

#NexGenLeaders: the 10 best projects submitted to the Grand Jury

14 May 2019 - Just five months after ECS Group launched the #NexGenLeaders challenge to unearth new talent for our industry and open up our doors to them, the 10 best projects have just been selected!

The final selection stage took place simultaneously worldwide on 13 May – 50 teams, coached by mentors over almost two months, presented their projects live and in person to ECS Group. This rewarding day was full of amazing moments and discoveries, and finished with the announcement of the 10 selected teams. It's a major victory for the 10 teams, which all win passes to the unmissable Air Cargo Europe trade show, taking place on 4-7 June in Munich – the ideal opportunity to present their projects to the entire industry.

Today, the 10 chosen projects were also submitted to the #NexGenLeaders Grand Jury of distinguished figures* from the air cargo industry, whose task it will be to select the final winners of the challenge! They will vote to choose the best student project, best startup project, and best ECS Group employee project. The three winners will be announced at the prestigious World Air Cargo Awards Ceremony 2019 in Munich on 5 June.

It's a big achievement for the 10 teams that were successfully selected from among more than 1000 participants and over 200 innovative projects! As well as the honour of being chosen by renowned experts from the air freight industry, coming to Munich also gives them the opportunity to open doors within the industry and discuss their future! There will also be a dedicated #NexGenLeaders area at the ECS Group stand at the event.

The 10 chosen #NexGenLeaders are:

Students:

- MHTV: a new packaging method for cargo waste management
- Each % Counts: a solution to optimize the empty space in cargo planes to upgrade it in a sustainable & social way
- BTeam: an ecosystem deal with the whole aircraft decommissioning process
- Augmented by DCK: improving shipment acceptance, handling and pallet build-up via augmented reality

Startups:

- CLIVE - The Selfie App: a unique data service for cargo airlines
- Cargonow: a platform for comparing, tracking and booking air freight capacities
- Aviationchain: a ULD tracking mesh network with a web interface
- Leg-2.com: a tailor-made solution allowing an airline to partially or totally outsource its mail activity

ECS Group employees:

- BCS Leaders: online tool to connect all the employees of a company worldwide)
- Cargo Assistant: a voice assistant tool that performs a range of tasks)

**Grand Jury: Eric Wilson, Managing Director, Global Cargo Sales, Delta Air Lines; Guillaume Halleux, Chief Officer Cargo, Qatar Airways; Ingrid Raj, Vice President Aviation, DHL Express – AP ; Sebastiaan Scholte, Chairman of TIACA ; Steven Polmans, Head of Cargo and Logistics – Brussels Airport Company; Lucas Kuehner, Global Head of Air Freight, Panalpina ; Valérie Marchand Battard, Head of Corporate Communication, WFS ; Camilo Garcia, Director of sales, marketing and product, IAG Cargo ; Norman Bamford, Director & part-owner, Azura International ; Adrien Thominet, CEO, ECS Group ; Cédric Millet, Chief Strategy & Digital Officer, ECS Group ; Audrey Serdjebi, Head of Marketing & Communication, ECS Group.*



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