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For the first time in its history, Excelia features in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings,
being placed 2nd amongst the French management schools included

As a first-time applicant for the Times Higher Education's international Impact Rankings, dedicated to CSR, Excelia has made a strong debut, being featured in the Top 300 international institutions that demonstrate excellence in CSR, out of the 1,591 ranked.

The Impact Rankings assess higher education institutions against the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Using strict methodology, inclusion in the overall rankings is determined by a certain commitment to these SDGs.

Only 22 French establishments ranked

Of the 22 French higher education establishments (universities, engineering schools and management schools), Excelia has been ranked 2nd out of the 3 French management schools featured.

Over and above Excelia's achievement in being immediately listed in the overall rankings, the school was particularly commended for its commitment to two of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals used by Times Higher Education to measure the social and economic impact of schools. Excelia Business School is ranked as follows:

- 43rd worldwide for SDG n°8 'Decent Work and Economic Growth'
- 74th worldwide for SDG n°10 'Reduced Inequality'

It should also be highlighted that the school appears in the second bracket (201-300) for SDG n°4 'Quality Education'.

Highly demanding methodology and eligibility criteria

The purpose of the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings is to assess the performance and commitment of higher education institutions worldwide to the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals, which came into force on 1st January 2016. To be included in the overall rankings, institutions must meet the following requirements:

- Provide data on SDG n°17 'Partnerships to achieve the Goals'
- Be committed to at least 3 other SDGs (in addition to n°17), with the ability of providing evidence for the other 13 SDGs

The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings is based on information provided by the institutions themselves, as well bibliometric data supplied by Elsevier, which may be supplemented by other surveys.



“For many years now, Excelia has distinguished itself through its pioneering commitment to the ecological and social transition. Being included in the Times Higher Education international Impact Rankings for the first time is an opportunity to appreciate just how far we’ve come, relative to other world-class institutions. Successfully qualifying for this leading CSR ranking is clear recognition of the quality of our commitment as well as our social and economic impact. It is a veritable source of satisfaction, because our institutions have an essential role to play in shaping the leaders of tomorrow.”

Bruno Neil, CEO, Excelia

About Excelia

Created in 1988, Excelia is one of the leading French Higher Education groups. With an international outlook, it comprises Excelia Business School, Excelia Tourism School, and Excelia Digital School. It currently educates some 5,500 students on its 4 campuses and boasts an alumni network of 42,000 members. It holds the following labels and accreditations: EESPIG, AACSB, EQUIS, AMBA and EFMD, as well as UNWTO.TedQual (United Nations) in the field of tourism.

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