

## R&D : The French Government will mobilise 21 million euros to advance sustainable mobility

On June 4, 2020, the Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation Frédérique Vidal announced that 21 million euros would be mobilised for the Institute for Energy Transition Vedecom for 2021 and 2022. The objective: to support technological innovation and French industrial sectors working on the mobility of the future.

**According to Philippe Watteau, the Institute's CEO, 'this mobilisation of funds will contribute to financing a wave of new innovative projects in the sustainable mobility sector. These projects strive to advance technological transformation for low-carbon mobility. They also aim to come up with new mobility solutions that integrate what we have learned from the health crisis and more directly meet the needs of citizens and territories.'**

*'This new commitment from the State will contribute to reinforcing the Vedecom ecosystem, which already has 58 members from different industrial sectors working on the mobility of the future: the auto industry, public transportation and mobility, logistics, road infrastructure, telecommunications, energy, aviation and defence, digital services and simulations, and insurance.*

*It will also help Vedecom cement its position as a leader in the European autonomous, electric and connected vehicle industry.'*

In all, 450 million euros have been mobilised for Technological Research Institutes (IRT) and Energy Transition Institutes (ITE), grouped together this year under the French Institutes for Technology (FIT) Association to support industrial innovation and the scientific excellence of French research. This support is part of the State's Programme d'investissements d'avenir (PIA) in an effort to relaunch the economy.

### More information :

→ [FIT's Press Release](#)

→ [Press Release of the Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche](#)

### ABOUT VEDECOM

The VEDECOM Institute for the Energy Transition is a public-private partnership foundation based on an unprecedented collaboration between 58 players engaged in innovative and durable mobility, meaning more environmentally-friendly, more autonomous and with improved sharing. It brings together industrialists, infrastructure operators and mobility services, services companies, academic establishments and local authorities in the Ile-de-France. VEDECOM's research and development work covers three areas: electrification, self-driving and connected vehicles, new mobility solutions and shared energy. Created in 2014 as part of the "Investing in the Future Programme", VEDECOM is contributing to the "Self-driving Vehicle Plan" that forms part of the New Industrial France project.

VEDECOM has 400 publications and 80 theses to its credit, as well as 2,500 persons trained as part of its training programme. With an annual budget of €30M, it has more than 200 employees. Its 10 founding members are: Cetim, ESIGELEC, ESTACA, IFPEN, IFSTTAR, Groupe PSA, Groupe Renault, Safran, UVSQ, and Valeo.

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