

## Press release

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### ESSCA signs a double degree agreement with a CentraleSup lec Master of Science

ESSCA School of Management, the business school renowned for the quality of its programmes, announces the signing of a partnership with CentraleSup lec, ranked among the very best institutions in the world in the field of Engineering Sciences. This collaboration will enable students of the business school to take the CentraleSup lec Master of Science in Technology and Management as of September 2023. Following admission onto the programme and under certain conditions, they will be awarded two degrees: the ESSCA Grande Ecole Programme diploma, which carries official Master status as recognised by the Ministry for Higher Education and Research, and the MSc in Technology and Management, the Master of Science diploma delivered by CentraleSup lec.

In sealing this prestigious collaboration with CentraleSup lec, ESSCA is continuing its strategic aim of blending competences, an aim which forms a part of its overall Odys e 20/24 plan. In so doing, the school commits to preparing its graduates for the many technological and environmental changes to come.

#### The choice of a top-notch partner school

From September 2023, students of the ESSCA Grande Ecole programme will be able to take the CentraleSup lec Master of Science in Technology and Management during the fifth year of their studies.

“ESSCA’s programmes are rooted in a dual line of thinking centred on leading, academically demanding professional competences, in line with the school’s objective of blending skills. Our economies are confronted with unprecedented environmental, societal, geopolitical, and economic challenges. Our companies are setting themselves the targets of industrial sovereignty, innovation, and ecological transition that are crucial for our societies. This is why we are seeking to nurture the blending of competences: Engineering, Data, Management, and Responsible Leadership Sciences comprise the very fabric of this new ESSCA Grande Ecole Programme–CentraleSup lec MSc in Technology and Management double degree”, declares **Christine Sinapi, Director of Academic Programmes, ESSCA School of Management.**



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With the benefit of an expert approach to teaching developed over the past 30+ years, the CentraleSupélec MSc in Technology and Management is a scientific and technological programme aimed at students of Management, Economics, Management or Business wishing to enter industries where technology and innovation are key. Thanks to the obtention of a dual competence, young graduates of the programme may gain rapid access to the tech sector, from the digital field to the industrial, and aspire to the positions of Consultant, Analyst, Project Manager, or Commercial Engineer.



“The aim of the Master of Science in Technology and Management is to enable students to experience an intense technological programme of study that is rooted in motivating projects, and for our graduates to share the engineering culture and ways of working in order to succeed in industrial and technological lines of business.

We place emphasis on collaborative modes of working and develop joint partnerships with schools of Management in order to contribute to disseminating a multidisciplinary culture”, specifies **Eléonore Mounoud, Scientific Head of the CentraleSupélec MSc in Technology and Management.**

Part of the curriculum will see ESSCA students acquire the basics of Engineering Science (energy, mechanics, and materials) and digital technologies (programming, AI, and data science). Alongside a solid set of core courses, they will take part in projects with the CentraleSupélec Engineering Track or start-ups from the CentraleSupélec incubator 21st. Students will also take the Université Paris’ Saclay AllCan Institute series of conferences on climate, energy, and ecology transitions. Courses will be delivered in French, while work and dissertations will be submitted in English.

### A selective double degree

ESSCA students wishing to take the CentraleSupélec MSc in Technology and Management will have to successfully complete their fourth year of the Grande Ecole programme by achieving excellent academic results, regardless of their chosen pre-specialisation, have a minimum TOEIC English score of 800 points plus experience abroad, and also display their motivation for taking this training programme and an interest in sciences and technologies. The pre-selection of candidates based on academic ability, the coherence of their professional project, and their level of motivation will be handled by ESSCA and the final selection conducted by interview with CentraleSupélec.

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One example is Vincent Brissot, an ESSCA School of Management 1997 graduate who had completed his studies to obtain in 1999 the CentraleSupélec MSc in Technology and Management. Following an outstanding international career working for, among others, Hewlett-Packard right up to the position of Vice-President Digital HP, Vincent Brissot is now Global Vice-President for Operations at Illumina. “At a time where the world is changing at an increasing rate and the frontier between Business and Technology is disappearing, taking the CentraleSupélec MSc in Technology and Management having already studied at ESSCA School of Management is a major asset. This dual training background has made all the difference. It has enabled me to enter the world of High Tech, and then Biotech with a degree of understanding, dialogue, collaboration, and efficiency that is far above what a single degree would have prepared me for”, attests **Vincent Brissot, ESSCA 1997, Global Vice-President, Operations, Illumina.**



More recently, two ESSCA students opted to continue their studies in order to obtain the CentraleSupélec MSc in Technology and Management. The early stages of a promising career promise ambitious professional prospects to follow.

### About ESSCA School of Management

Based on its rich 114-year history, ESSCA School of Management is a renowned and firmly established French and European institution. A pioneering school since its foundation in terms of teaching innovation and social and economic inclusion, it has striven to evolve on a permanent basis to incorporate the demands and challenges of the modern world with a will to train responsible leaders and assist organisations undergoing change.

A private higher education institution of common interest built upon a not-for-profit associative structure and a member of the Conférence des Grandes Ecoles, ESSCA School of Management delivers an officially recognised 5-year post-secondary Master degree and also offers a fully accredited Bachelor in International Management degree programme, a Specialised Master, and Master of Science programmes. The school also offers a range of training programmes designed specifically for senior executives, managers, and operational teams.

Thanks to its AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS triple crown accreditation, a status held by only 1% of business schools around the world, the school is an internationally renowned institution.

Strengthened by a multi-campus identity that helps consolidate its appeal to local regions and the showcasing of French expertise in the areas of higher education and research, ESSCA can call upon a network of almost 20,000 alumni working all across the world and currently welcomes 461 faculty and administrative staff and 7,000 students on its campuses in France (Aix-en-Provence, Angers, Bordeaux, Lyon, Paris and Strasbourg), Hungary, China and (in the near future), Spain and Luxemburg.

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