

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

Working together to build the LSHT ecosystem of today and tomorrow

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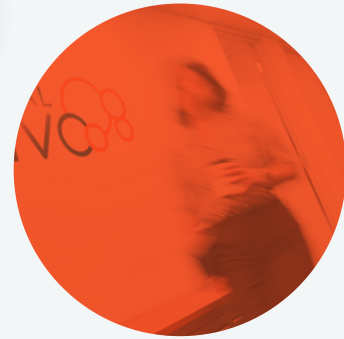
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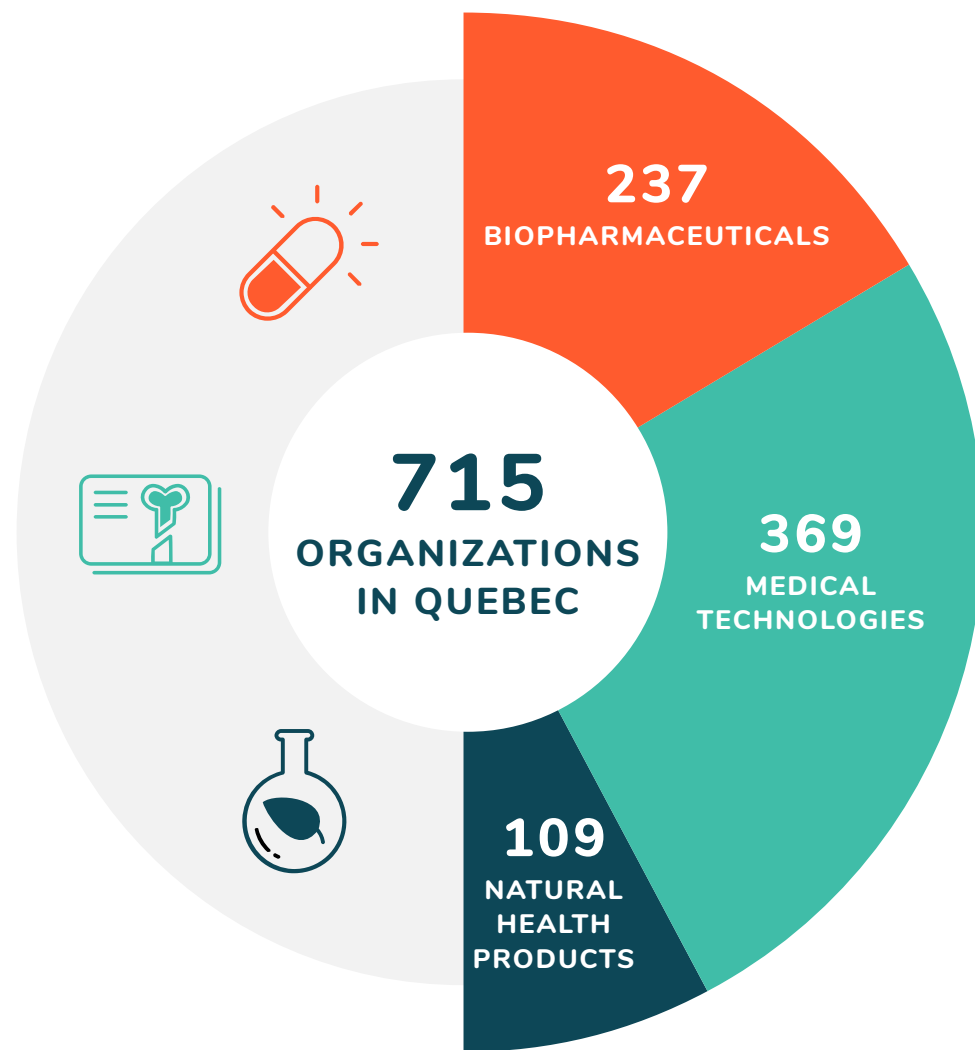
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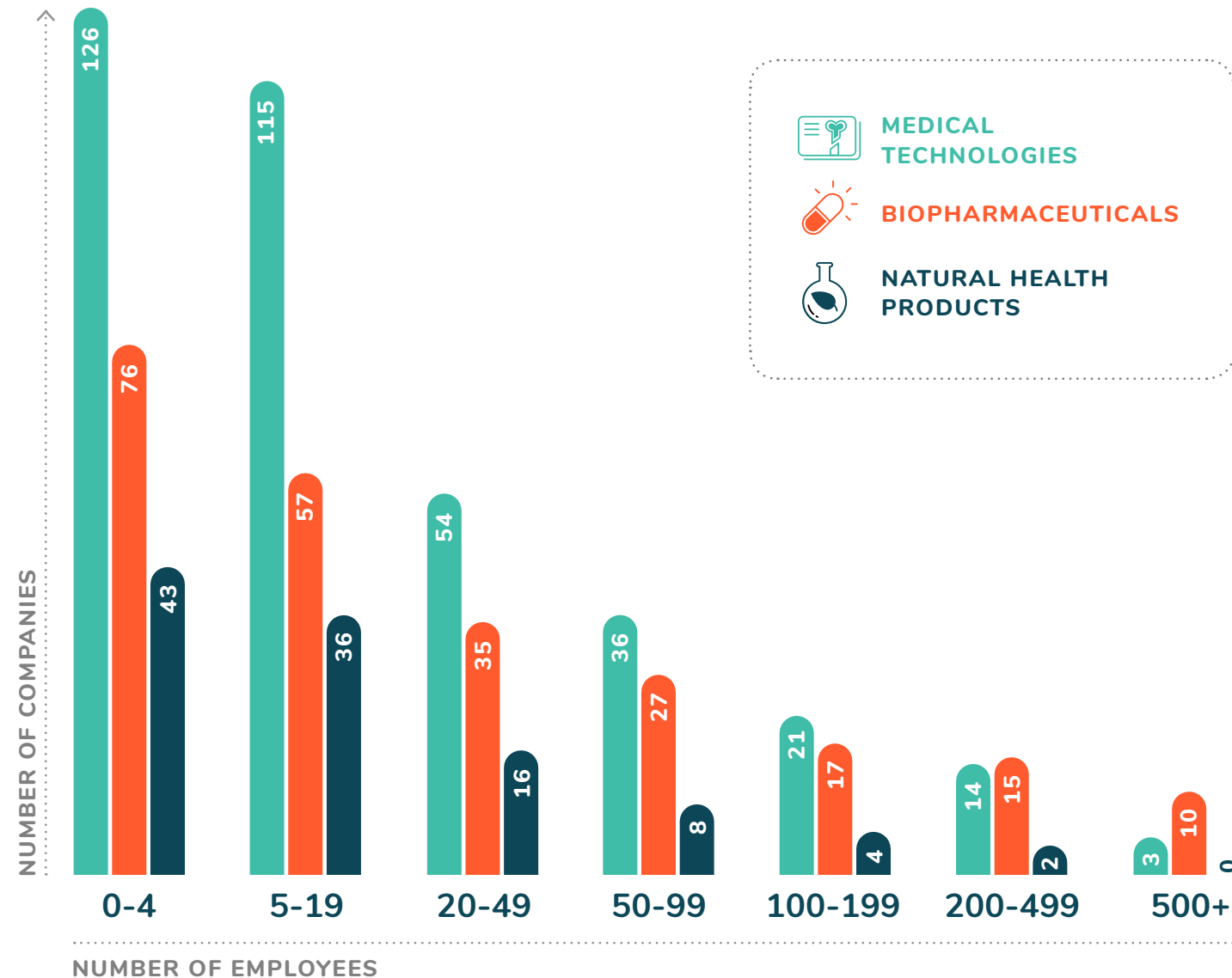
This section presents newly updated data on Quebec's life sciences sector, with indicators carefully collected in 2023.

