



### 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of [HealthTech Innovation Days](#) (4 & 5 October 2021)

## HealthTech For Care and EIT Health announce the opening of applications for European companies

**Paris, France, April 8, 2021** - HealthTech Innovation Days (HTID®) has become the reference event for European innovative healthcare companies that want to accelerate their development through funding and partnerships with industry in the field, in order to promote access to healthcare for all. **This forum promoting collaborations within the international healthcare ecosystem announces the opening of applications for European innovative healthcare companies from Monday, 12 April 2021.**

Launched in 2019 by [France Biotech](#) and co-organized since 2020 by [HealthTech For Care](#) and [EIT Health](#), HealthTech Innovation Days (HTID®) aims to accelerate the development of innovative European healthcare companies. This public interest event is open to European companies seeking partnerships and additional funding to accelerate patient access to innovation.

To ensure a good match between its participants, applications will be reviewed by a selection panel which will determine whether the company meets the following criteria:

- **Biotechs** developing treatments currently undergoing clinical phases;
- **Medtechs** developing a technology close to hit the market or on the market;
- **Innovative services companies** developing innovative products & services highly demanded by healthcare partners;
- **Digital Health** product developed or under development with partners (hospitals, pharmas or industrials companies)

*"Following the official launch of [the Venture Centre of Excellence \(VCoE\) programme](#) alongside our [European Investment Fund \(EIF\)](#) colleagues and the announcement of [the European Commission's €150 million anchor investment](#), the next edition of HTID® will allow selected European innovative healthcare companies to meet VCoE members for the first time. Moreover, they will learn about the programme in detail, including their ability to benefit from the programme's support of their upcoming equity fundraising rounds." said Jean-Marc Bourez, Managing Director of EIT Health France & Head of VCoE.*

*"HealthTech Innovation Days, a must-attend European event, is delighted to welcome the entire healthcare innovation ecosystem. The participating companies are key players in this sector to meet the challenges of tomorrow and our ambition is to support them and accelerate their development, and thus help patients access the latest innovations more quickly." Maryvonne Hiance, President of the Endowment funds HealthTech For Care.*

Last October, the 2020 edition of HTID® was a great success with **780** participants, **150** innovative healthcare companies (biotech, medtech, e-health), **300** global investors, **1,000** private meetings and conferences highlighting major current issues in life sciences with international experts from the ecosystem.

For more information, please visit: <http://htfc-eu.com>

## About HealthTech For Care

The HealthTech For Care Endowment Fund is designed to support and promote access to care for all and, in particular, new medical technologies and drugs. The missions of the endowment fund are organized around three main areas: supporting the development of the entire healthcare ecosystem, accelerating the development of innovative therapies and medicines, and promoting better access for patients to the healthcare system in France and Europe. The governance of HealthTech For Care brings together Maryvonne Hiance, Elsy Boglioli, David Caumartin, Pierre Courteille, Eric Falcand, Marc Le Bozec, Cédric Moreau, Franck Mouthon, Christian Pierret and Christian Policard.

## About EIT Health

Europe faces a turning point in health. An ageing population, the rising burden of chronic disease, and growing multi-morbidity are all placing pressure on health systems across Europe.

EIT Health is a vast, vibrant community of world leading health innovators backed by the European Union. Working across borders, our network connects approximately 150 world-class partner organisations, as well as entrepreneurs, start-ups and SMEs from the worlds of business, research, education and healthcare delivery. Our aim is to answer the biggest health challenges Europe faces and we believe that life changing innovation happens when these worlds meet and collaborate. That's why we call this the 'knowledge triangle'.

From our headquarters in Munich, six regional Innovation Hubs and InnoStars cluster, which brings together organisations from regions in which the overall pace of innovation is more moderate, we provide an ecosystem in which fresh thinking can thrive. Our Regional Innovation Scheme further expands our presence in 13 countries across Central, Eastern and Southern Europe. EIT Health also leads the development of the EIT Hub in Israel, which connects innovators across Europe to other key thriving ecosystems beyond the EU.

EIT Health is supported by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), a body of the European Union. Our ambition is to enable people in Europe to live longer, healthier lives by transforming businesses and delivering new products and services that can progress healthcare in Europe and strengthen our economy.

EIT Health: Together for healthy lives in Europe.

For more information visit: [www.eithealth.eu](http://www.eithealth.eu)

## About France Biotech, Founder of HealthTech For Care

Founded in 1997, France Biotech is an independent association that brings together HealthTech entrepreneurs and their expert partners. It actively contributes to meet the many challenges of the HealthTech industry (i.e. companies' financing, innovation-related taxes, regulatory and market access related issues) and offers concrete competition and solutions through its commissions and working groups. The goal is to help startups and SMEs become international leaders capable of rapidly developing and bringing innovative solutions to patients. <http://www.france-biotech.fr/>

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