

Press release
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Danone and Institut Polytechnique de Paris sign a partnership to foster tomorrow's innovations in health and nutrition through the IP Paris Connexion program



*Signing of a partnership between Danone and Institut Polytechnique de Paris as part of the "IP Paris Connexion" program. **Thierry Coulhon**, President of Institut Polytechnique de Paris, **Antoine de Saint-Affrique**, Chief Executive Officer of Danone and **Isabelle Esser**, Chief Human Resources, Research, Innovation, Quality and Food Safety Officer of Danone. June 19, 2026 – VivaTech, Paris.*

Danone and IP Paris are signing a partnership within the framework of the IP Paris Connexion program to develop research projects in artificial intelligence, data science, and technologies applied to health, nutrition, and consumer behavior. Danone becomes the first partner from the agrifood sector to join this program.

Paris, June 22, 2026 – By joining the IP Paris Connexion program, Danone becomes the first player in the agrifood sector to join this initiative dedicated to developing scientific and technological collaborations. This membership marks a new step in the relationship between Danone and Institut Polytechnique de Paris. It aims to structure and strengthen joint projects, facilitating Danone's access to the scientific expertise, laboratories, talent, and innovation capabilities of the Institute, in order to support the development of solutions in the fields of health and nutrition. Designed to strengthen ties between

corporate partners and the academic ecosystem of Institut Polytechnique de Paris, IP Paris Connexion is a partnership program dedicated to developing strategic collaborations with companies and institutional players. It provides a structuring framework to foster new cooperation, ambitious research projects, and mobilize the expertise of IP Paris' 6 schools — École polytechnique, ENSTA, École nationale des ponts et chaussées (ENPC), ENSAE Paris, Télécom Paris, and Télécom SudParis — as well as its interdisciplinary centers, technological platforms, and innovation ecosystem. IP Paris also brings a forward-looking vision to the partners joining the program.

Mobilizing IP Paris' scientific excellence to address health and nutrition challenges

As a science-based global company, Danone places innovation at the heart of its strategy to meet major health, nutrition, and sustainability challenges. This partnership aims to bring forth new research projects in key areas such as artificial intelligence applied to health and nutrition, advanced data science, modeling of complex biological systems, and digital technologies to better understand consumer behavior. It will lead to collaborative innovation projects and regular scientific exchanges, strengthening interactions between Danone's teams and the academic and scientific community of IP Paris.

This collaboration will also be closely linked with the Engineering for Health (E4H) interdisciplinary center, which brings together IP Paris' expertise around health and nutrition challenges. **E4H will provide a privileged framework for interactions with IP Paris talent**, whether through internships, PhDs, or structured academic collaborations. Together, Danone and IP Paris intend to build a common long-term roadmap and develop high-impact projects at the intersection of science, technology, and innovation.

Quotes

Thierry Coulhon, Président of Institut Polytechnique de Paris :

« Danone's entry into the IP Paris Connexion program illustrates the unique dynamic of IP Paris, where research of excellence and leading industrial players come together to address the major challenges of our time. This partnership paves the way for a long-term collaboration, which we want to be deeply structuring, in areas as decisive as health and nutrition. »

Isabelle Esser, Chief Human Resources, Research, Innovation, Quality and Food Safety Officer, Danone:

« This partnership reflects a strong conviction: it is at the intersection of science, technology, and collaboration that the most decisive advances are created. By joining IP Paris' Connexion program, we will explore innovation projects leveraging artificial intelligence and digital technology for health and food, with the ambition of transforming scientific innovation into concrete impact for consumers and patients. »

About IP Paris (<https://www.ip-paris.fr/en>)

Institut Polytechnique de Paris (IP Paris) is a world-class public higher education and research institution that brings together six major French engineering schools: École polytechnique, ENSTA, École nationale des ponts et chaussées (ENPC), ENSAE Paris, Télécom Paris, and Télécom SudParis. Together, these schools combine their expertise to offer excellent training and conduct high-level research in science and technology.

Thanks to this unique academic and scientific anchoring, IP Paris asserts itself as a major player in science and technology in France and internationally, serving major economic, industrial, and societal transitions.

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About Danone (www.danone.com)

Danone is a leading food and beverage company operating in three health-focused, fast-growing categories: Dairy and Plant-Based products, Waters, and Specialized Nutrition. With a long-standing mission to bring health through food to as many people as possible, Danone aims to inspire healthier and more sustainable eating and drinking practices while committing to achieving measurable nutritional, social, societal, and environmental impact. Danone has defined its Renew strategy to restore long-term growth, competitiveness, and value creation. With over 90,000 employees and products sold in over 120 countries, Danone generated sales of €27.3 billion in 2025. Danone's portfolio includes leading international brands (Actimel, Activia, Alpro, Aptamil, Danette, Danio, Danonino, evian, Nutricia, Nutrilon, Volvic, among others) as well as strong local and regional brands (including AQUA, Blédina, Bonafont, Cow & Gate, Mizone, Oikos and Silk). Listed on Euronext Paris and present on the OTCQX platform via an ADR (American Depositary Receipt) program, Danone is component stock of leading sustainability indexes, including those managed by Moody's and Sustainalytics, as well as MSCI ESG Indexes, FTSE4Good Index Series, Bloomberg Gender Equality Index, and Access to Nutrition Index. Danone achieved global B Corp™ certification in 2025.

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