



High Level Forum 2017 on Innovation and Smart Living: Over 150 Representatives From 30 Countries Will Be Talking Innovation

Longueuil and Montréal, September 11, 2017 – From September 24th to 26th, the agglomerations of Longueuil and Montréal will be welcoming 40 representatives from around the world to the High Level Forum 2017, an international event focused on innovation in the fields of smart transportation, smart energy and smart society development.

“We are very proud to welcome the participants of the High Level Forum 2017 to our city. In addition to increasing our knowledge, this High Level meeting will strengthen important relationships between experts from innovation ecosystems from around the world. It is a unique opportunity to help each other solve the challenges of transportation, energy and development, which affect all of our respective communities,” said the mayor of Longueuil, Caroline St-Hilaire.

“Our region is a large innovation ecosystem in sectors ranging from aerospace to gaming, which attracts a lot of attention internationally. We are very happy to host this prestigious event along with the agglomeration of Longueuil. The forum will bring experts from around the world together to reflect on and exchange innovative ways to approach the current and future challenges of our way of living,” added Denis Coderre, mayor of Montreal.

Innovation Ecosystems

The 40 existing ecosystems worldwide are sending representatives from the fields of business, education, scientific research and politics to exchange ideas on innovation. This year, the theme is divided into three different sub-themes: Innovation & Smart Transport, Innovation & Smart Energy and Innovation & Smart Society. Participation is limited to representatives of these ecosystems. The vibrancy and innovative character of the Greater Montréal area will be depicted by high level representatives who will act as speakers, moderators and panelists. Diverse organizations including Montréal’s Metropolitan Clusters, the IVÉO technopole and the new Montréal Institute on Electrification and Intelligent Transportation will be present to share their knowledge and to build relationships with members of other ecosystems.

About HLF

Launched and managed by GIANT, the Innovation Campus of Grenoble, the High Level Forum brings the international community together each year to strengthen collaboration between members of large innovation ecosystems. The forum is held in Grenoble one year and in a city recognized for its leadership in innovation in alternating years. Cities such as Pasadena, California and Tsukuba, Japan have hosted previous editions. During the High Level Forum in

September 2016 in Grenoble, the agglomerations of Longueuil and Montréal were selected to be the next hosts of the event.

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