

Grenoble, the 30th of March 2022

Dear friends of the High Level Forum,

Just as we had started to hope that the worst of the pandemic that has shaken the world may be behind us, we find the world facing a new crisis. A catastrophic situation facing the people of Ukraine that causes great sadness, but that has also highlighted the power of collective action, particularly in the country itself, but also beyond. After a month since the start of the war, we can only hope that a peace agreement can soon be reached and that the already terrible impact of this new disaster can be jointly addressed by a massive collective effort.

Within the HLF, we continue our actions to stimulate interactions between our different ecosystems in the belief that we need to continue to learn from each other to strengthen our good practices.

This is particularly relevant for the two HLF Connect refined themes that we opened in 2021, i) **Building a supply chain and overseas collaboration** and ii) **Overcoming HR and talent issues**, which we have decided to maintain in 2022.

Beyond the crucial nature of these two transverse themes, that are also tied to this year's topic "**How local & regional innovation ecosystems support 2030 global objectives**", it is also the success of the two sessions we held during the 2021 Summit in Grenoble that encourages us to continue exploring these topics together. A positive indicator is also the willingness of some of you to join these working groups!

I would like to thank in advance Richard Dasher and Robert Thomas, the two respective leaders of these groups for their renewed commitment and the warm welcome they will give to new HLF Connect members in their group. Details for how to join one of the working groups are included below.

I would also like to confirm that the preparation of our annual Summit, which we will have the honour and privilege to hold in Tampere, is going well, despite the particular tensions that the global context is putting on our Finnish friends. Last week, with a delegation from Grenoble, we had the pleasure to visit the city of Tampere and to discover its region and the Finnish culture. I can assure you that the Tampere team and the Grenoble team are working hand in hand to prepare our annual event.

During the Summit from 6-9 Nov, we also plan to discuss key technology topics such as **Technology-driven innovation to adapt to climate change** and **Metaverse technology for the needs of the real world**. We will also compare our ways in addressing ethical matters such as **Responsibility in Innovation & Equity, diversity and inclusion**. We also would like to explore the **Technology transfer function** in innovation ecosystems and the mediating role of its actors, which undoubtedly is key. As you can see, all of these topics are strongly linked to achieving the 2030 global targets.

Finally, I invite you to read the sections below which give you a good overview of the ingredients we are combining to make our annual end-of-year gathering a great moment of sharing and discovery.

Yours, sincerely
Karen Amram, Chair of the HLF

HLF STEERING COMMITTEE 2021

The HFL Steering Committee (SCOM) is of great help, providing valuable input for forthcoming HLF actions as well as acting as a group of ambassadors for the HLF community. It is an immense pleasure to welcome Marie-Pierre Ippersiel, from the Montréal ecosystem, who will take over from Benoit Balmana. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Benoit for his great support over the years. We are happy to keep you in our circle as part of the Montréal delegation and SCOM deputy member.

HLF 2022 SUMMIT – SAVE THE DATES: 6 TO 9 NOVEMBER, TAMPERE, FINLAND

« How local & regional innovation ecosystems support 2030 global objectives » will be the topic of the 2022 edition in Tampere. We are pleased to entrust the organisation of our annual event to Tampere Ecosystem. The programme we are building with the City of Tampere and the Co-Chair and SCOM member Harri Kulmala, will include parallel workshops and gallery sessions on this general theme

- **More info on the general programme will soon be issued on hlf-giant-grenoble.org**
- **Check our posts on LinkedIn**

DESIGNING HLF CONNECT 2022 ON TALENTS AND SUPPLY CHAINS/INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

- Working Group - Supply chain / International collaborations, Led by Silicon Valley
- Working Group - HR Issues/Managing Talents, Led by Grenoble GIANT

The two WG leaders have scoped out an overview for 2022 that is aimed at continuity, by building upon and formalizing the outputs from 2021, starting with a June webinar and later with workshops at the November Summit.

- **If you are interested in participating in one of these Connect Working Groups, please contact their chair, Richard Dasher (SV) Robert Thomas (GIANT) with your expression of interest.**

STRUCTURING WORKSHOPS/SESSIONS TO STIMULATE THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE 2022 HLF SUMMIT

Five topics have been proposed so far and will be addressed in working groups, gallery sessions or parallel workshops towards or/and during the Summit. We are very pleased that some ecosystems have already offered to pilot these sessions/WG/WS.

- Responsibility in innovation (Karlsruhe)
- Technology-driven innovation to adapt to climate change (Tampere)
- Metaverse technology for the needs of the real world (Hsinchu)
- Technology transfer function: knowledge exchange and valorization (Sydney)
- Equitable, diverse and inclusive innovation (Atlanta)

- **Please contact Karen Amram if you want to get involved in these topics above**

HLF START-UP SHOW & CONTEST

BACK TO THE CONTEST 2021: at the last HLF Annual Summit, you certainly could not have missed the second edition of the HLF Start-up Show & Contest!

Congratulation to the three winners

#1 ADAPTIV.ME, Titash Neogi – “Innovation Ecosystem” Category

#2 SCPTIME, Sébastien Teot – “Innovation Ecosystem” Category

#1 RENAISSANCE FUSION, Francesco Volpe – “Reinvention Industry” Category

And let's not forget the remarkable contributions of the other finalists:

Serge Conesa (CEO CoolLabs), Timothée Jobert (CEO ISKN-ami), Baljit Singh (CEO Simbo.ai) & Ville Ilkka (CEO Valaa).

A huge THANK YOU to Harvin Moore, Principal of Frontera Technology Ventures, Houston. His contribution on “How can ecosystems leverage building a start-up as global business” with Céline Tranquillin and Cheikhou Dieye was a great asset to the StartupsS&C.

→ **Click here to watch the replay of the HLF Start-up Show & Contest 2021**

LET'S GO FOR 2022 EDITION! This competition will bring together 10 international start-ups finalists selected on various criteria related to their relationship with their ecosystem and the HLF 2022 Topic « How local & regional innovation ecosystems support 2030 global objectives ».

The registration for the HLF Start-up Show & Contest 2022 will run from 1st June to 20th September. We expect many candidates to represent their Ecosystem in Tampere on 8 Nov.

→ **The process will be simple and not time-consuming**

→ **Contact Flavien Etheve to propose “your” start-ups**

HLF WORLD TOUR & INTERVIEWS ON LINKEDIN

The HLF World Tour is a series of publications on the HLF LinkedIn page highlighting ecosystem members of the #HLFCommunity. In 2021 you had the opportunity to visit 7 innovation ecosystems from your office: ATLANTA | THAILAND | RURH REGION | TAMPERE | LUND | TSUKUBA | EDMONTON

In 2022 the HLF World Tour continues and will offer many other stops with already SYDNEY and LEUVEN online

→ **If you want to present your ecosystem on a HLF World Tour, please contact Flavien Etheve**

We also aim to highlight the emblematic people from our community through HLF interviews.

→ **Enjoy the comments of these triple helix actors on our website**

*Stay safe and well,
Flavien Etheve (HLF Communication Officer)
& The HLF team*

