
Press Release

Institut Polytechnique de Paris consolidates its governance and integrates Ecole nationale des ponts et chaussées

The decree amending the statutes of Institut Polytechnique de Paris (IP Paris) was published in the French Journal Officiel on Tuesday, July 16. These new bylaws, which establish a dedicated executive management body for the Institute, finalize the changes to IP Paris' governance announced by the Minister of the Armed Forces and the Minister of the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty on September 26, 2023, broadening its scope with the integration of the École nationale des ponts et chaussées (ENPC).

PALAISEAU, Tuesday, July 16, 2024. Launched in September 2023, the reform of the Institut Polytechnique de Paris' governance aims to provide the Institute with an organization better adapted to its ambition: to build a world-class science and technology institute, serving the common good and the country's sovereignty. Appointed interim Chairman of the IP Paris Board of Directors on September 27, 2023, Thierry Coulhon was entrusted with the mission of leading these transformations, in close collaboration with all stakeholders.

A new institutional organization

Adopted by the Boards of Directors of the member schools and then by the Board of Directors of IP Paris on June 26, 2024, the new Articles of Association set out the following organizational structure:

- The IP Paris Board of Directors will now be chaired by a non-executive chair;
- Executive functions will be carried out by the Chair of the Management Board, a body comprising the directors of the member schools. Thierry Coulhon will continue to chair the Board of Directors and perform executive functions until the appointment of the non-executive Chair of the Board of Directors and the Chair of the Management Board;
- A General Services Department to strengthen the Institute's administrative management. Baptiste Bourboulon, the budget and property advisor to the French Minister of Higher Education and Research (MESR), will take up this position on September 1st, 2024;

- The strengthening of the Institute's prerogatives in terms of international influence, research and innovation. These changes are accompanied by the arrival of a Vice-President for Europe and International Affairs, Christopher Cripps, on June 1st, and the creation of an Innovation and Entrepreneurship Department, headed by Bruno Cattan.

"With this new organization, IP Paris now has the tools it needs to pursue its development in a highly competitive international environment, and to become the champion in science and technology that France and Europe need," declares Thierry Coulhon.

Integration of a sixth member school: École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées

A longstanding and valued partner of IP Paris, the École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées becomes a member of IP Paris under the new statutes. This integration will enable the Institute to broaden and strengthen its educational offer in crucial fields such as sustainable cities, civil engineering and construction, as well as environmental, climate and energy sciences.

With the arrival of ENPC, Institut Polytechnique de Paris crosses the threshold of 10,000 students, including more than 1,200 doctoral students, giving it the critical mass to compete with the world's leading higher education and research institutions.

This integration will also result in an expansion of the IP Paris Board of Directors, which will include three additional members, including a representative of the French Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion, as well as a representative of the ENPC Board of Directors.

"The integration of ENPC marks a decisive turning point for IP Paris. ENPC shares the main characteristics of the schools that make up the Institute: an engineering school with a long tradition of excellence, which trains executives and entrepreneurs with highly scientific profiles for both the private and public sectors. ENPC also boasts world-class researchers and cutting-edge research, in line with the country's sovereignty issues and the major challenges of our time, namely the ecological, digital and energy transitions", continues Thierry Coulhon.

"We have a long history of collaboration with IP Paris and its schools, notably in the context of interdisciplinary centers on energy and AI. I am delighted that we will be integrated as a member institution, which will enable us to broaden and strengthen existing synergies in education, research and innovation. IP Paris is also a formidable asset for increasing our international impact and amplifying our investment in research excellence in the service of ecological and energy transitions", declares Anthony Briant, Director of ENPC.

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Institut Polytechnique de Paris (IP Paris) is a public higher education and research establishment that brings together six leading French engineering schools: École polytechnique, ENSTA Paris, ENPC, ENSAE Paris, Télécom Paris and Télécom SudParis. Under the aegis of the Institute, they pool their expertise to pursue two major ambitions: to develop excellent educational programs and cutting-edge research. Thanks to the academic and scientific roots of its six founding schools, IP Paris is positioned as a leading science and technology institution in France and internationally.