

French Tech companies pool their expertise for sovereign solutions in artificial intelligence

Several innovative French Tech companies, including **Olvid**, **Vado Innovation** and **Halys**, have decided to combine their respective know-how - encryption, artificial intelligence on closed computers and telecoms network expertise - to offer sovereign solutions tailored to the needs of AI users in highly secure environments.

At a ceremony held at Station F, in the presence of a number of VIPs and under the aegis of **Major General François-Xavier Poisbeau**, Olvid and Vado Innovation became partners of the French Ministry of Defense, **General Karine Lejeune** and **Françoise Dumas**, political advisor to the French Ministry of the Armed Forces, and honorary deputy who chaired the French National Assembly's National Defense and Armed Forces Committee.

A technological alliance serving national sovereignty

The ceremony was opened by **Louis Vildé**, co-founder of the Alliance France IA Supercalculateurs. A former reserve officer in the French armed forces' cyberdefense command, and an auditor at the IHESI and IHEDN, he represented the French bid to bring Atos' sensitive military systems under French control, which led to the withdrawal of foreign bids.

Thomas Baignères, PhD in cryptography and Chairman of Olvid, then presented Olvid's secure communications offering, used in particular by elite units of the armed forces and police forces to guarantee the confidentiality of their exchanges.

Finally, Reserve Ensign **Victor Vildé**, President of the Vado Innovation research laboratory incubated by HEC at Station F, highlighted the on-premise artificial intelligence solution developed by his company, which is now integrated within Olvid.

Crucial support for defense forces

This type of alliance between teams of highly specialized engineers is necessary to provide an agile, rapid and concrete response to the current challenges of digital sovereignty.

Speaking at the ceremony, **Thierry Braconnier** welcomed the formation of the alliance to preserve the French offer, and said he was delighted to see that our engineers could thus provide their committed support to our defense through innovation.

Useful support for AMIAD projects

AFIAS declared that its research was intended to support the efforts of government departments, and in particular AMIAD (Ministerial Agency for Defense Intelligence), to enable France to gain sovereign control over the most sensitive technologies, without depending on other powers.

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