



French company Aisprid gets €10M to develop de-leafing robots

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Robot Arm Harvesting Tomatoes In Greenhouse. (Getty Images/Onurdongel)

Aisprid has raised €10 million euros in a Series A funding round which will be used to accelerate research and development

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French deep-tech company Aisprid develops autonomous robots for agriculture, specifically for greenhouse farming. Its flagship product is a patented robot designed for tomato plant de-leafing, which it claims is currently the world's most advanced high-precision robot for this task.

The company combines artificial intelligence and precision robotics to address major challenges in the agricultural sector, particularly labour shortages.

Aisprid's robots can perform repetitive and demanding tasks, such as defoliating tomato plants, with high precision and efficiency.

Key features of its robots include full nighttime operation; autonomous navigation between rows; increased productivity; reduced physical strain on farmers; and optimisation of resources and processes, leading to a lower carbon footprint.

Founded in 2020 and based in Saint-Malo, Aisprid has already deployed 30 robots across the five largest French tomato cooperatives, which account for 70% of the national greenhouse market.

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The working capacity of the robot has more than doubled by making night-time leaf removal possible, the company says. (Aisprid)

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The Series A funding round funding was led by innovacomm (Furthem Groupe) with participation from Bpifrance, Demeter, GO Capital, Breizh Up, and a consortium of business angels.

The company plans to develop a new generation of even more advanced robots to meet the demand from both domestic and international producers.

Nicolas Salmon, CEO and co-founder said: "2024 marked a decisive turning point for Aisprid, with a significant scaling up: 30 robots deployed within the 5 main French cooperatives. We have gone from a Deep Tech startup to a structured company, integrating all the services essential to our customers.

"This positioning has allowed us to build a solid climate of trust, resulting in a strong increase in orders. This fundraising will allow an acceleration on our roadmap and a larger-scale deployment of our solution, unique on the market at present. We thank our historical financial partners for their renewed support and enthusiastically welcome new major investors, who are familiar with our issues."

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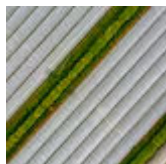
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