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## Second intake for the Specialist Masters in Sustainable Construction and Housing

The **Specialist Masters in Sustainable Construction and Housing**, created in 2008 in partnership with Arts et Métiers ParisTech and ESTP (Ecole Spéciale des Travaux Publics, du Bâtiment et de l'Industrie), will welcome its second intake on 22 October.

France's first specialist postgraduate diploma in sustainable construction, the course addresses the challenges facing construction firms after the Grenelle Environment Forum: reducing the energy consumption of buildings, reducing greenhouse gas emissions throughout a building's lifecycle and integrating systems to produce energy from renewable sources.

The Specialist Masters in Sustainable Construction and Housing prepares students by giving them the skills to:

- embark on highly ambitious energy-oriented renovation projects for existing buildings,
- launch new construction programmes that mark a technological break with the past,
- build sustainable towns, cities and whole areas, including through eco-neighbourhoods.

With firms urgently needing to acquire these new skills, the course has been an immediate success, taking 21 students in the first year.

A record number of candidates applied for a place in the second intake and 50 students have been accepted for the 2009-2010 academic year. Two institutions are offering the course: the Arts et Métiers centre in Aix-en-Provence and ESTP in Paris, with the same faculty members as in 2008.

### ***The Specialist Masters in Sustainable Construction and Housing in a nutshell***

The Specialist Masters (Bac+ 6) is intended for engineering students, Master 2 students and managers seeking further qualifications.

The course is in two parts: 350 hours of theoretical instruction provided by industry experts, plus seven months practical experience within a firm.

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