

FLYING WHALES enters the FRENCH TECH NEXT40 and confirms its strategic position for the transport of tomorrow.



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The French Government proves strong support to FLYING WHALES

Launched in 2019 by the French Tech Mission, the French Tech Next40/120 is a government support program dedicated to the most successful French startups to help them on their trajectory to become world-class technology leaders.

In 2021, FLYING WHALES was selected by the French Tech mission to join the French Tech 120. This year, FLYING WHALES joins the Next40. The French Tech Next40 brings together the 40 most successful start-ups of the French tech ecosystem to reward their status as spearheads of the French economy. To join, you had to be one of the 26 French unicorns not listed on the stock market, or have raised at least €100 million between 2020 and 2022, up to the number of places available. With a fundraising of 122 million euros in June 2022, FLYING WHALES was well positioned.

This year's selection was the most selective since the launch of the program, proving that the French government's support to its technology companies - and especially industrial companies like FLYING WHALES - is bearing fruit by pulling the entire ecosystem upwards.

A tailor-made support

Concretely, during the coming year, the program aims to provide individual and collective support on strategic topics such as international development, financing, recruitment, territorial implementation, intellectual property, and regulatory issues. Start-ups will be able to rely on a dedicated start-up manager within the French Tech Mission, enhanced visibility, specific support on regulatory issues, and collective support in the form of experience-sharing events and expertise contributions.

"Being selected in the French Tech Next40 is a very important recognition for FLYING WHALES. The mission of unlocking territories and reducing the environmental impact of cargo transport that we are determined to carry out will be all the more impactful. This support will enable us to give substance to our very ambitious development objectives" explains Sébastien Bougon, CEO of FLYING WHALES.

In 2023, FLYING WHALES is recruiting 80 people in France and 20 and in Quebec. All offers can be found at the following address: <https://flying-whales.nous-recrutons.fr/>.

About FLYING WHALES:

FLYING WHALES is a French company headquartered in Suresnes (France). Created in 2012, the company is developing an ambitious and unique program thanks to its innovations and the quality of its teams and industrial consortium: the LCA60T, a rigid airship for heavy load transport with a carrying capacity of 60 tons. Originally designed to meet the needs of logging renewable wood resources in hard-to-reach areas, the LCA60T's unique hovering loading and unloading characteristics will provide solutions to numerous logistical and landlocked problems around the world, with a very low environmental footprint. This solution will allow, at low cost, to free itself from all ground constraints for the point-to-point transport of heavy or bulky loads. Finally, FLYING WHALES is also developing FLYING WHALES SERVICES, the operating company for the LCA60T.

For more information, please visit: <https://fr.flying-whales.com/>

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