

GIANT Campus welcomes the 7<sup>th</sup> High Level Forum  
11-14 November in Grenoble, France  
Theme 2018: Innovation for tomorrow's infrastructures

Following the success of the 2017 edition held in Montreal and titled "Innovation and smart living", the High Level Forum is returning to Grenoble. Organised from 11 to 14 November 2018 by the partners of GIANT, it will look at the transversal theme of infrastructures. Forty delegations from around the world are expected to attend.

By **infrastructures**, we obviously mean the traditional road, rail, seaport and airport infrastructures, but also all other types of networks: those concerning health, safety, land management and sustainable mobility. Today these infrastructures have been jostled or reinvented by new technologies and new societal challenges that our cities, territories, companies, and structures are facing.

Among the questions that will be answered: *How can innovation campuses contribute to meeting these new challenges of innovative infrastructures for our society of tomorrow? How can they contribute to inventing or re-inventing the city of the future? How to respond to major economic and industrial issues, by promoting technology transfer and an open innovation approach?*

The conferences and workshops will focus on two major axes and will be illustrated with concrete examples from around the world:

**The increasing importance of infrastructures:**

- Less visible or tangible than before but more strategic
- A longer time-scale between idea and realisation
- A multiplicity of the actors involved
- A strategic asset to attract businesses

**The importance of an open, innovative approach to develop the infrastructures:**

- Increasingly heavy investments requiring to work with a network
- Need for the ecosystems to initiate projects
- An increasing part of Digital/Smart + Human/Society versus pure technology



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Leading Innovation Ecosystems

Speakers will include **outstanding personalities**: Directors of the European Commission, Mayors of Grenoble, Tsukuba (Japan), Lund (Sweden), representatives from European, Asian and American ecosystems, American experts from innovative infrastructures, representatives from industries in and around Grenoble (Air Liquide, Schneider, Ullis-Sofradir), representatives from internationally renowned universities (MIT, Stanford, NTU, ...).

## Representatives from more than 40 innovative ecosystems from around the world:

- North Africa: Casablanca, Sfax
- North America: Albany, Atlanta, Boston (MIT), Chicago, Longueuil, Los Angeles, Montreal, Phoenix, San Francisco, Vancouver
- South America: Bariloche, Brasilia, Buenos Aires, Florianopolis, Guadalajara, Medellin, Santiago, Sao Paulo,
- Asia: Astana, Bangalore, Bangkok, Daejeon, Hsinshu, Hô-Chi-Minh-City, Singapore, Osaka, Tsukuba
- Western Europe: Athens, Barcelona, Bizkaia, Cluj-Napoca, Cork-Dublin, Dresden, Eindhoven, Grenoble, Karlsruhe, Lausanne, Leuven, Lodz, Lund, Luxembourg, Milano, Nice, Oxford / Harwell, Prague, Tampere, Toulouse, Trieste, Vaasa, Vienna, Warsaw, Zurich
- Middle East: Haifa
- Oceania: Sydney
- Eastern Europe: Moscow

## About the High Level Forum

The High Level Forum (HLF) is an international event, initiated in 2012 and supported by the Grenoble GIANT Innovation Campus. It aims to bring together the key innovation actors from some of the world's largest innovation ecosystems to share their visions and experiences around innovation. Each edition is thematic and proposes perspectives on several axes: research, education, industry, finance, action of the public authorities. Beyond the exchange, the ambition of the HLF is to create a community of practices but especially to foster collaboration between these leading ecosystems. This event, which brings together around 150 people from more than 30 countries from all regions and continents around the world every year, takes place every two years in Grenoble. It is growing, welcoming each year a dozen new Ecosystems of Innovation.

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