

## The whole industry is behind ECS Group and its #NexGenLeaders challenge!

ECS Group makes waves in Munich with the #NexGenLeaders challenge



**Munich, 4-7 June 2019 - Over a four-day period, ECS Group made waves as it introduced the freight community to its #NexGenLeaders challenge. The GSSA giant opened up our industry's doors to the next generations – and it paid off! Startups, group employees and students among 1000 participants and from a huge range of backgrounds worked for months to build the future of our industry. During the prestigious gala dinner evening, industry figures had the opportunity to discover the talent of the future, and were completely won over by the innovative nature of the #NexGenLeaders project. The talented individuals revealed through the challenge were in attendance as the results were announced at the conclusion of six months of intense competition.**

ECS Group welcomes the enthusiastic response of key industry stakeholders – this project wouldn't have been possible without the unfailing support of the Grand Jury: E. Wilson (Delta Air Lines), G. Halleux (Qatar Airways), C. Garcia (IAG Cargo), L. Kuehner (Panalpina), S. Polmans (Brussels Airport Company), S. Scholte (TIACA), N. Bamford (Azura international), A. G. Diener-Veinott (Accenture), V. Marchand (WFS), I. Raj (DHL express).

And it's a project that's already starting to have an impact.

Adrien Thominet, CEO of ECS Group, said: "We're so proud of the success this project has had! The industry is talking about it and we hope to see more and more projects on this scale. The key to our industry's transformation lies in opening up its doors even wider – that's all the next generation of talent is waiting for! We're delighted to see such support from Champ and Air France KLM Martinair – prestigious industry players! Just like Qatar and Alibaba, which are also joining this fabulous next-generation adventure in the months to come. It's been a real success for us!"

The ten #NexGenLeaders teams present at the Air Cargo Europe trade show had the privilege of discovering the air freight industry from the inside and attending a truly memorable evening, including the announcement of the three winners. This unique and unforgettable experience has allowed the industry to open up its doors to talented people who want to learn a little more about the sector.

An innovative initiative from ECS Group that has been welcomed by its peers!

Some of the 10 finalists have already distinguished themselves even if they didn't win: one such example is "Each % Counts", a team of students with a project designed to use the empty space in cargo planes to send humanitarian supplies, implementing a new CSR impact. This project could be put into practice in the near future, supported by a major institution – so watch this space...

## And the Winners are....

**In the "ECS Group Employees" category**, the winner is "Cargo Assistant", represented by Jonatan Jiménez, whose solution is as follows: The idea is a voice and virtual assistant tool (like Alexa/Google Home) that performs a range of tasks. The main objective of Cargo Assistant is to improve the information exchange process and also provide a unique and exclusive service to customers. A prototype of this tool already exists and will be developed internally for ECS Group's customers.

**In the "Students" category**, the winner is "Augmented by DCK", represented by Rutger Smulders, whose solution is as follows: The idea of using augmented reality in freight handling is to improve and assist the freight acceptance process during freight handling and during pallet building. By looking through augmented reality glasses, the computer generates information to help make warehouse employees' jobs easier and improve their efficiency.

**In the "Startups" category**, the winner is "Clive - The Selfie App", represented by Niall van de Wouw, the co-founder of the startup, whose solution is as follows: Every Wednesday, the Selfie App provides cargo airlines with detailed load factor analyses for the previous week. These timely analyses are based on flights' freight volume and weight. The service was launched on May 29.



### ABOUT ECS GROUP

ECS Group is the world leader in GSSA business, serving airlines. Representing hundreds of companies in over 47 countries through its 149 offices, ECS group knows it can count on its 1102 employees around the world to offer high quality service tailored to each of its partners. Thanks to this ever-increasing network, this year ECS Group has carried over 1,182,201 tons on behalf of the airlines it represents and, in this way, contributes to their growth and development on the international stage, in the air cargo sector. ECS Group has received many awards from its peers and is the favoured partner and go-to GSSA in the cargo industry.

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