

Socomec opens its FabLab

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Socomec has launched its FabLab, a venue open equally to the company's innovation teams and employees as well as to external users (higher education institutions, students, start-ups, etc.). This new collaborative approach aims to promote experimentation and knowledge sharing, particularly in the fields of digital technology and robotics. This will be a new place to discover, learn and innovate.

Experimentation and sharing



Located in the centre of the "Relais des Energies", a building mainly devoted to the well-being of employees keen to take advantage of the company-sponsored sports and leisure activities, the brand new Socomec FabLab will become a collaborative creative arena dedicated to experimentation and sharing in the fields of digital technology and robotics. Open to the Group's employees, it will also be accessible to higher education institutions, students or start-ups who request to use its facilities. Ideal for discovering, learning and innovating, Socomec's FabLab, operating in the style of a start-up, is the ideal environment in which to think in new ways. Experimentation, collaboration and training will find here a new avenue of development enhanced by the venue's spirit of conviviality.

6 areas for 6 functional fields

Built on a surface area of 200 m², the FabLab will offer six different areas for as many functions. The co-working area is the place for discussion and participative thinking. The cobotic space (collaborative robotics) offers the opportunity to study and test human-machine interaction, for example before robots are integrated into a factory. A 3D printer is available for designing and printing small objects. A space is provided for connected objects and their applications. A virtual and augmented reality workstation will facilitate training in new products or quality control. Finally, the workshop provides users with a large number of very useful tools to produce models or prototypes very quickly.

"A ground-breaking venue"

"Innovation, creating value by making the most of the advances offered by digital technologies, this is the challenge we want to meet," explains Vincent Brunetta, Director of Digital Technologies at Socomec. "What could be better than a disruptive place, such as the FabLab, to promote optimal open-mindedness?"

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