

The current state of the campus of EPITECH Lille, which is situated near the center of Lille, is far from being in the greatest shape. It has 3 floors including the ground floor accessible to the students, linked by multiple staircases around the building and an elevator. On all floors, there are a lot of rooms designed for work and a room designed for a time to relax, equivalent to a chill zone. On the first floor and second floor, there is a “pédago corner” where students can ask questions related to work. Lastly, there is the cafeteria on the first floor, where people can eat what they brought and a big room where people can relax, play board games and play the piano, making it the “only chill” zone as working there is implicitly banned. There are also a few coffee machines and vending machines around the facility.

As said earlier, there is room for improvement. As an example, the cafeteria can get a bit cramped as a lot of people often come in at the same time and the limited number of microwaves can be a hindrance when you only have a short break at noon. Hence I suggest adding two or three more microwaves and maybe take the space in front where there is just a vending machine and a small table to allow people to be more at ease. The big room where people relax can also get in some work, for example, adding a real table where people can sit and play board games and a water fountain will be built near the two problematic rooms so I'll skip rambling about it.

Drink wise, we have water fountains on all floors so there will no longer be a problem after the installation of the new one in the cafeteria. Food wise, the vending machines are good for snacks and a few drinks other than water. All this makes it so you have to bring your food and use the refrigerator and the microwave or eat outside or take something from outside and eat it in the refectory.

As far as trash goes, there are already trash bins for recycling and for everyday trash. However, we're missing a trash bin for glass items which can be put in the courtyard at the center of the building. Other than that, this is one of the best points out there.

Energy wise, being a tech school, using renewable energies will be difficult as they are intermittent energies, meaning that wind isn't always up for the wind turbine and the sun isn't always up for the solar panels, add to that the wind doesn't always blow the same way and the sun isn't fixed so the orientation is hard to get right, taking month of study. As such, installing these would not be worth it as they won't be used internally and won't be cost efficient. As to why they are not efficient, the installation costs a lot, the maintenance as well, contrary to a lot of ideas, exists, is not free and will cut the electricity during maintenance and installation, they are far from being that great ecologic wise as the manufacturing of those still pollutes a lot. Therefore, using nuclear energy is the best compromise as it is cheaper, more ecologic and doesn't require as much maintenance as the other energies would.

Now for the hallways, I believe that a path for the blind and visually impaired people could be a great addition so that they don't bump their canes in the wall, causing premature damage to both the wall and the cane. Other than that, It's hard for me to tell anything more on the subject as I am not concerned by it and the few number of people it represents on the campus but it could avoid accidents such as the one where a student accidentally folded the cane of a visually impaired student by setting a clear path that they'll take, obviously having the priority when moving through hallways.

For work's quality of life, the intranet being accessible everywhere clearly helps a lot especially since we got our schedule on it with the rooms we're in for each activity. Access using our student cards should be completed by the end of the school year, making the facility a lot more secure than before and making us capable of going in at whatever time we want within reason. Maybe a few more rooms with video projector or big screens could be a good addition to have a few more rooms where we can do a presentation. There are also 2 rooms we can reserve for a small group for a duration of 2 hours. So the improvements here are already in motion.

To conclude, while there are a few upgrades the facility could make use of, mainly the glass trash bin and the cafeteria room expansion, a lot are already in motion, like an easy entry and a better placed water fountain, and make the building even greater next year.

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