportunities for students, companies, and local regions

For students, Excelia's enhanced range of academic disciplines offers the prospect of innovative hybrid study paths and new learning experiences that are closely aligned with the realities of today's world. In this respect, from January 2027, Excelia and ESAIP will be launching cross-disciplinary learning projects, co-designed by the academic teams from both institutions. The projects offered to students will focus in particular on the management of climate and environmental crises, combining scientific expertise, analysis, and strategic decision-making.

Both institutions will also offer enhanced support for student entrepreneurs by drawing on their complementary expertise in technological innovation, marketing strategy, and business models.

Then, in September 2027, a double qualification in 'Engineering + Management' will be introduced, merging ESAIP's engineering curriculum with a management specialisation from Excelia, with the aim of shaping graduates capable of leading complex projects involving an interplay of technological, economic, and environmental aspects.

For companies and organisations, this offers the possibility to recruit graduates who are capable of leading their transformations, combining technical expertise, an understanding of practical applications, and sustainability.

Last but not least, as regards our local regions, ESAIP's academic expertise will create new opportunities for supporting companies, institutions and stakeholders as they navigate today's major transformations.





“By incorporating ESAIP, Excelia is marking a new stage in its development and in the realisation of its vision to become a leading, multidisciplinary institution operating in the public interest. Its ambition is to foster the exchange of scientific, technological, managerial, and professional expertise across all the group’s schools. The combination of these multiple forms of intelligence will fuel our curricula to reflect current transformations, as well as generating knowledge that is useful not only to organisations, but to society as a whole.”

Bruno Neil, CEO of Excelia



“By joining Excelia, ESAIP is reaffirming its ambition to train learners to become engineers capable of understanding the complexity of the world and of acting responsibly with regard to today’s key environmental, digital, geopolitical, and sovereignty-related challenges. This alliance reflects a firm commitment: to remove barriers between disciplines, to advance pedagogy, to make our programmes accessible to new talent, and to restore the appeal of science by linking it to the real-world issues and challenges facing society today.”

Christophe Baujault, CEO of ESAIP

EXCELIA WITH ESAIP

- **7800** students
- **6** campuses: La Rochelle, Tours, Orleans, Angers, Aix-en-Provence, Paris
- A network of **53 000** graduates
- A budget of **€75** million

About Excelia

Excelia is a multidisciplinary higher education establishment of general interest operating under contract with the French State. With a strong international standing, it now comprises four schools: a business school, an engineering school, a tourism and hospitality school, a communication school. With the incorporation of ESAIP, it will educate some 7,800 students on 6 campuses (La Rochelle, Tours, Orleans, Angers, Aix-en-Provence, Paris) and boast an alumni network of 53,000 graduates. The group and its schools hold the following labels,



accreditations and certifications: EESPIG, EQUIS, AACSB, EFMD Accredited and AMBA, as well as UNWTO.TedQual (United Nations) and THTS in the field of tourism.

About ESAIP

ESAIP is a prestigious engineering school committed to promoting a sustainable future, with campuses in Angers and Aix-en-Provence. It trains engineers (5 years of higher education) and middle managers (3 years of higher education) in the following specialist fields: digital technology, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, risk management, environmental protection. ESAIP has been endorsed by the engineering accreditation board *Commission des Titres d'Ingénieurs* (CTI) and holds the EESPIG label; it is a member of the *Conférence des Grandes Écoles* network (CGE), as well as FESIC, a federation of not-for-profit higher education institutions.

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