

Promotion of research and knowledge transfer between university and company

## The Abertis Chairs in France presents the Abertis Awards for the Management of Transport Infrastructures and Road Safety in Paris

- It is an initiative of the International Network of Abertis Chairs, present in five countries: Spain, France, Puerto Rico, Chile and Brazil, conceived as a tool for innovation and collaboration between the university and the company
- The awarded projects in France correspond to the categories of Transport Infrastructure Management and Road Safety. In the first case, the award went to a project that, through mobile networks, determines the geographical distribution of vehicles using safety criteria. In the second, the project revolves around decision-making in autonomous driving
- The winners will become finalists for the Abertis International Award, which is chosen annually from among the winners of all the countries where the Abertis Chairs are established.

**July 8, 2021.-** The Abertis Chair, from the International Innovation Network of Abertis Chairs, has delivered this morning the Abertis Awards for the Management of Transport Infrastructures and Road Safety of the Abertis-Sanef-École des Ponts Chair, which recognize annually the best final degree projects or doctoral theses of French university students in its two categories: Management of Transport Infrastructures and Road Safety.

The first prize in the category of Transport Infrastructure Management went to Dr. **Leo Mendiboure** from the **University of Bordeaux**, for his doctoral thesis *Distribution géographique de données dans l'Internet des Véhicules: une approche logicielle et sécurisée utilisant les réseaux cellulaires*.

In the Road Safety category, the winner was Dr. **Edouard Leurent** from the **University of Lille**, for the doctoral thesis *Apprentissage par renforcement sûr et efficace pour la prise de décision comportementale en conduite autonome*.

Each of the prizes has a financial prize of € 7,000.

The awards ceremony took place at the Residence of the Spanish Ambassador in Paris and was attended by the Hon. Ambassador of Spain, **José Manuel Albares**; the president of the Abertis Foundation, **Elena Salgado**; the CEO of Sanef, **Arnaud Quémard** and the director of l'École des Ponts, **Sophie Mougard**.

The Abertis-Sanef-École Ponts Chair is part of the International Innovation Network of Abertis Chairs, with similar awards in Spain (where the first chair was founded in 2003), Chile, Brazil and Puerto Rico, always in collaboration with leading universities in each of the countries. From all of them, the Abertis International Award arises annually, in which the two winners from each country participate and among all of them, the respective winner is chosen in each of their categories.

### **The Abertis Chairs, to promote academic innovation**

Aware of the importance of linking with the academic world for social and economic progress, Abertis promotes training, research and the transfer of knowledge between the University and the Company.

Through the International Network of Abertis Chairs, the aim is to stimulate and support university students to generate and disseminate new knowledge and innovations in the respective fields of activity, putting them at the service of the entire society and the technical and educational community and caring for and helping students talent that universities are able to bring out and channel.

The network of Abertis Chairs is made up of those established in **Spain** (Polytechnic University of Madrid and Polytechnic University of Barcelona, BarcelonaTech), **France** (École des Ponts-ParisTech), **Puerto Rico** (University of Puerto Rico), **Chile** (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile) and **Brazil** (University of São Paulo).



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