

At the VivaTech startup and innovation expo in Paris, Valeo VP of Innovation and Scientific Development Guillaume Devauchelle spoke to a French economic newspaper, about the strategy of Valeo on the start-ups:



"For more than 10 years now, Valeo have been developing a collaborative innovation ecosystem through partnerships with universities, laboratories and research centres, startups and leaders from other sectors. The goal is to turn good ideas into value-added technologies or services. Our approach to startups, the idea is to flush out those that will invent with us the car of tomorrow. Around 30,000 startups around the world are potentially attractive to Valeo, so we have invested in seven equity funds to help us find the best start-ups which answer the needs of Valeo.

"I am thinking in particular of the sensors inside the cabin of the new vehicles for more comfort and safety at the wheel. This is a technology we are working on with startups we met at VivaTech 2018 like Neteera, which monitors the driver's physiological parameters, and Nanomade which monitors his heart rate. These innovations improve our driver monitoring systems, that is to say, real-time knowledge of the state of vigilance of the driver during semi/autonomous driving. In case of danger, the reaction of the vehicle will be based on the degree of vigilance detected.

"This year, our exhibition focuses on wellbeing inside the vehicle. Our visitors will be able to experience teletransportation in augmented reality thanks to sensors and 3D cameras. Imagine that you can see and converse in real time with a person hundreds of miles away, as if they were sharing your trip. A crowning innovation to find in our Lab!"