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**VINCI and ParisTech establish first chair in
the eco-design of building complexes and infrastructure**

VINCI and ParisTech, a cluster of research and higher education institutes, have signed a long-term partnership agreement for the eco-design of building complexes and infrastructure.

The partnership has established a chair supported by three ParisTech Graduate Schools of Engineering, namely MINES ParisTech, Ecole des Ponts ParisTech and AgroParisTech. Its aim is to drive science forward, in particular by creating benchmark measuring systems such as labels and eco-assessment tools, and by making these available to people involved in urban life and development (designers, constructors and users). The chair combines, for the first time, the know-how of VINCI, the world's leading concession and construction group, with the complementary expertise of three prestigious engineering schools. The priority areas for the chair are eco-communities, the rehabilitation of building complexes, life cycle analysis of materials, biodiversity and sustainable mobility.

VINCI will finance the chair in the amount of €3 million over five years. In addition, its subsidiaries will serve as field trials, propose pilot sites, and accommodate researchers and trainees. Group employees will also participate in the design of modules for students.

With the chair in eco-design, VINCI is creating a new model of cooperation between the corporate world and academic research. It is also sending out a strong signal in terms of eco-urban development.

For the three ParisTech Graduate Schools of Engineering, the chair is an opportunity to work together to develop research and teaching in this field, as well as to increase ParisTech's visibility, especially outside France, through visiting professors, student exchanges, the organisation of international seminars and so on.

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