

GIANT

Grenoble Innovation for
Advanced New Technologies

HIGH LEVEL FORUM

Leading Innovation Ecosystems



High Level Forum 2017

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&

Smart Living »

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An international Forum devoted to Innovation and managed by the Grenoble Innovation Campus GIANT

The High Level Forum was initiated in 2012 by CEA Tech which is the Technology Research Unit of CEA (the French Atomic Energy and Alternative Energy Commission) and is now managed by the Innovation Campus GIANT of Grenoble (France).

This annual event is attended by an international community of High Level Executives - Decision and Policy makers - from the worlds of education, research, industry and public authorities .

The High Level Forum is now counting more than 25 participating campuses from around the world (America, Asia, Europe, Middle-East) which are internationally recognized as leaders in Innovation; it has now earned an increasing recognition as a truly remarkable international event devoted to Innovation

The main objectives of the High Level Forum are :

- To share policies, strategies and experiences about innovation management and promotion between leading campuses.
- To encourage and strengthen collaboration between the world's most powerful innovation ecosystems.
- To develop common initiatives for maximizing the social and economic benefits of the innovation programs from the participating campuses.

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EUROPE

An international Forum of High Level Executives hosted by a leading Innovation Ecosystem

The High Level Forum is a Grenoble, France based event , hosted off-site at a partner campus every other year ; the three days program is including presentations, panel discussions, guest star speech, and enough time for networking in a very informal and friendly way (sightseeing tour, gala evening, visit of the hosting ecosystem, inter-ecosystems meetings...), around a working theme always related to Innovation:

2012 - GIANT Campus, Grenoble, France
Theme: Governance of Innovation Ecosystems

2013 - Caltech Campus, Pasadena, CA, United States
Theme: Commercialization of research results

2014 - GIANT Campus, Grenoble, France
Theme: Promising innovation areas

2015 - Tsukuba, Japon
Theme: Innovation and City

2016 - GIANT Campus, Grenoble, France
Theme: Collaborative Creativity

In 2017, the High Level Forum will run at Longueuil-Montréal (Canada) on September 24-26 with the theme of : "Innovation and Smart Living", which will be worked through three sessions addressing the impact of Innovation and its added value in the fields of : Smart Transport, Smart Energy and Smart Society.

That edition will provide the opportunity to visit the Innovation Ecosystem of Longueuil-Montréal through its different initiatives and programs, in the areas of Science, Economy, Urbanism, Education and Art.

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The Longueuil – Montréal Ecosystem :

Due to its strategic geographical position, numerous research centres, skilled labour force and its world-renowned companies, the Ecosystem of Longueuil-Montréal is a complete innovation ecosystem. This unique territory is greatly enhanced by the concerted efforts of cities, development organizations and the business community to stimulate and add value to its economic activity.

In regards to “SMART LIVING”, Longueuil and Montréal fosters collaborative innovation in strategic sectors such as aerospace, clean energy, big data, artificial intelligence, agri-food, pharmaceutical, land transportation, logistics and distribution.

The Greater Montréal area is, of course, well equipped with up-to-date research infrastructure but also has facilities and mentorship organizations for start-up and growing companies in a variety of sectors. It is a living and attractive environment for young people wishing to evolve in an animated and energizing environment. The citizens of Longueuil and Montréal, originated from everywhere around the world, can count on the attractiveness of the region to improve their quality of life and make this environment a smart living society.

Montréal and Longueuil are proud of their innovation ecosystem which makes it the location of choice for any company wishing to establish a business or to expand.



The GIANT campus

In Grenoble, in the heart of the French Alps, the GIANT partnership is forging dynamic new links between higher education, research and industry to foster the technological breakthroughs of the future.

The aim of the GIANT campus is to respond to major challenges confronting our society today, such as: communication technologies, renewable energies and environmental problems, bioscience and healthcare.

Such challenges require creating a coherent environment that favours multidisciplinary, exchange, confrontation, reactivity, diffusion of knowledge and sharing of skills. The GIANT Innovation Campus is located in the 250-hectare *Presqu'île scientifique* district. Backed by local and regional government agencies and officials, the campus is home to eight highly-innovative institutions:

From the academic world

- Grenoble Ecole de Management (Grenoble EM)
- Grenoble Institute of Technology (Grenoble INP)
- Université Grenoble Alpes (UGA)

Major French research institutions

- Commissariat à l'énergie atomique et aux énergies alternatives (CEA)
- Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)

Leading European laboratories

- European synchrotron radiation facility (ESRF light source)
- Institut Laue-Langevin (ILL neutron source)
- European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL for molecular biology)



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