Orange, EDF, Sanofi and Vivendi launch a public speaking competition

For the first time, EDF, Sanofi, Vivendi and Orange took part yesterday in an inter-company public speaking competition. The 12 candidates from different business lines and different countries, who were selected following initial internal competitions, defended their groups’ colors on March 2022 at the iconic Paris venue: l’Olympia. Khadihatou Niang Sar, representing Orange won this first inter-company final.

Public speaking, a key skill in companies
Mastering the art of public speaking can make all the difference in business and world at large. Sharing your ideas and convincing people with charm and emotion are not acquired skills but can be developed and become real assets. Orange launched its first public speaking competition in 2017 by offering its employees the opportunity to take up this challenge with training given by the Cours Florent Exécutive and public speaking coaches. The 12 candidates from the four companies taking part in this first inter-company competition have received similar coaching.

A brand new, fun inter-company competition for this 2022 edition.
For the first time, Orange opened its public speaking competition to EDF, Sanofi and Vivendi. These four Groups share a common vision: business has an essential role to play in society and skill development. Through this program, individuals are encouraged to experiment with public speaking and discuss global issues.

A fast-paced and competitive final in the prestigious Olympia venue
An exceptional jury was composed of César Ghrenassia, Attorney at the Paris Bar; Paul Taylor, Comedian and YouTuber; Youssef Swatt’s, Belgian Rapper and writing workshop leader; Anne Parillaud, French actress. The twelve finalists, from France, Senegal, the United Kingdom, Egypt and Japan, each gave a 5-minute speech in English or French, on a defined topic.

Béatrice Mandine, Executive Director of Communications, Brand and Engagement at Orange said: “This competition is a perfect way of learning public speaking skills because it combines theoretical teaching and a practical part, on stage! I am very happy that this 2022 edition was able to take place between these four major groups, EDF, Sanofi, Vivendi and Orange, and I want to thank them for their commitment. We have experienced some wonderful emotion. I would like to congratulate all the candidates for their performance, and especially for rising to the challenge!”
About Orange
Orange is one of the world’s leading telecommunications operators with sales of 42.5 billion euros in 2021 and 140,000 employees worldwide at Friday, December 31, 2021, including 78,000 employees in France. The Group had a total customer base of 271 million customers worldwide as at Friday, December 31, 2021, including 224 million mobile customers and 23 million fixed broadband customers. The Group is present in 26 countries. Orange is also a leading provider of global IT and telecommunication services to multinational companies, under the brand Orange Business Services. In December 2019, the Group presented its new “Engage 2025” strategic plan, which, guided by social and environmental accountability, aims to reinvent its operator model. While accelerating in growth areas and placing data and AI at the heart of its innovation model, the Group aims to be an attractive and responsible employer, adapted to emerging professions.

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(1) Customers have been counted since 2018 by delivery site; a customer may have two delivery points: one for electricity and another for gas.
(2) Including ÉS (Electricité de Strasbourg).

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Sanofi is listed on EURONEXT: SAN and NASDAQ: SNY

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In the distribution market, Vivendi has acquired the Dailymotion platform and repositioned it to create a new digital showcase for its content. The Group has also joined forces with several telecom operators and platforms to maximize the reach of its distribution networks. In communications, through Havas, the Group possesses unique creative expertise in promoting free content and producing short formats, which are increasingly viewed on mobile devices. In addition, through Vivendi Village, the Group explores new commercial activities in live entertainment, franchises and ticketing that are complementary to its core activities. Vivendi’s various businesses cohesively work together as an integrated industrial group to create greater value.
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