Quebec's LSHT sector
IS CHARACTERIZED
BY A NETWORK OF SMALL
AND MEDIUM-SIZED
COMPANIES

NUMBER OF COMPANIES
BY SUB-SECTOR



NUMBER OF LSHT COMPANIES
BY SUB-SECTOR AND NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES



- MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES
- BIOPHARMACEUTICALS
- NATURAL HEALTH PRODUCTS



\$4.6
BILLION
DIRECTLY TO
ORGANIZATIONS
ACTIVE IN LSHT

\$6.5
BILLION
CONTRIBUTED BY
THE LSHT SECTOR
TO QUEBEC'S
GDP IN 2020*

*Total contribution includes direct and indirect contribution.

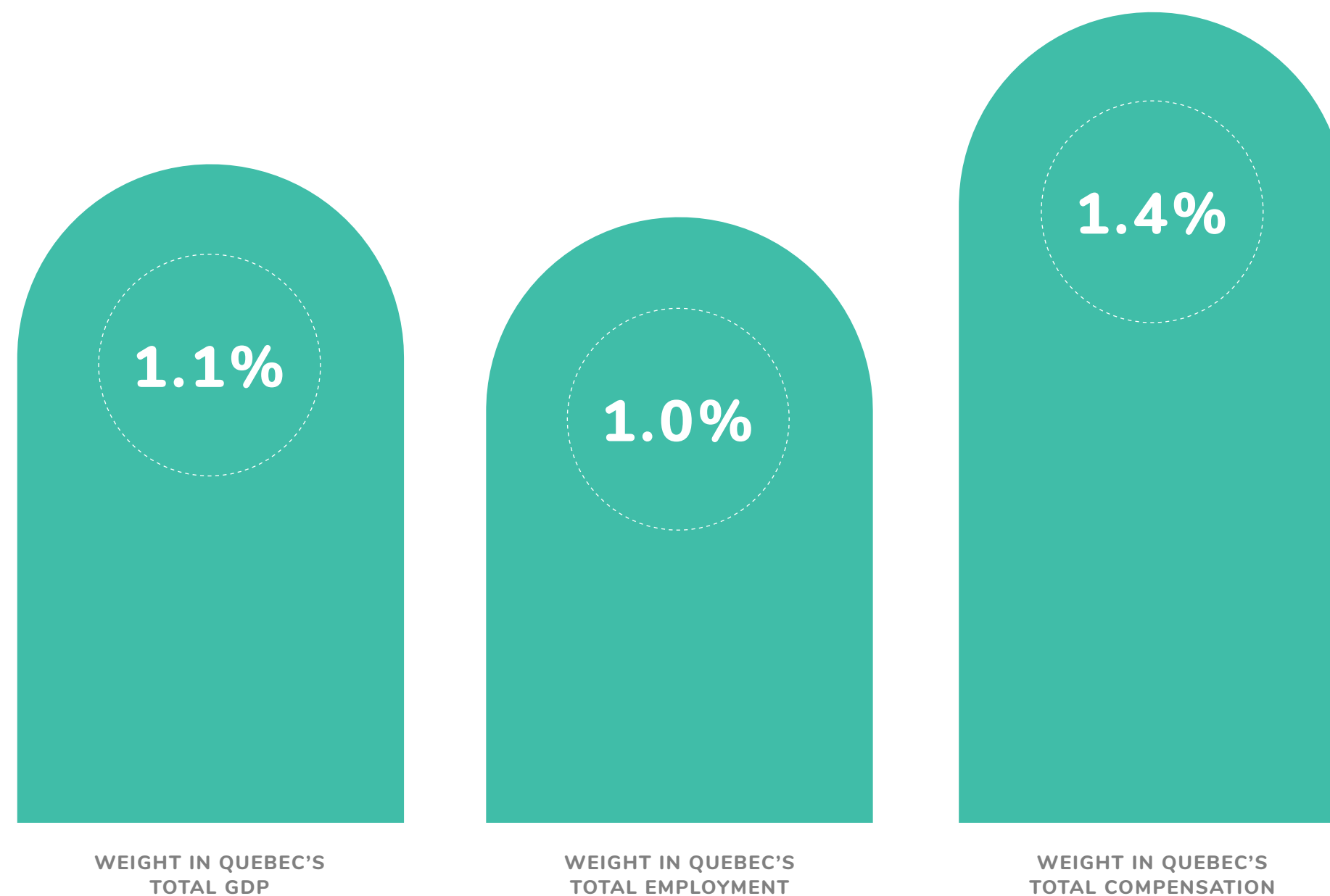
Key figures for LSHT in Quebec

- **10th position for the number of LSHT institutions** per million people in the workforce, compared with 20 other major LSHT clusters in North America
- **8 universities, including 4 with LSHT programs,** ranked in the QS World University Ranking¹
- **3rd place** compared to 20 other LSHT clusters in North America from **a cost perspective!**
- **5th** in comparison with 20 other LSHT clusters in North America in terms of **performance and attractiveness**

¹(Life Sciences & Medicine, 2022)

Relative size of the LSHT sector

Percentage data for Quebec and the LSHT sector, 2020



OUR DNA

For over 15 years now, Montréal InVivo has distinguished itself as a true leader in the LSHT sector. Our organization is at the forefront of identifying sector-wide issues and implementing initiatives to address them, acting as a catalyst to foster better interaction between companies and organizations in the sector. Our impact on the sector stems from our many projects, which integrate seamlessly with other economic development initiatives in the life sciences and health technologies sector in Quebec and Greater Montreal.



