

Launching the new e-Health Chair: A collaboration between 3iL Engineers and ballas invest to innovate in digital health

Paris and Limoges, April 30, 2024: 3iL Engineers, an engineering school in computer science and digital field, and Laurent van Lerberghe, digital health investor through **ballas invest**, are pleased to announce their strategic partnership and the creation of a chair dedicated to digital health.

This initiative illustrates the growing importance of digital health and aims to train future engineers to become key players in innovation in the digital health sector, a crucial area for economic growth and employment in France. The partnership is based on shared values of inclusion, diversity, and public interest. The e-health chair will provide specialized training in digital health, integrating practical and theoretical teachings on subjects such as artificial intelligence, management and protection of health data, innovative medical devices, and digital therapeutic solutions.

Dominique Baillargeat, General Manager of 3iL Engineers, emphasizes: "As a school recognized as a general interest entity by its EESPIG qualification, 3iL Engineers has a dual purpose: to invest in the field of digital health with an innovation perspective and to open it up to the greatest number. This partnership with ballas invest, whose founders have extensive experience in health and a well-developed ecosystem in France and internationally, allows us to support this intention with concrete actions. It is an opportunity for our school, for e-health, and for our students."

The e-health chair will benefit from significant financial support from ballas invest, which will enable the funding of merit-based scholarships and support for innovative student projects. It will also include internship and work-study opportunities with companies in the ballas invest network. The chair's activities will include thematic interventions, multidisciplinary projects, as well as hackathons and competitions centered on current issues in digital health. This ambitious program is designed to greatly increase the number of e-health engineers in France and prepare students to meet technological challenges and seize opportunities in e-health in Europe.

Laurent van Lerberghe, President of ballas invest, adds: "The acceleration of digital health development opens up huge prospects. The need for engineers trained in the specific rules and techniques of e-health is considerable. 3iL, an engineering school constantly rising in rankings and strongly established internationally with partnerships in Europe, Africa, and North America, and highly committed to diversity, is the ideal partner to realize the ambition of a digital health that is open, accessible to all, and high-performing."

The e-health chair will be presented to students and partners of 3iL during the unveiling of the new digital health engineering course at the end of May on its Limoges campus. The chair is open to external contributions, thus offering an opportunity for companies and organizations to participate and support the initiative.

About 3iL Engineers

3iL Engineers was founded in 1987 by the CCI of Limoges and Haute-Vienne and offers higher education in computer science, particularly in areas such as digital health, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, robotics, data, and virtual/augmented reality. The training programs meet the major challenges of the digital sector but also societal ones, with a computer engineering degree accredited by the CTI (Master's level), three Bachelors in cybersecurity, software development, and web, network infrastructure and security, two Master's degrees in digital solutions management, and data and expert in network infrastructure and security.

3iL offers its training in France and internationally, for over 1200 students annually. The inclusion of industrial professionals in the teaching ensures that the training meets corporate expectations and qualifies graduates. Nearly 100% of its graduates find employment in all sectors within six months of graduation.

Open to international cooperation, 3iL Engineers works with 46 partners across three continents and offers 26 double degree paths. It is the only school to offer free double degrees to its work-study students without extending the duration of studies. A member of the Conférence des Grandes Ecoles (CGE), certified Qualiopi and ISO 9001, 3iL is also recognized for its values of inclusion and its non-profit status by the EESPIG qualification awarded by the French state.

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About Laurent van Lerberghe and ballas invest

Laurent van Lerberghe is a digital health investor, former C-suite executive in the pharmaceutical industry worldwide for 25 years, and former Sanofi Chief Strategy Officer. Through ballas invest, he invests as a Business Angel in digital health startups at Seed and Early Growth stages across Europe.

As a business angel investor, ballas invest aims to accelerate digital health in Europe and revolutionize patient care, research, diagnosis, and the development of new treatments. Its ambition is to stimulate a new renaissance across Europe, made possible by AI and big data, as well as by the talent and commitment of health professionals and entrepreneurs. It aims to create global champions in Europe.

By providing capital and strategic expertise, ballas invest is a committed partner alongside entrepreneurs and health professionals. Its expertise is enriched by the founders' 25 years healthcare experience worldwide in leading global pharmaceutical companies and hospitals. Its values are rooted in its experience in health for the benefit of patients and internationally: diversity, patient-centeredness in each project, revolution rather than managing the existing, ecosystem work, large-scale impact, and a European focus. ballas invest brings its innovation expertise to each of its projects, demonstrating that nothing is impossible. It shares its proven execution expertise worldwide to ensure realistic and successful development.

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