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## Press release

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## **Companies maintain contact with students**

The health crisis continues to deprive Grenoble INP-Pagora students of study trips and training days with the companies involved in its various sectors. However, these ties have not been broken. Since the beginning of the academic year, the school's industrial partners have had ample opportunity to maintain constructive dialogue with its engineering students, be it through videoconferencing or other means.

In October, an online Hack'Carton day was jointly organised by the school and DS Smith Packaging. Several teams of 3<sup>rd</sup> year engineering students took part in a role-playing game: with the support of several employees of the industrial group and teachers from the school, they were asked to present Business Cases (project opportunity studies).

This was a stimulating way of introducing them to the innovation process that will be an inherent part of their future role as engineers.

In December, the ABB Pulp & Paper Truck stopped off at Grenoble INP-Pagora during its European tour. This manufacturer of cutting-edge industrial technologies introduced students to its latest innovations for the paper industries, including digital solutions.

Visiting the demo truck provided the engineering students with a valuable insight into the development of industry 4.0 in the paper sector.

At the end of January, the Jobs & Internships Forum organised by Grenoble INP-Pagora's engineering students took place virtually. It was an unusual 33<sup>rd</sup> edition of what is a traditional event at the school, but it enabled students and companies to chat about the potential for future recruitment (apprenticeships, internships or employment).

Video: https://youtu.be/g\_YNVE7jJCc

## Photo(s)

P21\_abb-pagora.jpg (A group of engineering students visits the ABB truck)

P21\_hackcarton-pagora.jpg (The DS Smith Packaging Hack'Carton: one of the teams of engineering students involved)

Grenoble INP-Pagora, the international school of paper, print media and biomaterials. The school is Quality, Safety & Environment certified and part of Grenoble INP, an engineering and management institute geared towards training "engineers who are creative, responsible and committed to a sustainable world". It trains engineers for the sectors of green chemistry, paper, printing, packaging, biomaterials and printed electronics. Its wide range of courses, pedagogical expertise and strong partnerships with industry allow it to continuously tailor its training to the needs of businesses and to the 60 graduates it produces each year, thus enabling them to embark upon stimulating careers in France and abroad. Grenoble INP-Pagora also develops international training: it offers a 2nd year engineering course, international semesters and a Biorefinery & Biomaterials Masters, taught in English. The innovative research performed by its LGP2 laboratory helps to improve processes and create products that meet all the latest requirements, notably those linked to the environment. These various activities ensure that the training offered is up to date with the latest scientific and technological advances. *pagora.grenoble-inp.fr* 

The Laboratory of Pulp and Paper Science and Graphic Arts (LGP2) is a joint research unit (UMR 5518) run by the CNRS, Grenoble INP and the AGEFPI. It conducts its scientific activities in conjunction with the academic community of Grenoble Alpes University. LGP2 comprises three teams: *Biorefinery: chemistry and eco-processes – Multiscale biobased materials – Surface functionalization through printing processes*. Their research strives to meet society's expectations when it comes to sustainable development (green chemistry, clean processes, recycling, biobased materials, renewable energy) and traceability & safety (functional materials, smart paper and packaging). *pagora.grenoble-inp.fr/lgp2*