



## Press release

### **Cyber threat Intelligence expert SEKOIA announces a first €10m round of funding**

**Paris, 7 October, 2020** - SEKOIA, a French deeptech company specializing in cyber threat anticipation, has just completed its first round of funding of 10 million euros with Omnes and Alliance Entreprendre. This investment will be mainly devoted to accelerating marketing of its platform for its European public and private companies and to strengthening its R&D teams.

Founded in 2008, SEKOIA has built its reputation on its expertise in responding to security incidents and its ability to assist companies under attack. Since 2016, the company has evolved from consulting firm towards software publishing with the aim of meeting a need that is still little covered by European cybersecurity companies: intelligence threat. This modern defensive approach was cemented with the launch of the SEKOIA.IO platform in January 2020.

SEKOIA has a single company motto: to offer a European alternative to the American SIEM (Security Information and Event Management) products available on the market with sovereign threat anticipation and detection solution.

Freddy Milesi, CEO and co-founder, SEKOIA: *"We have raised funds to promote a European and collective approach to threat intelligence. The challenges that are facing companies and all those involved in cyber security in the years to come are colossal. In order to remain in the race against cybercriminals, SEKOIA has chosen to focus on two complementary pillars to enable companies to increase the effectiveness of their protections: anticipation of threats and defence automation".*

After being self-financed for more than 10 years, SEKOIA has chosen to raise funds to develop its sales force and strengthen its R&D teams. To do so, SEKOIA chose two investors with expertise in deeptech and cybersecurity, having faith in the approach promoted by the company: an innovative and sovereign solution - a European alternative to the solutions on the market.

Fabien Collangettes, Principal, Omnes: *"Our choice of investment is in line with our ambition: to invest in creating Europe's future technology giants. SEKOIA has all the qualities to achieve this: a very high level of management with recognized expertise in cybersecurity, a state-of-the-art product and an ambitious technological roadmap, in a rapidly growing market. With this support, we are convinced that SEKOIA will become one of the major French players in cybersecurity, with a global reach."*

Benoît Thiedey and Sébastien Viou, respectively Investment Director and Operating Partner, Alliance Entreprendre: *"We were seduced by the quality of the team and SEKOIA's unique expertise in Threat Intelligence. The company was able to capitalize on its historical service offering to design a next-generation technological solution, combining the agility of the Cloud and the power of threat detection, based on contextualized indicators. With this approach, SEKOIA.IO is able to provide support to companies of all sizes in their cyber defense strategy. We are delighted to support the company in its development alongside Omnes."*

With 80 employees and a panel of customers including companies of all sizes, the company plans to recruit 20 to 30 additional profiles in data scientist and sales engineer positions over the next 6 months, bringing the workforce to more than 100 people.

**About SEKOIA:**

Created in 2008, SEKOIA is a French deeptech company specialized in the anticipation of cyber threats. SEKOIA offers a modern cybersecurity platform. Named SEKOIA.IO, this solution anticipates and detects threats and automates adjusted responses.

Marketed in SaaS mode since January 2020, SEKOIA.IO adapts to all technological environments. More than a company, SEKOIA.IO is an environment of confrontation with new forms of threats and advocates its European roots and the strength of the collective to protect and stay in the race against cybercriminals. Today the company has 80 employees and actively participates in the defensive security community in France and Europe.

For more information: [sekoia.io](https://sekoia.io).

**About Omnes:**

Omnes is a leading Paris-based European investor in private equity and infrastructure. With €4 billion of assets under management, Omnes provides SMEs with the capital needed to finance growth. The firm has dedicated investment teams across three key areas: Venture Capital, Buyout & Growth Capital and Infrastructure. Omnes is owned by its employees. Omnes is committed to ESG issues and has set up the Omnes Foundation in aid of children's charities. It is also a signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI). [www.omnescapital.com](https://www.omnescapital.com)

**About Alliance Entrepreneurs:**

Founded in 1995, Alliance Entrepreneurs is a long-standing private equity player, with 576 million euros under management/advisory as at July 31, 2020 on behalf of institutional and private investors. Alliance Entrepreneurs supports SMEs and SMBs by investing at all stages of development, through minority or majority equity investments. Since its creation, Alliance Entrepreneurs has made more than 225 investments throughout France and in all sectors of the economy. [www.allianceentrepreneurs.com](https://www.allianceentrepreneurs.com)

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