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**The 20th convention of FORUM 5i<sup>®</sup> which pioneers meetings between innovative start-up and investors in France will take place in Grenoble on 1 June 2017. And this day will focus on Smart Industry.**

Organised by the Greater Grenoble City Area, Forum 5i<sup>®</sup> (Innovation, Industry, Inclusion, Investment, International) is acknowledged as one of the main European events supporting the development and funding of innovative companies. The completely ground-breaking Forum 5i<sup>®</sup> has, for the past 20 years, been 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 730 million euros have been raised by start-up. The 20th Forum 5i<sup>®</sup> convention will take place on 1 June next at the WTC Conference Centre in Grenoble.

Forum 5i<sup>®</sup> organises meetings between project developers and national and international investors and provides optimal conditions for raising capital. Since the event was created, 307 projects have been presented to investors, 227 companies have been able to develop and are today generating more than 3,700 jobs. Forum 5i<sup>®</sup> has thus contributed to the success of a large number of start-up, some of which have even become world leaders in their field. They include: Xenocs, Tronics Microsystems, as well as Aryballe Technologies.

Also a platform for exchanging views and information, Forum 5i<sup>®</sup> 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 Industry.

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Forum 5i<sup>®</sup> convention will be based on a forward-looking theme: Smart Industry**

The fourth industrial revolution is underway: Smart Industry - more digitised and more ecological - is already mobilising thousands of companies.

The challenges and opportunities of this industrial revolution must be understood today to support the transformation of a company's business model, modernise industrial facilities and develop technological solutions in fields as varied as the medicine of the future, the transport of tomorrow, the data economy, sustainable towns, intelligent power, smart objects, etc.

**Forum 5i<sup>®</sup> is based on four major points:**

➤ **Technology showcase**

**It will exhibit twelve technology projects, all chosen on the theme of the Smart Industry.**

The Forum 5i<sup>®</sup> technology showcase presents and unveils the very latest innovations developed by regional research. Each year, it reflects the vitality of the research taking place in innovative growth areas.

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➤ **Round table**

The round table is a time for regional, national and European experts to exchange views, reflect on the theme of the Smart Industry and share their visions and experiences of these new technological, economic and societal challenges.

➤ **Workshops**

The discussion workshops will provide time to address and question very specific issues related to the industry of the future: modelling, virtual reality, industrial robotics, training, etc.

➤ **Venture 5i**

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

This capital 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 Diego Braguglia, General Partner - VI Partners (Switzerland), to show their new ideas in all fields of activity (Digital, Energy, the 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 "public's favourite" 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)
- A Digital French Tech Metropolis: Digital Grenoble, French Tech in the Alps
- 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