



## Press Release

# AKRYVIA, one of the winners in the i-Nov innovation competition

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**AKRYVIA, a Deep Tech start-up in the Pays de la Loire Region is delighted to announce its award in the French Fab category in the third round of the i-Nov innovation competition.** It has signed the associated €875k support contract with Bpifrance for the PICUP project (Intensified Plasma for Ultra Precise Cutting). This project focusses on the development and industrial demonstration of a breakthrough process for cutting materials using patented plasma with a power density of up to 10 billion W/m<sup>2</sup>.

Frédéric Camy-Peyret, founder and CEO of AKRYVIA: *"We are honoured and proud to be winners in such a selective competition. Our long-term ambition is to be a world-class technological player, based in France, and to inject innovation into the sheet metal cutting machine tool industry, a high value-added and export-oriented market"*.

Akryvia's application was selected by the i-Nov panel following an audition and independent technical expertise, carried out for projects with a requested budget exceeding €1M. The first undertaking on a production site is planned in partnership with two leading industrial clients, including the Chantiers de l'Atlantique in Saint-Nazaire. The project is certified by CORIMER and the EMC2 competitiveness cluster.

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### About i-Nov

The i-Nov call for projects is a support mechanism financed by the Investments for the Future Programme (PIA), which aims to support innovation projects with particularly strong potential for the French economy.

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