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ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE JOINS EUROTECH UNIVERSITIES ALLIANCE

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After 7 years of driving close collaboration between four universities, today the EuroTech Universities Alliance welcomes École Polytechnique as its fifth member. The prestigious French institution will officially join the strategic partnership of leading universities of science and technology in the international setting of the Technical University of Munich's 150th anniversary symposium. École Polytechnique will further strengthen the EuroTech Universities Alliance's position as pioneer for inter-university collaboration and will provide impetus for new, exciting collaborations to address the grand societal challenges.

"We are delighted to have France's most distinctive university of science and engineering on board. With Macron's call for the creation of European networks of universities, École Polytechnique's accession is also politically very timely", says Jan Mengelers, current President of the EuroTech Universities Alliance. The French President's speech at Sorbonne University last September has provided a new impetus for European university networks, with a dedicated EU funding initiative to be launched in the autumn. "With the EuroTech Universities Alliance widely quoted as a model network, we are well positioned for the take-up of EU funding in the future, not least through the future Horizon Europe programme proposed by the European Commission today", highlights Jan Mengelers.

"École Polytechnique offers innovative, international and multidisciplinary scientific programmes in strategic fields, bringing together research staff and students to develop the latest technologies, with focus on artificial intelligence, energy transition, smart cities, healthcare or cybersecurity", says Jacques Biot, President of École Polytechnique. Joining the EuroTech Universities Alliance will create a larger pool of complementary strengths, excellent talent and unique learning and scientific environments.

École Polytechnique's Drahi X-Novation Center offers an ecosystem of prototyping space, early start-up acceleration, incubation, finance and open innovation with large multinationals. "Our unique French offer will boost the EuroTech Universities' academic, scientific, entrepreneurial and corporate networks and will facilitate the connection of Europe's strongest innovation hubs even further", added Jacques Biot.

As a special welcome to École Polytechnique, the first series of articles of the EuroTech Universities Alliance's relaunched communications platform TECHNOLOGIST zooms in on the best of French Technologies, including the science and innovation landscape in France.

ABOUT THE EUROTECH UNIVERSITIES ALLIANCE:

The EuroTech Universities Alliance is a strategic partnership of leading Universities of Science & Technology in Europe: DTU (Technical University of Denmark), EPFL (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne), l'X (École Polytechnique), TU/e (Eindhoven University of Technology) and TUM (Technical University of Munich).

Through the EuroTech Universities Alliance, the four institutions combine their strengths and connect their eco-systems across borders, contributing to Europe's leadership in technology.

The EuroTech Universities Alliance is committed to raising public awareness of the opportunities offered by science and technology. TECHNOLOGIST is a key initiative of the Alliance to highlight the best and most exciting research and innovation in Europe.

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