Among the oldest France’s elite Schools of Engineering, IMT Mines Alès (also known as Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines d’Alès) was founded in 1843. The main campuses are located in Alès city, in the south of France, 1 hour from Montpellier.

While proud of its own heritage, it has recently become part of the national ‘Institut Mines Télécom’ (IMT). IMT is the biggest group of Engineering Schools in France (‘grandes écoles d’ingénieur’: highly selective and prestigious institutions).

IMT Mines Alès’s objectives are to contribute to the economic, technological, environmental and social development. It has put a strong emphasis on its contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations. As in 2020, in 2021, it has ranked 301-400 in the ‘THE Impact’ world ranking dedicated to the SDGs.

IMT Mines Alès conducts research and education in 6 fields of technological expertise covering:

- Civil Engineering & Sustainable Building Design
- Environment, Energy & Risks
- Artificial Intelligence & Software Engineering
- Ecomaterials & Processing
- Subsurface Engineering & Mining Operations
- Industrial System Performance & Mechatronics
IMT Mines Alès has 1,400 students (mainly graduate and post-graduate students) including 20% of international students coming from 45 countries (values of 2019 before the pandemic). IMT Mines offers many graduate courses, including several international programs fully taught in English (from 1-semester exchange programs to 2-year master curricula). It has 90 international partnerships with foreign universities, including 30 double-degree agreements.

IMT Mines Alès hosts 6 research laboratories, including 3 Joint Research Units with Montpellier University (2), Pau University (1) and the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), which is among the world’s leading research institutions. IMT Mines Alès is also member of 5 doctoral schools and offers various PhD programs to national and international students.

It has very strong connections with the industry and has been the first School in France to create a technological and business incubator. Every year, several start-ups from the incubator get selected to participate to the ‘CES’ international innovation show in Las Vegas.

In the ‘THE Impact’ World Rankings, IMT Mines Alès in 2021 is the third French Institution for Engineering and in the top 400 for overall.

In Rankings dedicated to specific Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), IMT Mines Alès is among the top 200 or top 300 of several SDGs:

**TOP 200**
- SDG #4 Quality Education
- SDG #6 Clean Water and Sanitation
- SDG #12 Responsible consumption and production
- SDG #13 Climate action
- SDG #14 Life below water
- SDG #17 Partnerships for the goals

**TOP 300**
- SDG #7 Affordable and clean energy
- SDG #9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure
- SDG #10 Reduced inequalities
- SDG #11 Reduced inequalities
- SDG #15 Life on land

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