

**Univ. Grenoble Alpes : a figurehead of Grenoble's ecosystem** 2018 Japan-France symposium in Higher Education



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# **UNIV. GRENOBLE ALPES**

# Key figures

- 1 university, 3 higher education schools, 5 research centers, 1 teaching hospital
- ► 50,000+ students
- ► 3,700 doctoral students, of which 45% international
- ▶ 12,000 employees, of which 5,500 academic



# UNIV. GRENOBLE ALPES: LABELED « INITIATIVE OF EXCELLENCE » (IDEX)

The Initiative of Excellence was launched in 2010 by the French government in order to support the creation of 5 to 10 highly visible research universities and to ensure the competitiveness of French HE&R institutions at an international scale.

#### WHAT WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITIES HAVE THAT REGULAR UNIVERSITIES DO NOT

- Highly qualified Faculty;
- Excellence in Research;
- Quality Teaching;
- High levels of governmental and non-governmental sources of funding;
- International and highly-talented students;
- Academic Freedom;
- Well-defined and autonomous governance structures;
- Well-equiped facilities for teaching, research, administration;
- Student life

(Altbach 2004; Khoon et al. 2005; Niland 2000, 2007)





# **UNIV. GRENOBLE ALPES IN INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS**

#### Shanghai 2018

10<sup>th</sup> in Geography
12<sup>th</sup> in Remote Sensing
18<sup>th</sup> in Earth Sciences
21<sup>st</sup> in Metallurgical Engineering
Top 50 in Physics, Computer Science & Engineering, Water Resources, Materials Science & Engineering, Atmospheric Science, Electrical & Electronic Engineering, and Automation & Control Engineering

#### QS World Ranking

Top 100 universities in Earth & Marine Sciences Top 200 in Natural Sciences, Physics & Astronomy, Environmental Studies, Chemistry, Material Sciences

- 4<sup>th</sup> in France's "Best Global Universities" (US News and World Report 2018)
- 28<sup>th</sup> "Most Innovative University in Europe" (*Thomson Reuters 2018*)

# A UNIVERSITY FIRMLY GROUNDED IN ITS CITY

#### 3 main campus sites in Grenoble

- The growth of the city and territory of Grenoble echoes the dialogue of research, science and industry
- From the glove industry to hydroelectricity (the "houille blanche"), and now micro- and nanotechnologies, software and energy, Grenoble follows the rhythms of innovation.

#### Scientific Polygone campus

#### Health campus

East campus



# **AN EXCEPTIONAL ENVIRONMENT**

#### **5** International facilities

ESRF, ILL, EMBL, GHMFL, IRAM

#### 9 National research organizations

 CNRS, CEA, Inria, Inserm, Irstea, INRA, CRSSA, IRD, CEN/CNR

#### R&D business partners

 Sun Microsystems, HP, Orange, STMicroelectronics, Schneider Electric, Alstom, Xerox, Thales...



# **INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM**

#### Grenoble, City of Innovation

- ▶ 7,1% of the population works in R&D (2<sup>nd</sup> in France)
- ▶ 5<sup>th</sup> most inventive city in the world (*Forbes* 2013)
- ► 3<sup>rd</sup> European city of the future (*The Financial Times*)
- ► Top finalist for the European iCapital "Capital of Innovation Awards" (2014)
- ▶ 84<sup>th</sup> most innovative university in the world (*Thomson Reuters 2015*)

#### A Wealth of Thriving Business

Over 470 international companies in Grenoble and 78,000 jobs in the Isère area



# **ECOSYSTEM: STATE OF AFFAIRS**

- Grenoble's ecosystem is highly performing, yet
- There is a constant need for regeneration and for boosting its attractiveness
- There is also a need for inclusiveness

#### A recent study conducted by the Metropole showed that:

- There is an increasing gap between the perception of the highly qualified persons and their relatives on one hand and the less qualified population on the other hand
- Company leaders expectation #1 is the improvement of Grenoble's image and the emergence of a vision shared by all stakeholders
- Students are extremely happy about study and living conditions
- A rich and inspiring scientific environment

## UNIV. GRENOBLE ALPES@2020: LEADER OF ITS ECOSYSTEM

#### International recognition and visibility

• International recognition and visibility in order to attract companies and people

#### Strategy

• Be a **spearhead of the ecosystem to develop new ecosystem pillars**: Quantum Engineering, MedTech, AI, Green Chemistry, Circular Manufacturing, ...