OUR POSITIONING

We are recognized for our strength of mobilization, our voice as a privileged independent interlocutor with public authorities and our ability to initiate and lead impactful projects to further develop the sector.



OUR MISSION

Montréal InVivo is a network for exchange, mobilization and collaboration in the LSHT ecosystem. We provide federative leadership to all players in the Greater Montreal area to strengthen the sector's growth, competitiveness and visibility.



OUR VISION

Distinguish ourselves through an innovative, collaborative and sustainable life sciences and health technologies ecosystem.

Our values

COLLABORATION

CREATIVITY

LEADERSHIP

INTEGRITY

EXCELLENCE

DIVERSITY

Midway through the 2021-2024 strategic plan

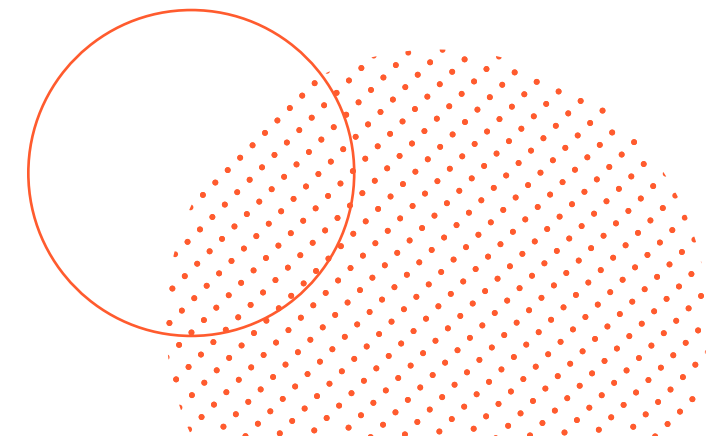
We are now halfway through our strategic plan, which aims to provide Montréal InVivo with the direction it needs to continue fueling and supporting the sector in the face of major ecosystem challenges.

OUR ACTIONS

- Studies and analyses (business intelligence)
- Mobilization and networking
- Impactful projects
- Outreach
- Support for businesses and entrepreneurship

This same plan has transformed Montréal InVivo's operating model, promoting an agile and creative approach through "project committees" that provide spaces for reflection and work to focus on the organization's priority issues, namely:

- Supporting innovation, from research to adoption
- Increasing the number and size of companies in the sector
- Ensuring an adequate talent pool in terms of quantity and quality to support the sector's growth
- Positioning LSHT as a key economic driver of economic recovery
- Strengthening public acceptability of innovations in the sector



Key actions IN 2023

Like every year, some of our project committees stood out for their impactful actions and remarkable achievements in 2023, which deserve to be highlighted!

- AI-health podcast
- Digital Transformation Offensive
- Economic data and indicators
- Biomanufacturing
- Early identification initiative for major neurocognitive disorders
- Rare diseases
- AI-Health Showcase
- Equity, diversity and inclusion

Economic data and indicators

MANDATE

Update economic value indicators for the innovation chain, as well as performance and attractiveness indicators for the LSHT sector in comparison with several North American jurisdictions.



ACHIEVEMENTS

The year 2023 saw the continuation and completion of two studies on performance and attractiveness indicators for Quebec's LSHT sector. The first study calculated the economic value of the sector's innovation chain. The second study compared Quebec to 20 other North American jurisdictions, all recognized or emerging LSHT hubs. Over 30 indicators were used to compare jurisdictions. This study will enable us to update the data on the "Industry Snapshot" page of our website for the coming year.

Biomanufacturing

MANDATE

Bring together players and initiatives to promote the development of biomanufacturing expertise in Quebec, to avoid dispersing efforts.



ACHIEVEMENTS

The year 2023 was marked by the completion of a number of actions related to the biomanufacturing project, including the conclusion of a study on the skills and training available in Quebec in the field of biomanufacturing. This same study also led to the creation of the "Niche of excellence" page as part of the redesign of our website, featuring updated key data in biomanufacturing in Quebec. Finally, in addition to its involvement in CQDM's RNA therapeutics initiative, Montréal InVivo produced a video presenting the ecosystem players involved in attracting foreign biomanufacturing companies to Quebec.

Early identification initiative for major neurocognitive disorders

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MANDATE

Prepare Quebec's healthcare system for the arrival of the next innovations with the potential to change the course of disease.



ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2023, the final phase of this project involved disseminating a survey on the perception of neurocognitive disorders by healthcare professionals in Quebec. This involved making preliminary contact with a group of clinicians to introduce the project and ensure their involvement in disseminating the survey. Through this process, we collected over 171 responses to the survey, including 10 categories of professionals. This commitment enabled us to carry out a complete analysis of the data, and to guide the working group in interpreting the results and identifying the hypotheses to be tested.

Rare diseases

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MANDATE

Monitor product portfolios under development for therapeutic indications, treatments for rare conditions and new cellular and genetic technologies.



ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2023, Montréal InVivo presented the rare diseases project to the MSSS, INESSS, BIOTECCanada and iRARE. The unveiling of the Action Plan on Rare Diseases by MSSS (*Ministère de la santé et des services sociaux*) on May 3, 2023 further underscored Montréal InVivo's central role in this project. We also solicited a letter of support for the *Réseau québécois de recherche en maladies rares* project, and made representations to the MEIE (*Ministère de l'Économie, de l'Innovation et de l'Énergie*) and MSSS following the amendment to sections 335 and 336 of Bill 15. Finally, we closed the year with the launch of Montréal InVivo's "rare disease mobilization table", with 35 participants.

A growing portfolio of projects

The diversity and multidisciplinary nature of Montréal InVivo's project committees, which are constantly being adapted and reinvented based on ecosystem realities, are undoubtedly the organization's greatest strengths.

Whether projects are in the ideation, development or financing phase, they all reflect the expertise and versatility of Montréal InVivo. The following section provides an overview of Montréal InVivo's 2023 project portfolio, with key actions continuing into 2024!



1

Life Sciences Entrepreneurship Development Program



MANDATE: Ensure that Quebec entrepreneurs have access to specialized training in life sciences and health technology.

ACHIEVEMENTS: In 2023, Montréal InVivo helped update the agreement between the program partners for the next five (5) years. Ten EDI scholarships from the Novascience program were also awarded to students to participate in the program.

2

Integration of innovations in health trajectories



MANDATE: Take stock of the integration of innovations on the front line, identify obstacles to adoption and propose concrete, pragmatic solutions to facilitate their integration into care trajectories.

ACHIEVEMENTS: In 2023, focus groups were set up in collaboration with the MSSS innovation office, to evaluate tools developed for companies. Training on clinical validation and meetings with key people during consultations on innovative procurement also took place.

3

InVivo Talent



MANDATE: Create activities to better integrate the next generation into the life sciences and health technologies ecosystem.

ACHIEVEMENTS: The creation of this project committee in 2023, along with validation of the agenda, programming and funding, has prompted the implementation of eight networking events over two years to provide a forum for the next generation of players in the ecosystem.

4

Sustainable Development Initiative



MANDATE: Initiate actions to raise awareness and mobilize players in the sector to amplify its social and environmental impact.

ACHIEVEMENTS: The creation of an intercluster working committee on sustainable development and the launch of an intercluster action plan were major achievements for Montréal InVivo in 2023. Key mobilization initiatives also included a workshop organized as part of the *Fresque du Climat* and a workshop held on digital sustainability in LSHT.

5

Continuum (SKILLS MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT)



MANDATE: Match the needs of a booming job market with candidates requiring additional training and practical experience to ensure proper integration and retention in the data sciences sector.

ACHIEVEMENTS: This year, the *Continuum* project moved forward with its independent search for host companies willing to offer training to their employees.



7

Implementation of value-based agreements



MANDATE: Propose an approach to facilitate the implementation of risk-sharing agreements, focusing on the implementation of real-life data collection.

ACHIEVEMENTS: The year 2023 marked the first steps in the development of this project, including initial contact with members of the MSSS, INESSS and the Cabinet of the Minister of Health and Social Services, dissemination of the project to companies, and discussions concerning its financing. Stay tuned for the coming year!



6

Collaborative research platforms



MANDATE: Give visibility to academic research platforms in order to foster collaborations with life sciences and health technology companies in the Greater Montreal area.

ACHIEVEMENTS: In 2023, a webinar on collaborative research was organized in partnership with Médicament Québec, with over 92 participants. Montréal InVivo also organized a panel on collaborative research at the EFFERVESCENTE event, as well as a *Jeudi B2B* (B2B Thursday) on the topic of collaborative platforms.

8

Support for start-ups (ACCÉLÉRATION AND BIOSUCCÈS)



MANDATE: Meet strategic needs by offering support and guidance through the Momentum program and AccélérAction committees.

