Among the oldest France’s elite Schools of Engineering, IMT Mines Alès (also known as Ecole nationale superieure 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 ecoles 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. In 2020, 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**. 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 **5 research laboratories**, including 2 Joint Research Units with Montpellier University 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 **4 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.

**IMT Mines Alès in 2020 Higher Education Rankings:**

In the ‘THE Impact’ World Rankings dedicated to specific **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs), IMT Mines Alès is among the **top 50** or **top 100** of several SDGs:

- **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

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