

Press release



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Appointment Philippe Watteau appointed Managing Director of the VEDECOM Institute



VEDECOM, the Institute for Low-Carbon Intelligent Vehicles and their Mobility, has announced the appointment of its new Managing Director, Philippe Watteau. He took office on 1 October 2018.

A graduate of the EDHEC Business School and holder of a BA in European Law, Philippe Watteau began his career with Groupe Renault, where he held various positions in the fields of strategy and commercial development. In 2008, he moved to CEA as Strategic Marketing Manager. He then became Deputy Director of CEA Tech, and later Director of Industrial Partnerships. He went on to implement the development strategy over a broad technological spectrum, from new energies to micro-electronics. Since 2014, he has been Director of the CEA List, which has 30 digital research laboratories. He helped to create ecosystems and communities stimulating the new innovation models on topics associated with future industry and artificial intelligence. He also held the position of R&D Development Director at Air Liquide.

With a wealth of experience in the automotive industry and research, Philippe Watteau will work with all the teams to breathe life into ideas and visions to make VEDECOM a global innovation player in the field of mobility.

"I am delighted to be joining VEDECOM, a structure founded on strong skills and a unique spirit of cooperation. Together, we can bring out all of VEDECOM's potential to ensure that the institute can stake its claim as an essential player in new sustainable, safe, efficient and affordable mobility solutions," explains Philippe Watteau.

About VEDECOM

VEDECOM, an Institute for Energy Transition (ITE), is founded on the basis of unparalleled cooperation between firms in the automotive and aviation sectors, mobility ecosystem infrastructure and service operators, academic research bodies and Ile-de-France local authorities. The role of VEDECOM is to strengthen the link between academic institutions and industrial firms. The institute helps them to achieve a high standard of innovation in the area of mobility and, in particular, in the areas of electric vehicles, autonomous and connected vehicles and shared energy and mobility infrastructure and services. As part of the French government's 'Investment for the Future' plan, VEDECOM receives €54 million in funding. The ITE's founders are: Cetim, ESIGELEC, ESTACA, IFPEN, IFSTTAR, PSA Group, Renault Group, Safran, UVSQ, Valeo.

End of 2017 key figures: 15 R&D projects, 10 European projects, 50 members and partners, 3 research fields and 1 training programme, more than 240 publications, 28 patents, 18 proprietary software programs, 70 theses, 160 employees and a commercial subsidiary, VEDECOM Tech, founded in February 2017.

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