

## Back on the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of MedFIT

### 5<sup>th</sup> edition of MedFIT: a successful digital format!

From December 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of MedFIT, the European partnering event for innovation partnerships and investment rounds in the MedTech, Diagnostic and Digital Health sectors, was organised in a digital format.

During these 3 vibrant days, more than 600 attendees from more than 35 countries met on a digital platform and have initiated more than 3,000 one-on-one meetings in order to build collaborations. Through roundtable discussions, more than 50 speakers shared their ideas and experiences on current topical issues in MedTech, Diagnostic and Digital Health. 22 previously selected innovative projects had the opportunity to be presented to a jury of experts and an audience of potential investors and partners.

### A conference programme featuring MedTech experts

50 international experts in medical technology, diagnostics and digital health gathered to discuss the latest innovation trends in the sector and to address issues related to collaboration, financing and market access.

During the plenary session moderated by Daniel Bejoy (Frost & Sullivan), the talented speakers Jean-Marc Wismer (MindMaze), Jeroen Kemperman (Zilveren Kruis - Achmea), Nick West (Abbott) and Carmen van Vilsteren (Eindhoven University of Technology) discussed a key issue for the sector: the evolution of MedTech companies value proposition, in the context of an increasing digitalisation and consumerisation of healthcare. They notably discussed new ways of creating value in the MedTech world, the evolution of reimbursement models and care pathways, and the development of more holistic and data-driven solutions.

The latest industry trends were the focus of this fifth edition, particularly in terms of investment in the context of COVID-19. Sascha Berger (TVM Life Science Venture Capital), Daniel O'Mahony (Seroba Life Sciences) and Sylvain Sachot (Asabys Partners), interviewed by Geoff Davison (Bionow), analysed the impact of the pandemic on investors and early-stage investment models in MedTech. The panel also focused on the most attractive sub-sectors and applications for private equity firms today.

### Hy2Care, awarded the most innovative project in MedTech

Among 50 applications received, 22 projects were selected to pitch during the Pitch Sessions at MedFIT in different categories such as AI, Healthcare IT, Surgery related tools, Monitoring and Diagnostics.

Hy2Care, a Dutch start-up represented by Leo Smit, CEO, is the winner of this year's edition of the Pitch Sessions:

*"We greatly enjoyed participating in the MedFIT Digital 2021 edition. The crowd of healthcare professionals that the event provided formed a good basis for some interesting discussions on potential future co-developments."*



Hy2Care develops its new Injectable Hydrogel for cartilage repair. This unique gel has proven to enable in situ regeneration of high-quality cartilage tissue in pre-clinical studies. Currently the first human clinicals are being prepared. Today, many people that undergo a cartilage repair surgery will suffer a return from pain and disabilities after several years. It is the aim of Hy2Care to provide for a long-term repair of cartilage defects and thus prevent the onset of post-traumatic osteo arthritis. The unique composition of Hy2Care's hydrogel creates a natural scaffold for the patient's own cells to reside in and deposit new cartilage matrix, enabling the body to heal itself.

### [Save the Date: MedFIT 2022](#)

We would be delighted to welcome our attendees, this time in person, to the next edition of MedFIT, on September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The 6<sup>th</sup> edition will be held at ALPEXPO in the charming city of Grenoble.

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#### **Eurasanté - [www.eurasante.com](http://www.eurasante.com) @Eurasante**

Eurasanté is a technology transfer tool, an incubator, an accelerator and a cluster manager in the Health field in Northern France. Eurasanté assists French and foreign companies, entrepreneurs, scientists and clinicians with their innovation and development projects. The region includes over 1,000 healthcare companies with 30,800 employees in this sector. Eurasanté also promotes and develops the Eurasanté bio-business Park which hosts 8 hospitals, 4 universities, 7 specialised schools, 170 companies and 50 laboratories within a European-wide scientific and medical site. Eurasanté also organises four international healthcare-related partnering events that aim to increase and improve interaction between academia and industry: BioFIT (Life Sciences), MedFIT (MedTech, Diagnostic, Digital Health), NutrEvent (Food, Feed, Nutrition, Health) and AgeingFit (Healthy Ageing).

#### **Clubster NHL – [www.clubstersante.com](http://www.clubstersante.com) @ClubsterNSL**

Clubster NHL is a competitiveness cluster and a network gathering 350 members committed to innovation in Life Sciences. Clubster NHL aims to connect academia, industry and health professionals and to foster innovation for better health and sustainable food. Its goal is to bring together and support stakeholders from the health and food sectors in designing, developing and financing their future products and processes.

#### **BioValley France – [www.biovalley-france.com](http://www.biovalley-france.com) @BioValleyFrance**

Competitiveness cluster since 2005, BioValley France aims to federate, develop and promote the healthcare sector in the Grand Est region through innovation. The cluster is based on a dynamic network of companies, a leading academic and clinical research, as well as an integrated network of key stakeholders in innovation. BioValley France supports its members in their R&D Innovation approach and gives them access to high value-added expertise, in a market approach. The Cluster contributes to the networking of the various actors and the creation of regional, national and

international partnerships. Finally, BioValley France actively participates in the territory's structuring projects, such as Nextmed, which aims to create a Medical Technologies campus in Strasbourg that hosts an entire ecosystem of excellence dedicated to the development of tomorrow's health technologies.

### **Medicalps – [www.medicalps.eu](http://www.medicalps.eu) @medicalps**

Founded in 2000, MEDICALPS is an NPO and a cluster of companies in the field of healthcare technologies. It is located in Grenoble, in the heart of the French Alps, known as one of the most inventive cities in the world and a top-notch place to innovate in the high-tech industry. MEDICALPS gathers over 100 members including leading edge start-ups, SMEs, global players, world-class research centres and universities. Although actively supported by local authorities, MEDICALPS is mainly governed by a community of entrepreneurs who aim to ensure the visibility, growth and international development of member companies. With a unique emphasis on the healthcare technology sector, our objectives focus on: gathering stakeholders and promoting the local ecosystem through communication tools and networking opportunities, facilitating member operations by setting up workshops, presence at exhibitions and conventions and a soft-landing programme in US in addition to other services, structuring the local healthcare sector by developing shared industrial resources.

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