

#NexGenLeaders challenge by ECS Group: 1000 participants!

Worldwide, 26 March 2019. Our industry has a bright future ahead of it! The #NexGenLeaders challenge, launched at the beginning of January by ECS Group, has brought together over 1000 participants of more than 50 different nationalities. They all submitted their innovative solutions to regenerate the freight industry before the closing date for the first stage of the challenge, 3 March.

The submitted projects then underwent an initial selection process in which 50 innovative solutions (24 teams of students, 16 teams of startups and 10 teams of employees) were chosen to receive a month and a half of coaching from VIP Mentors (experts from our industry) and ECS Group Managing Directors.

This is an excellent opportunity for all these talented people to be given expert advice that will help them make their projects into reality and best meet the needs of the industry.

“This challenge has been more successful than we could ever have hoped and we’re so excited about it! Our industry is always on the lookout for innovation. By opening its doors, we’ve made it even more appealing, and we’re extremely proud of our contribution to the sector’s development,” says Adrien Thominet, CEO of ECS Group.

The coaching will take place until the final selection stage in early May, following which ten projects will remain in the running. The Grand Jury will then choose the three best teams and reveal its choice at the renowned Gala Awards Ceremony in Munich on 5 June.

May the best teams win!

Find out all about it [here](#).

***VIP Mentors** : **Maaïke van der Windt** (Head of Aviation Marketing, Cargo & Customer Experience, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol), **Camilo Garcia** (Director of sales, marketing and product, IAG Cargo), **Stavros Evangelakakis** (Chairman, Cool Chain Association), **Reji John** (Editor, STAT Media Group), **Svilen Rangelov** (Co-Founder & CEO, DRONAMICS), **Emir Pineda** (Manager, Aviation Trade & Logistics, Miami-Dade Aviation Department), **Patrick Jasper Fehring** (Aero Business, International Airport Rio de Janeiro) and **Franco Nanna** (Director Global Logistics Services, Cargolux Airlines).*

***Grand Jury** : **Ingrid Raj** (Vice President Aviation, DHL Express – AP), **Adriana G. Diener-Veinott** (Managing Director - Global freight & Logistic, ACCENTURE), **Carlos Herrera** (Head of Cargo, Aeromexico), **Valérie Marchand Battard** (Head of Corporate Communication, WFS), **Lucas Kuehner** (Global Head of Air Freight, Panalpina), **Eric Wilson** (Managing Director, Global Cargo Sales, Delta Air Lines), **Guillaume Halleux** (Chief Officer Cargo, Qatar Airways), **Sebastiaan Scholte** (Chairman of TIACA), **Steven Polmans** (Head of Cargo and Logistics – Brussels Airport Company), **Norman Bamford** (Director & part-owner, Azura International), **Adrien Thominet** (CEO, ECS Group), **Cédric Millet** (Chief Strategy & Digital Officer) and **Audrey Serdjebi** (Head of Marketing & Communication, ECS Group).*



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