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Sia Partners inaugurates its partnership with Centrale Nantes this year, thus making management consulting professions more accessible for engineering students. The aim of this partnership, which was launched in September 2017, is to facilitate access to consulting professions for Centrale Nantes students and, more broadly speaking, to raise awareness of the career opportunities in this growing sector.

Sia Partners and Centrale Nantes plan several actions to strengthen their ties and to better acquaint Centrale Nantes students with the consulting sector and, more particularly, the opportunities offered by Sia Partners. These events aim to introduce young engineering students to the company's business areas and the attractiveness of engineering profiles for Sia Partners.

*“We have around fifteen Centrale Nantes alumni who work across different sectors and functions. Our goal, through this partnership, is to enhance our pool of talent from Centrale Nantes to benefit from the expertise of engineering students across all our business areas.” explained Shirley Block, Talent Development Manager at Sia Partners.*

Experienced consultants, alongside Human Resource professionals, will be present throughout the year to present the different typologies of Sia Partners' business areas and sectors. These meetings will allow students to picture themselves more easily in the consulting sector and help them build their career plan.

*“The diversity of sectors in which Sia Partners is positioned, such as Energy, Transport, Banking and Data Science, represents a real opportunity for our engineering students who go on to develop strong expertise in a stimulating environment, in line with the school's themes of innovation, research and training.” highlighted Laure Quedillac, head of corporate partnerships at Centrale Nantes.*

The partnership thus has a multi-faceted approach:

- **Strengthen knowledge of the consulting business and required skills** through interviews, business cases, afterwork events, exchanges with alumni and student competitions.

- **Facilitate career guidance and job search**, through immersion in the form of role plays, interview simulations and dissemination of student applications within the company.
- **Provide material and financial support**, through a donation intended to support the school's development.
- **Supporting innovation**: Sia Partners undertakes collaborative research projects and works on topics related to artificial intelligence and robotics. To help in these endeavours, Centrale Nantes students are invited to take part in competitions, such as Generation Blockchain or Machine Learning, to present their ideas and, why not, develop their concept.

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#### **About Sia Partners - <http://www.sia-partners.com/>**

Sia Partners is the leading independent management consulting firm in France and a pioneer of consulting 4.0. Co-founded in 1999 by Matthieu Courtecuisse, Sia Partners has more than 950 consultants, 35% of whom are based outside France. Annual turnover for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2017 reached €155 million. The group is present in 15 countries, with the United States representing its second market. True to its spirit of innovation, Sia Partners is exploring the possibilities offered by Artificial Intelligence, investing in data science and developing consulting bots. Sia Partners is a global partnership wholly owned by its executives.

#### **About Centrale Nantes**

Centrale Nantes is a French engineering school and member of the Ecoles Centrale Group. Its graduate, master and PhD programmes are based on the latest scientific and technological developments and the best management practices. Founded in 1919, Centrale Nantes' 40-acre campus welcomes 2250 students, including 1340 graduate students, 200 Executive Education and degree apprenticeship students, 240 PhD students and 270 Master students.