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NGE and ConTech France inaugurate the first "Scale-Up Hub" dedicated to construction

On 17 June 2026, 400 experts brought together by NGE and ConTech France launched the first accelerator for innovation in construction and civil engineering: a unique facility dedicated to the industrial scale-up of solutions that are transforming infrastructure, methods and associated technologies.

Announced last March, this NGE x ConTech France space ultimately aims to host 100 start-ups, in an environment designed to foster synergies between major companies, start-ups and players across the construction ecosystem.

Located at the heart of NGE's offices in Issy-les-Moulineaux, the site is designed to accelerate the transition from prototype to operational deployment, by enabling start-ups to test their solutions against the realities of the field, construction sites, trades and clients.

"This space, inaugurated with ConTech France, is a place where ideas are turned into action. At NGE, we are a group of entrepreneurs: what matters to us is meeting entrepreneurs who, like us, want to dare, test and turn their innovations into lasting solutions. Our role is to enable them to go further, to test their concepts against markets, sites and clients, so as to make them stronger, more robust and genuinely deployable. A good idea, an outstanding prototype, becomes a true solution when it proves itself on the ground. Together, we want to have a positive impact at scale for our trades and our clients' projects." **Jean Bernadet, Chairman of NGE**

The inauguration featured several highlights: a conference on entrepreneurial leadership, six round-table discussions devoted to the key transformation challenges facing the sector, an aspirational stage dedicated to innovation, and a discussion with Charles Gorintin, co-founder and CTO of Alan and co-founding advisor of Mistral AI.

The round-table discussions notably addressed electric and decarbonised rail mobility, water and regional resilience, development and planning, everyday infrastructure and the ecological transition, all pillars of the NGE Group's development. They illustrated NGE's determination to bring together the trades, regions and entrepreneurs developing the solutions of tomorrow.

The day also gave participants the opportunity to discover 30 exhibiting start-ups, 10 stands presenting NGE innovations, as well as the partners and sponsors supporting this initiative.

For NGE, this new space is part of an operational innovation approach. Thanks to its multi-trade model, its regional network and its capacity to rapidly mobilise its expertise, the Group intends to offer start-ups direct access to the field, feedback from experience and opportunities for large-scale deployment.

In this context, NGE and ConTech France are continuing their call for start-ups from the sector and related technologies - AI, data, energy, materials, water, mobility, decarbonisation, circularity and new construction methods, among others.

Start-ups will be able to join this space and benefit from an environment conducive to collaboration, experimentation and the development of their solutions, in connection with NGE teams and the ConTech France ecosystem.

Applications remain open. For further information and to submit an application:
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Key figures from the inauguration

- Nearly 400 participants
- 30 exhibiting start-ups
- 10 stands dedicated to NGE innovations
- 6 event sponsors
- 6 round-table discussions
- 1 innovation space designed ultimately to host 100 start-ups

Exhibiting start-ups: ARC RESEAUX, BAMBOO FOR LIFE, BELWAY, CACTILE, CAD42, DOTDOT, EVIAS, FLOODFRAME, GREENPRAXIS, HOTRIVER, INERGYS, KOLEKTIVOLT, KUMULUS WATER, LIFE01, MUBE, ONE HEALTH SANTE, POWERCHARGE, PURPLE ALTERNATIVE SURFACE, REGENEAU France, REZO PROCESS (GEOLEAD), ROLLINGDOT, ROOFUP, SKYSUN, SMARTPORTS, TCP, TECHNIS, TRYON, UP&CHARGE, WECLEAN, ZEN MODULAR.

Sponsors: QINOMIC, Hiboo, Kraaft, Inuk, Attenders, Connectic.

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About NGE

NGE – New Generations of Entrepreneurs – the fourth largest construction group in France, builds major infrastructures and urban or local projects. With its expertise in financing, design, construction maintenance and operations, the Group is a key player in delivering infrastructures that address the economic and ecological challenges of the territories. Its entrepreneurial drive is supported by a strong employee ownership structure (the founders, management, and employees hold 72% of the Group's capital) reinforced by Montefiore Investment, a leading French investment first (28% of the capital). With a turnover of 5 billion euros, NGE operates in about 20 countries, supporting private and public clients in financing, designing, and building their transition projects in water, mobility, urban renovation, energy, and telecommunications. NGE's 25,000 employees are proud to contribute to building infrastructures that change the world.

About ConTech France

ConTech France is a non-profit organisation that brings together the construction start-up ecosystem. It brings together more than 180 start-ups alongside industrial partners, investors and public-sector stakeholders.

Its mission is to structure the contech ecosystem, raise the profile of innovations, foster their large-scale deployment and represent the interests of start-ups in order to accelerate the sector's environmental and digital transformation and address the challenges of tomorrow's construction.

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