

Grenoble, the 8th of June 2022

Dear friends of the High Level Forum,

*"Make men work together to show them that beyond their differences and geographical boundaries there lies a common interest." By rereading this famous phrase of Jean Monnet, I think that his conviction sums up very well what has motivated us for more than 10 years, whether as politicians, entrepreneurs, industrialists, diplomats, financiers, administrators, economists, researchers, or other innovation ecosystem visionaries, to come together and work within a larger community like the HLF. In our world that is in constant search of balance, peace and good health, I am happy to see our international links flourish and honoured by such great participation from you all, in this year's Summit topic **"How local & regional innovation ecosystems support 2030 global objectives"**. It is all very encouraging.*

We continue to build strong links by collaborating on key issues to enrich our actions and share the good practices that our ecosystems deploy, as visionaries and key actors of a horizon with better equilibria, the preservation of life and our planet.

*It is a great benefit to have new active members joining our working groups as well. A very good example of this collaborative work will be highlighted this month during the second series of online HLF Connect briefings (14 and 21 June), on i) **Building a supply chain and overseas collaboration** and ii) **Overcoming HR and talent issues**. There has been so much interest in these two topics in 2021, that we have decided to continue the work this year, but with a more formal focus to identify and share concrete best practices with HLF members. A reminder of the registration details is provided below and please note that registration prior to joining the webinars is compulsory.*

These two webinars are important steps, which will lay the foundations, between now and November, for a work that will aim to collect more initiatives and case studies from HLF members. The groups intend to look at a certain number of best practices in more detail to understand what were the key success factors in setting up each initiative and how such initiatives can be translated and adapted to the benefit of other ecosystems.

*Another very important step on the way to the Summit is **the opening of the HLF Start-up Show & contest calls for applications**. 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 main theme. The registration for the HLF Start-up Show & Contest 2022 will run until September 20th. We expect many candidates to represent their Ecosystem in Tampere on 8 Nov and **I count on you to identify the start-ups you want to highlight!** Details for how to apply are included below.*

*Also in the preparation of the November Summit, the other five proposed topics 2022 are now open for discussion, with willing and committed ecosystem leaders for each. I would like to thank in advance Lukas Kurzman & Lisbet Frey (**How can engagement enhance responsibility**), Laura Wendling (**Technology-driven innovation to adapt to climate change**), Stephen Su (**Metaverse technology for the needs of the real world**), Tim Boyle (**Technology transfer, knowledge and valorisation functions**), and Donna Ennis & Debra Lam (**Equitable, diverse and inclusive innovation**) who have each agreed to lead the discussions.*

*This preliminary work will undoubtedly stimulate the sessions in Tampere, and an important step has been taken, since the programme of our 3-day event has been validated by the Finnish and Grenoble teams. Below are the details. All you have to do now is to book your **6-9 November** dates and travels!*

Yours, sincerely
Karen Amram, Chair of the HLF



HLF CONNECT BRIEFINGS - REGISTER NOW FOR 14TH & 21ST JUNE WEBINARS

In June, two free HLF Connect Briefings, open to the HLF network and a wider international audience, will be held online to discuss the outcomes of the ongoing HLF Connect Working Groups

→ Briefing #1: **June 14, 9-10:30 am (CEST) - HR Issues / Managing Talent** lead by Robert Thomas, Grenoble GIANT. Replay already available for participants

This roundtable will present the initial work of four ecosystems (**Leuven, Tampere, Tsukuba and Grenoble**), giving both some of the background to their ecosystems that shapes the talent issues they face and then some of the specific initiatives that they have been pursuing.

→ Briefing #2: **June 21, 3pm (CEST), Supply Chain / International Collaboration** lead by Richard Dasher, Stanford University.

This roundtable will present specific examples of best practices in seven ecosystems (**Hsinchu, Thailand, Ruhr, Greater Paris, Edmonton, Grenoble and Silicon Valley**), of using international collaboration to change supply chain, in particular for better approaching the 2030 climate-related goals.

↪ Click [HERE](#) to access to the registration link and to discover the agenda

HLF START-UP SHOW & CONTEST - CALL FOR APPLICATION OPEN 1ST JUNE - 20TH AUGUST

Spread the news within your ecosystem's startups, from now until 20 August, they can apply to the HLF Start-up Show & Contest 2022.

- free, inclusive and international event offering start-ups an international visibility
- easy and no time-consuming participation

Get the flyer [here](#)

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HLF 2022 SUMMIT - 6TH-9TH NOVEMBER, TAMPERE, FINLAND - DISCOVER THE PROGRAMME

The general programme of the 11th HLF Annual Summit has been validated by the HLF Steering Committee.

- **Have a look at it [here](#)**
- **Save the dates & book your trip!**

NEWS FROM GIANT: WHEN EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES 2022 MEET THE EUROPEAN GREEN CAPITAL

The European event **#IndTech2022** is an impetus towards improving visibility of industrial technologies, identifying policy options and priorities, sharing of information and comparison of points of views, as well as a space for networking and finding common goals among industry stakeholders.

27 - 29 June
Grenoble, France

A 3-day event to dive into Industrial technologies serving:

- ✓ Green and digital transition
 - ✓ Circularity and sustainability
 - ✓ AI for manufacturing
 - ✓ Human-centric technologies
 - ✓ Emerging breakthrough technologies
 - ✓ Youth in Science & Technology
- and even more.

The CEA Grenoble and its Team Europe are pleased to welcome you to this international event where industry and innovation leaders, scientists, researchers and high-level public decision-makers will meet in the **2022 European Green Capital**.

➔ **Register now on indtech2022.eu**

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

