

emlyon business school joins STATION F

Lyon, January 8, 2025 – emlyon business school, the pioneering management school in entrepreneurship in France, is setting up at STATION F, the world’s largest start-up campus. emlyon is investing in the Parisian ecosystem with a dedicated space to deploy its entrepreneurial programs through emlyon venture labs, designed to accelerate start-ups from idea to growth.

A meeting of academic excellence and entrepreneurial energy

The first business school to create an incubator back in 1984, **emlyon business school**, is **strengthening its presence in the Parisian and international tech ecosystem by establishing itself within STATION F**. emlyon will have **36 workstations** and will offer an innovative program delivered by emlyon venture labs, the school’s incubation and acceleration structure.

emlyon venture labs has supported the creation of more than 2,800 companies, generated 23,000 net jobs, achieved a 5-year start-up survival rate of 80%, and helped raise over €2 billion. Among the success stories of emlyon’s entrepreneurial ecosystem are unicorns Sorare and Meero, as well as six winners of the Next 40 and French Tech 120: Electra, Gojob, Agicap, Iten, CertiDeal, and Ouihelp. Clément Mauguet, co-founder of Agicap, will be the sponsor of the first “emlyon STATION F” cohort.

A hybrid and ambitious acceleration program at the heart of innovation

The “emlyon at STATION F” program will target **start-ups founded by the school’s students and alumni**, as well as external projects aligned with its areas of expertise, with a particular focus on integrating **international profiles**.

Selected start-ups will benefit from a dual high-value support system:

- **The STATION F ecosystem:** Privileged access to events, investor networks, and campus services. STATION F hosts more than 1,000 start-ups for collaboration and exchange, 600 investors, and €1 billion raised annually.
- **emlyon venture labs expertise:** A renewable 6-month program including personalized mentoring, regular project monitoring, quarterly strategic reviews with an expert board, and access to thematic masterclasses.

Verticals of excellence and social commitment

While maintaining a generalist approach, **the program will focus on projects aligned with the school's specific areas of expertise**: advanced technologies (deeptech), health and medical technologies (healthtech), food and agriculture (agrifoodtech), education and human resources (edtech/HRtech), and sports technologies (sportech). Women's entrepreneurship will also receive targeted support from emlyon venture labs.

According to **Isabelle Huault, Executive President & Dean of emlyon**:

"emlyon's arrival at STATION F marks a major milestone in our development, perfectly aligned with our strategic directions: that of a school that has made the entrepreneurial spirit a cornerstone of its identity and that strengthens its foundations by offering entrepreneurs unprecedented opportunities for national and international visibility."

Roxanne Varza, Director of STATION F, adds:

"emlyon is one of the pioneering schools of entrepreneurship in France. We are delighted to welcome their program to STATION F and thus provide the supported start-ups with access to this unique expertise and their historic spirit of innovation."

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About emlyon business school

Founded in 1872 by the Lyon Chamber of Commerce, **emlyon** business school has an enrollment of over 9,375 students of 135 nationalities across four campuses worldwide (Lyon, Shanghai, Paris, and Mumbai). The school relies on a Faculty of 178 internationally recognised professors and researchers, and a network of 237 global academic partners, to provide learning tracks of academic excellence open to the world. The school runs a community of 48,000 alumni spread over 130 countries. As a mission-driven company, emlyon aims to "train and support informed leaders, throughout their lives, who are able to transform organisations efficiently for a fairer society and with greater solidarity and respect for the planet". The school's pedagogy closely links action and reflection. Skill hybridisation and social responsibility are also at the heart of its training programs, where the best of both socio-economic and academic worlds meet. The strategic plan, "Resonances 2028", reaffirms the importance of the "maker spirit" that has been the DNA of emlyon since its creation. The plan is built around the five qualities expected of "makers", emlyon students, to become entrepreneurs of change, namely: academic excellence; entrepreneurial spirit; engagement; hybrid knowledge; resonance with society.

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About STATION F

STATION F is the world's largest start-up campus, founded by Xavier Niel and based in Paris. The 50,000m2 campus supports over 1,000 start-ups a year, who take part in 30 different support programs. The start-up community already boasts a number of success stories, including Hugging Face, Alan, Yuka, Pasqal, Greenly and many others. STATION F offers everything entrepreneurs need to launch and develop their companies.