#### Innovation

- Create and accelerate start-ups
- Fostering the links between companies and labs
- Developing Pl and expertise needed by the ecosystem

#### Skills

• Provide high profile skills for existing and new economic sectors

#### Coordination of stakeholders

- To share a mid- and long-term strategy with local stakeholders (local authorities, industries, etc.)
- Sharing information so that each one can be an ambassador

# THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF FRENCH RESEARCH-INTENSIVE UNIVERSITIES

In 2016, the French research-intensive universities were estimated to have contributed €42,5 billion GVA (Gross Value Added) and 362,150 jobs globally (étude BIGGAR, CURIF).

For each  $\in$  1 generated through their direct operations in GVA terms, they created  $\in$  5 in total benefits for the French economy

## **RESEARCH@UNIV. GRENOBLE ALPES**







TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Physics, Engineering, Materials 971 faculty members 1200 Ph.D. students



Particles, Astrophysics, Geosciences, Environment and ecology 500 faculty members 400 Ph.D. students Arts, literature, languages, humanities, cognition 500 faculty members 640 Ph.D. students

# **COMMITMENTS OF THE IDEX UNIV. GRENOBLE ALPES**



Human resources 26,8 M€

160 PhD10 junior chairs121 post-docs87 staffs

#### Other costs 10,7 M€

Equipment Traveling Internships Dissemination Communication

# **RAISED FUNDING: 2017**





33%

7%

60%

 33% international funding (8 M€)

- ► Europe : 6,7 M€
- ► Hors Europe : 1,3 M€





More than 100 publications



**Innovative actions towards PhD students** 

# **FUNDING RESEARCH AND VALORISATION**

Cross Disciplinary Program	Scientific and socio-economic challenges oriented interdisciplinary projects		
Scientific Equipment	Co-funding of scientific community equipement		
Innovation Grant	Foster innovation ; common labs with cultural and socio-economic acors, transfer acceleration		
Initiatives de Recherche Stratégique	Support new comers and emerging ideas		
Chaires IDEX UGA	Attract young talented people with ERC profile		
Postes environnés IDEX UGA	Attract talented people on permanent positions		

## **KEY SUCCESS CRITERIA FOR RESEARCH IN GRENOBLE**

- Visibility, ranking
- ERC
- Funding
- Socio-economic partnership

## **COMMERCIALIZATION AND TRANSFERT**

■ 96,1 M€ funding in 2017 excluding IP revenues and LLL

#### Transfer and commercialization

Action	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Start-ups		26	28
SATT Linksium projects	27	24	25
Patents	621	656	652

### **TRANSFER STRATEGY: DIFFEREND KINDS OF INSTRUMENTS**



### UNIV. GRENOBLE ALPES: INVOLVEMENT IN NUMEROUS LARGE PARTNERSHIPS FOR RESEARCH AND TRANSFER

#### Instituts Carnots :



(Partnerships between higher education institutions and private companies to promote the private-public research)

#### ■ IRT Nanoelec: 115 partners, 30 ongoing projects, 180 ETPT, 400 M€

(Long term partnerships between higher education institutions and private companies to intensify the **Industry-Research-Training dynamic** and that way, enable real **innovations and technological leaps**)



#### ITE : Supergrid

(Interdisciplinary platforms in the field of low-carbon energy, gathering skills of industry and public research in co-partnerships, with private/public co-fundings

#### SATT Linksium Grenoble Alpes

(Public funded structure that evaluate, market and license technology from University and Public Research Organizations)

#### **3** « Pôles de compétitivité »

(Competitiveness clusters: H.E. institutions + public research + small, middle and large companies) :







Thank you for your attention!