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### **The Écoles Centrale Group reaffirms its support for site restructuring**

The Écoles Centrale Group (GEC) - comprising CentraleSupélec, École Centrale de Lyon, École Centrale de Nantes, École Centrale de Lille and Ecole Centrale de Marseille - is a major force in higher education, both in France and abroad.

At its monthly meeting in Lyon on 2 November, the GEC Board of Directors took stock of the group's new governance which was implemented two years ago.

The board recognized excellent results related to the group dynamic:

- the multidisciplinary engineering training '*à la française*' meeting the requirements of the 'Centrale Charter', and sought after by companies in France, but also internationally;
- the strength of its international presence with the new Centrale Schools in: Beijing / China, Hyderabad / India, Casablanca / Morocco and Mauritius;
- and the quality of its research (especially in engineering).

On the strength of these achievements and their willingness to develop this model in France and abroad, the GEC schools are resolutely committed to strengthening their alliance through new teaching and research projects.

The GEC schools reaffirm their collective support for the site groupings in which they are involved: in particular, the constitution of ComUEs\*, or the iDEX\* or ISITE\* projects, confident in the fact that their close cooperation will benefit these site groupings as well as the GEC.

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\* ComUE - *Communautés d'universités et établissements* (Community of Universities and Higher Education Establishments).

\* iDEX - *Initiatives d'Excellence* (Excellence Initiatives) - part of the French Investment for the Future Programme

\*ISITE – *Initiatives Science Innovation Territoires Economie* (Science Innovation Regions Economy Initiatives) - part of the French Investment for the Future Programme

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