

Press Release

Medicen Paris Region, the Paris Region and Sanofi organise MEDXPERENCE: The 1st International Summit on the Future of Healthcare will take place in Paris, March 15 and 16, 2018

Paris, November 16, 2017 - The Medicen Paris Region competitiveness cluster, the Paris Region and Sanofi are teaming up to organise the first edition of the International Summit for the Future of Healthcare, with the ambition of positioning Paris Region as the world capital of health innovation. This is an important new event for the French healthcare ecosystem. It will bring together academics, researchers, physicians, clinicians, health industries, start-ups, global investors and local stakeholders to promote health innovation, its transformation into business processes, medical practices and economic development, and the many assets of the Paris Region. Combining medtech and open innovation, MedXperience will also offer a platform dedicated to an international call for projects.

First edition of an unprecedented meeting for the future of healthcare

During two days, international participants will discuss their practices, achievements and ambitions in new therapies and innovative technologies in the healthcare industry. MedXperience is an opportunity for start-ups and innovative companies to present their solutions to doctors, clinicians, researchers and investors and to meet experts, future partners and health professionals from around the world. Doctors and organisations, both public and private, will discover innovations and their implementation as well as new tools to help them optimise their work. Investors will be able to meet young start-ups with proven experience and will be able to get involved in their development. Also open to young researchers and students to discuss their projects, MedXperience will allow them to discover innovations and meet experts to improve their skills and learning. Finally, scholastic professionals will be able to promote their schools and initiate key partnerships.

1. MedXperience 2018 will be organised around four hubs:

-  Diagnosis
-  eHealth
-  Advanced Therapies
-  Imaging

2. With two additional transversal themes :

-  The Talent Factory
-  European MedX Projects

Through conferences, debates, plenary sessions, workshops and pitches by start-ups, the program will review the current technological progress of the healthcare field and highlight the dynamism of the Paris Region on the international scene.

The Paris Region: World capital of healthcare innovation

Healthcare innovation is increasingly cross-disciplinary and international, combining biotechnology, medical technology and digital health on the one hand and clinicians, academics, industry and SMEs on the other. The Paris Region is an area of excellence in multidisciplinary and multi-technological healthcare and is one of the world leaders in lifesciences, offering international actors a wealth of exceptional potential partners. As one of the organisers of MedXperience, the Paris Region is affirming its ambition to become the world capital of innovation in healthcare. A region already engaged in this field, it constitutes an undeniable asset to realise industrial production:

-  The largest hospital network in Europe
-  300 start-ups in the realm of healthcare

"The Paris Region has many national and international healthcare innovation companies. Our ambition is to accelerate the economic and international development of innovative Parisian SMEs to support economic growth and employment. MedXperience 2018 meets these objectives perfectly. We are proud to host such an event in our region and to contribute to its implementation," said Valérie Pécresse, President of the Paris Region.

Conquering world markets

MedXperience 2018 marks a milestone in Medicen-supported call for international projects. A key meeting point for the Paris Region's healthcare ecosystem, the event aims to develop tomorrow's projects on a global scale: a dedicated platform will enable the launch and creation of working groups aimed at international projects in the field of healthcare innovation.

With 10 years of project support expertise, Medicen brings together the experience, the network and the interactive elements necessary to implement this unique event. Medicen facts and figures:

-  300 companies
-  € 1,3 billion in investment
-  more than € 500 million in public aid
-  303 projects approved

MedXperience thereby applies the methodology developed by the competitiveness cluster to foster innovative, collaborative and international projects, based on the meeting of all stakeholders at several stages of development.

"Medicen contributes to the emergence and realisation of collaborative projects accelerating innovation. It is by pooling our efforts that we are able to transform scientific value into economic value. Innovating for the healthcare and therapies of tomorrow is the goal of MedXperience 2018." said Christian Lajoux, President of Medicen Paris Region.

"As a global health player, Sanofi benefits from an exceptional ecosystem in Paris Region, enabling our 11,000 employees to research, innovate and manufacture in collaboration with academics, start-ups and economic partners. By partnering with MedXperience, Sanofi wants to help bring together all healthcare stakeholders in order to share, reflect and identify healthcare solutions in the coming years, meeting the expectations of patients in France and around the world." explains Guillaume Leroy, President France of Sanofi.

France is the leading country where Sanofi operates, with 35 sites spread over the territory and with 25,400 women and men contributing to improving everyone's health every day.

In the Paris Region, nearly 11,000 people, or more than 40% of Sanofi's French employees, work at ten sites, including three major decision centers: the Group's head office in Paris and its world headquarters for research and development at Chilly-Mazarin / Longjumeau and the centre of industrial affairs at Gentilly on Sanofi's Val de Bièvre Campus.

In France and in the Paris Region, Sanofi has developed numerous partnerships and in France in 2016, Sanofi invested nearly € 2.4 billion in research and development, representing 45% of its global research and development budget.

Program to be announced soon. For registration and further information please visit: www.medXperience.org

About Medicen Paris Region

Founded in 2005, Medicen Paris Region is a competition cluster of innovative technologies in healthcare, with national and international influence. It mobilises more than 300 companies, academic organisations, hospitals and local authorities around the same ambition: to position Paris Region as the first health cluster in Europe. Its activity is concentrated around five strategic axes: biological diagnosis, diagnostic and interventional imaging, regenerative medicine and biomaterials, digital health as well as translational medicine. In close collaboration with regional and national actors of health innovation, the mission of Medicen Paris Region is to • to cultivate, promote and help finance collaborative healthcare projects with the aim of creating economic value and jobs • to accelerate the economic development of start-ups and innovative SMEs abroad • to reinforce the appeal of the region of Paris, hosting and catalyzing an ecosystem that representing more than 50% of lifesciences in France. Since its creation in 2005, 62 innovative products have been marketed in the fields of imaging, medical devices and biological tools. 303 projects have been approved and financed by the State (The Interministerial Fund, Structuring Projects), Bpifrance, the National Research Agency, the European Regional Development Fund, Future Investments and / or by local authorities, Paris Region. This represents a total investment of 1.3 billion euros, including 533 million euros of public aid. www.medicen.org

About The Paris Region

The leading region in the health and lifesciences industry in Europe, Ile-de-France is also the leading economic region in Europe and a hub for European and global trade. Its economy bears all the marks of an efficient metropolitan economy: its size, its real estate offering, its infrastructure, its cosmopolitan and qualified workforce and its wealth of cultural amenities. With the highest GDP in the European Union (€ 28 billion) and its wide range of sectors of activity, the Paris Region welcomes all opportunities. In particular, it is the leading innovation hub in Europe, with R & D spending of more than € 20 billion and 160,000 workers and researchers. With more than 5,000 start-ups incubated or accelerated, Paris Region is now the European leader in terms of the number of fundraising operations. More than 1,000 companies work in the lifesciences sector, including 300 in the pharmaceutical industry, 200 in biotechnology and 360 in medical technology. It hosts the largest hospital network in Europe with 39 hospitals, 10 million patients, 335,000 surgical procedures, more than 3,100 research projects and 9,600 scientific publications.

About Sanofi

Sanofi is dedicated to supporting people through their health challenges. We are a global biopharmaceutical company focused on human health. We prevent illness with vaccines, provide innovative treatments to fight pain and ease suffering. We stand by the few who suffer from rare diseases and the millions with long-term chronic conditions.

With more than 100,000 people in 100 countries, Sanofi is transforming scientific innovation into healthcare solutions around the globe. Sanofi, Empowering Life
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