



## **THALES TO SPARK INNOVATION AMONG FIVE AI STARTUPS WITH SEASON 3 OF AI@CENTECH PROGRAM**

**Season 3 of the prestigious AI @ Centech accelerator, the accelerator of Thales in Montreal, was presented on the afternoon of 29 September at 6 pm Italian time.**

Five startups were selected from the 296 applications received from 56 countries around the world. One of these it is The Edge Company that presented itself with its BCMS Ventur bird and drone detection system, the system based on artificial intelligence capable of seeing drones and birds, recognizing bird species to remove them naturally from airport areas.

In addition to its use in the aeronautical field itself, the system can also be used in other sectors: from monitoring and protection of wind farms to the future Urban Air Mobility, where identifying obstacles (be they birds or other drones) becomes a a priority issue for the safety of both flying taxis and the cities over which they will fly at low altitudes. And it is also employment in this sector that has interested the French giant and has led to the choice for the Italian startup which is thus one of the fundamental elements in this new mobility sector. A beginning that in our vision is to give rise to a supply chain to ensure that Italy has an active role in policies relating to mobility and the technology of the future both in Europe and in the world. Meanwhile, we start from Montreal, Canada and the trust and important validation that the leading French avionics company is giving us.

AI @Centech is the most important accelerator for artificial intelligence, it is based in Montreal and was chosen by Thales to discover new startups and new businesses to implement with them. This is not a classic acceleration, but the networking of selected startups with Thales partners and customers to quickly grow the projects and the business linked to them, together. It is therefore a great opportunity for The Edge Company which wants to make aviation safety of the highest standard, as contemporary technology would allow.