13 EUROPEAN COMPANIES SELECTED UNDER EIT HEALTH GO GLOBAL PROGRAM TO REACH CANADIAN MARKET AND HEALTHTECH INNOVATION HUBS

Following an intensive selection process through a dedicated European-Canadian jury, thirteen European companies are laureates of the 2019 edition of the GoGlobal Canada program and will benefit from a unique gateway to Canada.

The program will enable the start-ups & SMEs to enter three recognised Canadian innovation hubs which can act as major stepping stones into the North American market and initiate significant collaboration opportunities with qualified stakeholders.

The programme will run over 2019 and is set up as followed:
- preparatory workshop for Canada during the European medtech event MedFIT, taking place during 25-26 June in Lille, France. It will be the opportunity for companies to meet the local partners and have a first level of understanding of the local market opportunities;
- a ten days' immersion roadshow in the fall in British Columbia, Ontario and/or Quebec provinces to meet the local players (support structures, KOLs and potential partners), gain first visibility and traction and understand the local innovation trends and healthcare market access opportunities;
- final event and networking between the European and Canadian delegations during the MEDICA Fair in Düsseldorf, Germany, on 18-21 November to enable SMEs to share their experiences and benefit from an international outreach.

The selected SMEs are:

ADECOTECH: Innovative French SME operating in the MedTech/Telemedicine sector. Designer and manufacturer of remote robotic ultrasound systems capable of providing ultrasound diagnosis from distance in real time thanks to internet or satellite connections.

ALREH MEDICAL:
Alreh Medical designs and manufactures rehabilitation equipment. It is specialized in physical and cognitive rehabilitation devices for elderly (activLife brand) and in rehabilitation equipment for paraplagic users (iStander , Activ+, Activ Drive brands).

EVOLUCARE: Evolucare is a French family owned SME in healthcare IT. It has been successfully in business for 30 years in France and French-speaking countries of Africa. It has quite a large portfolio for a small company (ranging from EHR, Medical Imaging, Critical Care, Social Care to Analytics) and have invested intensively in innovation, in particular in AI.

HEMCHECK: Hemcheck Sweden AB is a public (Nasdaq First North) medical technology company and is based on an invention for POC detection of hemolysis in blood samples by Dr Mathias Karlsson. HemCheck is manufacturing and marketing a CE-marked concept, HELGE™, that detects hemolysis in blood samples in vacuum tubes and blood gas syringes during blood sampling at the point of care, with the aim to improve healthcare quality and patient flows while reducing costs

METAFORA: Metafora develops diagnostic tests that detect abnormalities in cellular metabolism. Using patented reagents that quantify cell nutrient transporters, coupled with powerful algorithms, the platform is able to detect abnormal nutrient consumption linked to illnesses such as neuro-metabolic diseases or cancer. METAFORA already launched METAglut1 on the European market, a CE-marked test for a neuro-metabolic condition, GLUT1DS.

MILVUE: Milvue is an innovative and reliable artificial intelligence medical device for real-time diagnostic assistance on emergency radiology, and more particularly on X-Rays. Milvue automates the detection of X-Rays related abnormalities of an emergency workflow. The mission is to improve reliability and fasten diagnosis by reducing errors and time to diagnosis, all together with improving communication between physicians.

MINDPAX: Mindpax is an early stage digital medicine company that is building comprehensive digital therapy for severe psychiatric diseases using new biomarkers, digital phenotyping and long-term monitoring of patients.

MY PATIENT SPACE: myPatientSpace is a scalable eHealth platform enabling healthcare providers and life science companies to provide digital engagement for their patients. The solution is easily branded and rapidly configured for any pathway. myPatientSpace app is the patient's treatment companion, bringing together education, consent, tasks, patient data and provider collaboration. The smart engine automates engagement and tasks across the patient's pathway - supporting better outcomes, improving patient experience, gathering data, reducing costs and driving efficiency in care.

RHEONOVA: Rheonova has developed Rheomuco which is an IVD medical device that use lung mucus rheology to evaluate lung congestion. Rheonova delivers a point-of-care test within 10 min and €10, with a quantitative biophysical marker and a specificity above 80%. It develops a series of test (diagnostic, prediction, companion) for chronic obstructive diseases like COPD, CF (Cystic Fibrosis), Severe Asthma, Bronchiectasis.

SANOLIBIO: SanoLiBio is focusing on the enrichment of rare cells taken from liquid biopsy such as circulating tumor cells (CTCs). We have developed a fully automated enrichment platform to make CTCs available for early stage cancer diagnostic, next-generation sequencing and drug development.

SYSTERV: Systerv has developed DoctorsHello which is an interactive "Connect-Collaborate-Share" ecosystem based on a network of collaborators (healthcare professionals /general users/ Healthcare businesses and policy decision makers), ensuring quality services. The ecosystem supports collaboration, provision of added-value services and easier reach to medical discovery through rich data, research and education.

TONGUE LAB: Tongue develops the TRP, first custom-made device for tongue functions and breathing re-education. Markets: Medical : cure of snoring, obstructive sleep apnea (OSA), prevention of comorbidities; Dental: Orthodontics, bruxism; nasal breathing; Wellness : sports and work performance.

WORLDISH: Worldish helps healthcare professionals and patients overcome their language barriers through its digital communication tool Helen. Helen provides translation support and documentation support using global healthcare protocols and standards.

The program is run by three leading healthtech clusters in Europe:

Medicen Paris Region: Medicen Paris Region is a competitiveness cluster for innovative health technologies, with national and international scope. With more than 450 companies, research centres, universities, hospitals and local authorities as members, it aims to position the Paris region as Europe's leading healthcare cluster. It focuses on five strategic areas: biological diagnostics, diagnostic and interventional imaging, innovative biotherapies, digital health and technotherapies.

Medical Valley: The Medical Valley European Metropolitan Region Nuremberg is an internationally leading cluster in the medical engineering sector. The area is home to highly specialized research facilities, global players and many upcoming companies.
Being convinced that innovative technologies and services will improve healthcare in the coming decades, key players from business, science, healthcare and politics have joined together in the Medical Valley EMN to unite their resources as a cluster to create synergies. The resulting accumulated technology and problem-solving competency is used to develop and market effective solutions tailored to suit global market demands.

Medicalps: MEDICALPS is non-profit organization and a healthcare industry cluster (biotechnologies, medical devices, e-heath) located in the heart of French Alps. MEDICALPS aims to accelerate the time to international market and to enhance connections within the local healthcare ecosystem.
The cluster gathers over 100 members including research and hospital facilities, local authorities and a vast majority of startups and SMEs designing and manufacturing medical devices. The cluster has also the support of large companies such as BD, Roche diagnostic and Medtronic.
The ecosystem is represented by a dense network of companies in the field of surgical navigation system, computer assisted surgery (especially orthopaedics), point-of-care devices, IVD, drug delivery systems and other connected e-health systems.