

Dear friends of the High Level Forum,

In my last letter, I promised you a HLF Connect 2021 cycle tied with the topic of this year, which is **the reinvention of industry to support a resilient society**. Thanks to the strong support of a dozen ecosystems that agreed to participate in the first phase of work, we have succeeded in our aims.

Two HLF sub-working groups presented the result of their interactions during an online briefing held on 29 June 2021, with one focusing on “Technology-driven innovation to support the reinvention of industry and greater societal resilience” and the other on “Ecosystem approaches to reinvent industry and address local/regional resilience”.

I would like to thank not only our delegates who took part in the exercise but also all of you who connected to these two webinars, raising very interesting questions. In the future we hope to have the involvement of more ecosystems for each Connect cycle.

Building on this successful first phase of work, which consisted of presentations of different initiatives, we decided to refine our questioning to stimulate our discussions at the November Summit, by focusing on the following two transverse themes : i) building a supply chain and overseas collaboration ii) overcoming HR and talents issues.

We are now in the home stretch before the HLF Summit. With increasing numbers of people vaccinated, our plan to meet in-person in Grenoble, from November 7 to 10, 2021 is now confirmed!

**It is therefore with great pleasure that I now invite all my key contacts in the member ecosystems to compose their delegations and to contact [me](#) by return.** Many of you have already expressed their willingness to join us on site and I am sure every HLF member is looking forward to it as much as we are. We have however decided to maintain a hybrid physical-digital format that takes into account the travel limitations that may still exist for some delegates. The official invitations and the online registration will soon be launched.

Finally, in the coming weeks, I invite you to discover on our LinkedIn page the high-level speakers who will come to give input to the delegations participating in the conference. To start with, I would like to share the overall [programme](#) of the Summit which, once again, will mix fascinating testimonies, working sessions, surprises and moments of conviviality.

Yours, sincerely  
Karen Amram, Chair of the HLF

### HLF 2021 Summit – 7 to 10 November, Grenoble

- Book your trip to Grenoble : 7-10 Nov 2021 – [NOVOTEL GRENOBLE](#) or [Hotel EUROPOLE](#)
- Check the [HLF Website](#), registration open soon

### Stimulating discussions of the HLF Summit 2021 with HLF Connect phase 2 interactions

**Work in Progress:** Ecosystem perspectives on the following topics, which will allow delegations attending the Summit to interact live on the basis of concrete evidence

- **Workshop 1: Building a supply chain and overseas collaboration**
- **Workshop 2: Overcoming HR and talent issues**



## Back to HLF Connect briefing – 29 June 2021 – ending Phase 1 of HLF Connect 2021 cycle

We held the online briefing to discuss together the outcomes of the working groups at end of Phase 1 as planned. Two roundtables were open to the HLF network and a wider international audience focusing on:

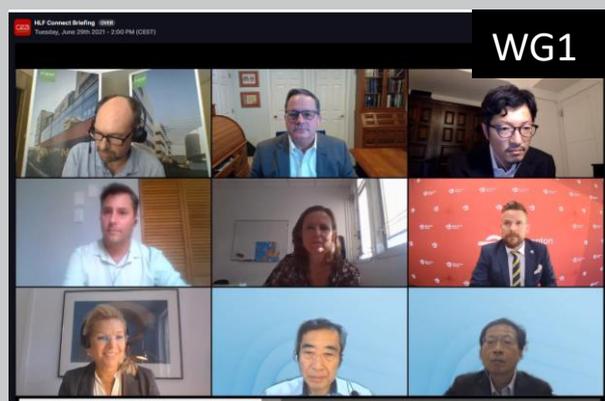
→ **WG1: Technology-driven innovation to support the reinvention of industry and greater societal resilience**

→ **WG2: Ecosystem approaches to reinvent industry and address local/regional resilience**

A huge thank you to

WG1: Chicago: Greg Morin – Tsukuba: Yusuke Mori & Toshihiko Kanayama – Montreal: Benoit Balmana – Grenoble: Emilie Viasnoff – Edmonton: Brent Jensen – Lund: Mia Rolf – Hsinchu: Stephen Su

WG2: Ruhr: Markus Schlüter – Tampere: Harri Kulmala & Esa Kokkonen – Edmonton: Brent Lakeman – Thailand: Janekrishna Kanatharana – Stanford: Richard Dasher – Grenoble: Veronique Pequignat



→ HLF Connect 2020 report: now available on our website [here!](#)

### HLF World Tour & Interviews on LinkedIn

The #HLF World Tour is a series of publications on LinkedIn highlighting an ecosystem member of our International Network of Innovation Ecosystems. After Tampere (Finland), Thailand, Lund (Sweden), Ruhr Region (Germany), Atlanta (USA) the world tour will soon take a stop in Belgium and the United Kingdom. The [HLF LinkedIn page](#) also gives the floor to emblematic personalities of our network. [Eric Recoura](#), [Karen Amram](#) and [Jean-Charles Guibert](#) followed Marcel Morabito and Patrick Levy in giving their feedback on the HLF and sharing their best memories.

→ Stay tuned!

→ Contact [us](#) if you are interested in any of these projects.

### HLF Steering Committee 2021

The HFL Steering Committee (SCOM) is continuously of great help, providing valuable input for forthcoming HLF actions as well as acting as group of ambassadors for the HLF community. It is an immense pleasure to welcome Fredrik Melander, Head of R&D Relations at the Science Village in Lund ecosystem, who will take over from Mia Rolf who has taken up other duties outside Lund. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mia for her great support over the years.

### Highlight from GIANT: 2021 Shanghai ranking: UGA among the top 150 best universities in the world, maintains its position in the top 5 French universities

Part of the GIANT Innovation Campus, [Université Grenoble Alpes](#) (UGA) is in the top 150 of the 2021 Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities, which assesses the commitment of international higher education institutions to their research activities. In the latest edition, UGA consolidated its position in the top 5 French research-intensive universities with a strong international influence.

This latest achievement occurs after the definitive confirmation of the university's IDEX accreditation in June 30th, and follows an already excellent performance in the thematic Shanghai ranking published in the Spring. This reflects the very high quality of UGA research teams, as well as the effectiveness of the scientific policy developed by UGA in close collaboration with national research institutions in the Grenoble Alpes region.