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Centrale Paris, Supélec and Politecnico di Milano commit to enhance strategic cooperation

(Milano, Paris, January 27, 2014) Ecole Centrale Paris, Supélec and Politecnico di Milano have decided to embark upon enhanced strategic cooperation in the field of research and mobility.

This became a practical reality in Milan (Italy) on November 29, at the close of the 150th anniversary of the Politecnico, with the signing of an alliance agreement by Mr Giovanni Azzone, Rector of Politecnico di Milano and Hervé Biauxser, Director of Centrale Paris and Director General of Supélec.

The three partners noted that the attractiveness of higher education institutions for non-European students is becoming one of the major challenges for science and engineering teaching in Europe. They thus decided to cooperate in order to develop exchange programmes at Masters and PhD level.

The basis of this new strategic cooperation is an aim to build an effective and attractive offer of joint degree programmes, making intra-EU mobility easier and boosting exchanges outside of Europe.

Sharing the same vision of an attractive international offering in Europe, this cooperation will be based on the European tradition of academic excellence, as well as the identity and humanist tradition of Europe.

The focus will be on common programmes and educational innovation, at the same time promoting the use of English in teaching. An international offering will be proposed, in proximity to businesses and industry and also open to networks of institutions wishing to operate outside Europe, in the image of T.I.M.E. (Top Industrial Managers for Europe).

In this way, Centrale Paris, Supélec and Politecnico de Milano wish to create a new European network which is flexible and dynamic, with the goal of making Europe one of the foremost areas for innovation in higher education and research.

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