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## Forum 5i, Always at the forefront of innovation and research!

Organised by the Greater Grenoble City Area, Forum 5i® (Innovation, Industry, Inclusion, Investment, International) reflects the historical partnership policy research-industry-investment from Grenoble City Area. This has led to the creation of many start-up that exploit breakthrough innovations named DeepTech. This 21<sup>st</sup> edition will take place on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the WTC Conference Center in Grenoble and it will honor this year DeepTech from today and tomorrow. Once again it will offer the meeting between start-up and investors.

Pioneer in France, Forum 5i® is acknowledged as one of the main European events supporting the development and funding of innovative companies. It's the most highly acclaimed annual meeting place for investors and innovative companies in search of funding, who consider it to be a unique event providing exceptional opportunities. Since its inception, more than 890 million euros have been raised by start-up.

Forum 5i® provides optimal conditions for raising capital organised meetings between project developers and national and international investors. Also, a platform for exchanging views and information, Forum 5i® brings innovators, research institutions, start-up and investors together every year on the basis of an innovative theme. This annual event plays an important part in the partnership policy to which the Greater Grenoble City Area is committed, by enhancing the strong links between University, research and industries.

- **DeepTech**

After the collaborative wave, demand and digital services, France and especially the Greater Grenoble City Area is illustrating by the dynamism of its ecosystem DeepTech. From artificial intelligence to biotechnologies, through robotics, energy, aeronautics, environment... DeepTech start-up are based on breakthrough innovations and major technological and scientific advances. They rely on complex technologies that require a particularly long R & D time. Contributing to providing answers to the societal and environmental challenges of developed economies, they will have an impact on lifestyles and ways of consuming. Strong value for investors around the world, new specialized funds are emerging.

- **The 3 major points of Forum 5i®**

### Technology showcase

The Forum 5i® technology showcase presents and unveils the very latest innovations developed by regional research. Each year, it reflects the vitality of the research that taking place in innovative growth areas. **It will exhibit twelve technology projects, all chosen on the theme DeepTech.**

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### Round table

In the morning, this time of exchange and thought will help to make the point on the technological, economic and societal challenges of DeepTech. In the afternoon, it will be dedicated to testimonials and the vision of large groups in this field.

### Venture 5i®

**An international conference organised to enable national and international investors to meet innovative companies from Auvergne Rhône-Alpes area and the Alpine Arc in search of funding.**

This fund forum, which is not related to the theme of the technology showcase and the round table, is open to many different universes. It is the opportunity for all the start-up, selected by a prestigious selection committee, chaired this year by Dieter Kraft, Managing Director, TRUMPF Venture GmbH to show new innovations in all business areas (Digital, Energy, Environment, Biotech/Medtech, etc.). The "Jean Michel Lamure 5i® Trophy" will be awarded to the company that submits the most innovative project to the investors. A "coup de cœur" prize will be also awarded.

### The Greater Grenoble City Area : a region of excellence

#### A story based on innovation, from hydroelectric power to the development of high-tech industries

- Fifth most innovative city in the world (Forbes classification, 2013)
- *Third European city in its category for its strategy of seeking to attract foreign investors (Financial Times rankings, 2016)*
- *Second largest research centre in France*
- *Eight national research bodies, including the CEA, the most innovative organisation in the world (Reuters classification, 2016)*
- *A metropolis with skilled, specialist research workers: 23,500 researchers*
- *Five large European organisations (ILL, EMBL, ESRF, LNCMI, IRAM)*
- *Five competitive clusters*
- *The top most attractive French town for students (L'Etudiant mag, 2016) with more than 65,000 students, including 9,000 from other countries*

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