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IMT MINES ALES IS PRIZE WINNER IN THE PRESTIGIOUS WORLDWIDE “TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT RANKING” (THE IMPACT)

*The worldwide international award by Times Higher Education « THE » has just been announced. IMT Mines Ales has joined « THE Impact Ranking » and was placed in the **top 400** best universities in the world for their social and economic impact on the environment. The school was ranked **9th** position within the French system.*

This award is the only ranking of global performance that measures and evaluates universities and engineering schools (Grandes Écoles) with regard to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) fixed by the United Nations *. This award evaluates firm commitments by the schools to sustainable development, through their teaching, their scientific publications, their research projects and their innovation for society, environmental management on their campus, their social policy and even their French or international partnerships.

As well as the overall ranking, IMT Mines Ales was in the **top 50 or top 100** best worldwide establishments for several of the 17 Objectives for sustainable development. It was ranked as follows:

- ▶ **47th** for clean water and sanitation (SDG no.6) and **48th** for life below water (SDG no. 14), thanks to its pioneering scientific projects on water management and its contribution to public policy on a local and international level.
- ▶ **97th** for climate action (SDG no. 13) thanks to numerous educational programmes and research related to the prevention of major environmental risks and disaster management.
- ▶ **69th** for responsible consumption and production (SDG no. 12) thanks to its innovation in the areas of bio-sourced materials with a low carbon footprint (bioplastic, biocomposites, agroconcrete), in the recycling of plastics and composite materials, and on the environmental impact of these materials.
- ▶ **68th** for reduced inequalities (SDG no. 10) notably thanks to its equal opportunities policy and financial aid for students and employees, its education solidarity projects in the area as well as its work with developing countries.
- ▶ In the range of **100 to 200th** for its contribution to decent work and economic growth (SDG no.8)

SDG #1 Action against poverty	SDG #5 Gender equality	SDG #6 Sound water management	SDG #7 Affordable and clean energy	SDG #8 Employment and economic growth	SDG #9 Industry and innovation
SDG #10 Reduction of inequalities	SDG #11 Sustainable cities and communities	SDG #12 Responsible consumption and production	SDG #13 Climate action	SDG #14 Protection of aquatic environment	SDG #15 Protection of terrestrial environment

“It’s a wonderful opportunity for our school to be part of this important worldwide award, for our reputation as well as for our French and international students and schools and universities worldwide” said Serge Bastide, Head of the International Office IMT Mines Ales.

“Our school has a remarkable potential for addressing environmental and social issues that arise, not only for itself but also worldwide. Over several years, we have seen changes in the behavior of our students that shows an increase in their involvement as citizens in society and their awareness of climate issues. In this case, the THE Impact Ranking is more than a simple ranking: it shows the role of our school in raising the awareness of not only our students, but also all of our staff and researchers in the issue of sustainable development and ecological ethics” explained Ingrid Bazin, Head of Sustainable Development and researcher at IMT Mines Ales.

“As a national institution, IMT Mines Ales has a specific social responsibility; it has a key role in building the thought process of our students, the decision makers of tomorrow. At a time when solidarity and citizenship is high priority in our society as we combat the current epidemic, an international award dedicated to environmental and social contributions seems particularly fitting. It reminds us of the heart of our actions: to serve the society and the world sustainably by protecting our planet” added Pierre Perdiguier, Deputy Director to the school.

To find out more about this worldwide award THE Impact:

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/rankings/impact/2020/overall#!page/0/length/25/sort_by/rank/sort_order/asc/cols/undefined

IMT Mines Ales in 2020 Higher Education Rankings:



* About the Sustainable Development Goals:

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) fixed by the United Nations In September 2015, the 193 member states of the United Nations adopted a new programme for sustainable development for 2030, entitled « Agenda 2030 », which aims at eradicating all forms of poverty in all countries, protecting the planet and guaranteeing prosperity for everyone by transitioning to sustainable development. This is a universal plan, this means that it is applicable in Northern and Southern countries and it is composed of 17 sustainable development goals (SDG). These objectives, split into 169 targets, outline a way of responding to a lot of societies questions.

