



## Innovation news digest – November 2015

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### News:

#### Entrepreneurship and Innovation:

##### **OpenClassrooms Premium Is Now Free for Unemployed People in France**

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OpenClassrooms, one of the top Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) in France, has announced that it will foot the bill to cover premium accounts for the French unemployed. The site aims to help the unemployed in France educate themselves on technology, coding, and web marketing, get certifications, and even enroll in an online Bachelor degree program recognized by the French Government.

##### **Molotov Signs Deals with French TV Networks, Launches Beta in November**

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French startup, Molotov, has announced it has signed contract deals with an impressive number of French TV stations to add to their streaming service. Molotov, founded by former executives at leading French TV networks, is an online platform for you computer, tablet, or smartphone to stream live and past television programs. Apple in the U.S. is currently trying to create a similar platform with American TV networks.

##### **French Startup “The Monsieur Barbier Box” launches kickstarter to fund delivery of first product**

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The French Startup “The Monsieur Barbier Box” aims to bring some French flare and fun to a man’s morning shaving ritual. The company has launched a crowd funding campaign on the website kickstarter to raise over \$11k to ship their first product line this December. This young company designs and manufactures their product in Paris. A pledge of \$62 will get you the box by Christmas. As of press time, they have raised over \$3k.

##### **World Wide Innovation Challenge in France**

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The French Government, with support from the Public Investment Bank (BPI France), launched a worldwide competition to support innovative startups working in France. Both French and non-French companies may apply to enter the incubator. Startups, as well as small and medium enterprises can receive an initial

investment of up to 200,000 euros and up to 20 million euros after development. Candidate companies should complete their applications by December 2nd.

### **French Dating App Happn Raises \$14 Million in Funding**

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The application just raised \$14 million in Series B funding from European Idinvest and participation from other French and European VCs as well as some American angel investors. Happn is a dating app that uses your location to match you with others who have crossed your path that day. This investment marks the rise of dating apps in the country known for its romance.

### **French Government launches UberPop replacement le.taxi**

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The French Government is launching its own taxi hailing and payment app called le.taxi (also its web address). This comes off the heels of UberPop being suspended in France due to rioting and protests by French taxi unions. The government hopes to address the need to make taxis more convenient.

### **The CEA receives the 2015 European Innovation Prize for industrialized carbon Ultra rapid batteries by NAWATEchnologies .**

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The European Agency of Research and Technology Organization has awarded the prize of European Innovation 2015 to the French company NAWACap for their ultra rapid carbon batteries.

## **Science and Research**

### **United States and European Commission Announce Fulbright-Schuman Innovation Grants**

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The Fulbright-Schuman program, the educational exchange program between the E.U. and the U.S. that brings Americans and Europeans across the Atlantic to research relations between the two polities, has launched a new initiative. This initiative, called the Innovation Grant, will allow annually up to 2 American and 2 European mid-career professionals or researchers to work alongside their counterparts to research new technology and address potential policy challenges.

### **French American Biotechnology Symposium (FABS) 2015 in Toulouse, France**

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The Office for Science and Technology through the French Consulate in Los Angeles is hosting its 7th annual symposium this year in Toulouse, France on preventative measures for addressing Alzheimer's disease. Every year, the conference brings together the Biotech industries of the two countries to build bridges for continued research and cooperation.

## **Events:**

### **12th Global Cardiovascular Clinical Trialists Forum (CVCT)**

Thursday December 3- Saturday, December 5 2015

French Embassy (maison française), Washington, DC

This renowned international forum brings together the great specialists in this domain, as well as representatives from the FDA and the CMS.

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### **Beaujolais Nouveau and Beyond**

November 19th 2015

6:00PM to 9:00PM

Sullivan & Worcester ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON MA

Come enjoy our night of celebration and excellent networking opportunities with the French, American, and International communities in New England!!!

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## Employment opportunities:

### **Junior Data Scientist– Mathematics – SIEN – Paris, France– Permanent Position**

Specialist in treatment and data analysis, you come in as an expert within a small team to conduct analysis on our databases to design tools to meet the needs of our different teams. SIEN designs and develops innovative products for web users. We specialize in creating high-quality digital products for mobile and desktop, as well as outlining tailor-made monetization solutions for our partners.

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### **Photonic Design Engineer – Physics – IMEC –Leuven, Belgium – Permanent Position**

You will be responsible for the design of photonic systems for not only bio-medical applications, but also non-destructive testing and in general new imaging techniques. Imec performs world-leading research in nano-electronics. Imec leverages its scientific knowledge with the innovative power of its global partnerships in ICT, healthcare and energy.

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