

AKRYVIA, Centrale Nantes start-up, winner of the I-lab 2017 competition

AKRYVIA, an innovative Nantes-based industrial start-up, incubated at Centrale Nantes, which is revolutionizing sheet metal work in the cutting machine industry, is the winner of the I-lab 2017 competition. The prizes were presented in Paris yesterday by Mrs Frédérique VIDAL, French Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation.

Frédéric Camy-Peyret, Founder and President of AKRYVIA: *"We are honoured and proud to receive this award, which is wonderful recognition of the depth and potential of the technology developed by AKRYVIA. This grant will allow us to start the industrial development phase in the best conditions. Ultimately, the ambition is to create a new world-class technological player, with an industrial base in France."*

Arnaud Poitou, Director, Centrale Nantes *"welcome(s) the success of a graduate and the strong technological partnership that has been built on mutual trust with this start-up. The policy of supporting entrepreneurship adopted several years ago at Centrale Nantes is proving very successful today."*

About I-lab

This national competition to support the creation of innovative technology companies has created more than 1,800 companies since 1999. Acting as a real springboard for young talent and innovation, it successfully fulfills its role of detecting projects for the creation of innovative companies. It is the first initiating device in France, with project funding available of up to 450 000 euros/project. The Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation distributes around €10 million per year in funding for the innovation programme of the winning projects.

About AKRYVIA

AKRYVIA is an industrial start-up founded in 2015 by Frédéric Camy-Peyret and two partners from industry and entrepreneurship. It is developing an innovative and patented process for the industrial cutting of metals, combining the accuracy of a laser with the benefits of productivity and cost of plasma. AKRYVIA is located in the laboratories of Centrale Nantes and is supported by the Atlanpole regional incubator, the Centrale-Audencia-ensa Nantes incubator and the Pays de la Loire region. AKRYVIA is also a member of the EMC2 competitiveness cluster, in the Jules Verne Manufacturing Valley.

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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 2320 students, including 1550 graduate students, 150 Executive Education and degree apprenticeship students, 240 PhD students and 380 Master and Advanced Master students.

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