ACHIEVEMENTS: In 2023, the third Pan-Canadian Start-Up Pitch Competition took place, with the participation of 52 competition-eligible start-ups, supported by 14 organizations that contributed to the selection and evaluation of companies. The project also included a webinar on the art of pitching.

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Quiet! We're filming

It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words, an expression that Montréal InVivo has taken to heart this year by producing audiovisual content for several of its key projects.

Thanks to the many videos produced in 2023, Montréal InVivo offers its partners and Internet users the opportunity to enjoy an immersive experience in order to gain insights into its projects and, ultimately, the Greater Montreal life sciences and health technologies world. From event summary videos to expert tips on current sector issues, relive the year through captivating videos that will transport you to the heart of Montréal InVivo's work!



Biomanufacturing video

With the aim of highlighting the ecosystem players who play a pivotal role in attracting foreign companies to Quebec, this project showcases the diversity and expertise of our sector, at the heart of attracting major biomanufacturing players to Quebec. The piece features rich interviews with a wide range of organizations, and magnificent shots of Greater Montreal!



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Interviews with experts Digital Transformation Offensive (in French)

With over nine videos already produced, the *Digital Transformation Offensive* project represents an opportunity for Montréal InVivo to strengthen its visibility by offering its digital community an overview of all the workshops organized as part of this project. Whether through a recap of the event or interviews with experts, the documentation of *OTN* workshops makes it possible to share expertise on a variety of themes related to digital transformation, while encouraging promotion of this initiative.



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AI Health Capsule (in French)

The launch of the *vitrine IA Santé* (AI-Health window) in 2023, as part of a major Canadian event dedicated to AI, was an opportunity for Montréal InVivo to capture in images its commitment and mobilization in a key area of the industry. Through this video capsule, Montréal InVivo promotes and highlights this initiative and the companies and research groups involved in the project.



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AI-Health podcasts

In 2023, Montréal InVivo launched the first French-language podcast (Balados IA-Santé) aimed at deepening knowledge of artificial intelligence and healthcare, the result of a collaboration with CHUM's **School of Artificial Intelligence in Health** and **Humaniteq**. Following the podcast trend of recent years, this on-demand digital audio format broadcasts expert perspectives on the challenges of AI in healthcare, all with a pedagogical approach tailored to different levels of knowledge. Once again, this project demonstrates Montréal InVivo's ability to adapt to the digital shift in the information it disseminates!



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The power of digital

SOCIAL MEDIA AND NEWSLETTERS IN FIGURES

The success of Montréal InVivo’s mission depends largely on the sector’s visibility.

That’s why the organization attaches great importance to its digital platforms and the messages it communicates and disseminates through them:



98 newsletters ·····↑
+ 25% ↑
INFOINVIVO, RESOINVIVO AND FLASHINVIVO
+ 5.9% ↑
5,186 subscribers to our newsletters



30 events
PUBLISHED ON THE CALENDAR

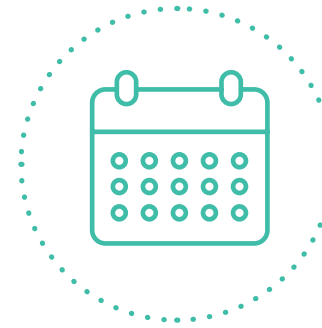


Social media
SUBSCRIBERS
+ 9.6% ↑ 11,321 **LinkedIn**
+ 15.3% ↑ 703 **Facebook**
+ 29.3% ↑ 300 **Youtube**

Mobilization

To strengthen the organization's positioning and encourage fruitful relationships with all players in the sector, the members of the Montréal InVivo team were particularly proactive this year!

In fact, the team is strongly committed to identifying the needs of the sector and exploring opportunities for collaboration to organize a variety of events.



Activities

ORGANIZED BY MONTRÉAL INVIVO
IN 2023

January 24

Webinar on the art of the pitch (in French)

February 23

Lunch & Learn: Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) Program for Life Science Businesses in the Quebec Region

March 23

AI risk prediction workshop (in French)

March 28

Lunch & Learn - Collaborative research: A driving force for bioinnovation and biomanufacturing in Quebec (in French)

June 15

Launch of the Digital Transformation Offensive

September 14

Launch of the 6th cohort of the Life Sciences Entrepreneurship Development Program

September 11-12

Launch of the Vitrine IA Santé (IA Health Showcase) in connection with ALL-IN

September 26

OTN x Continuum Workshop - Recruit tomorrow's digital experts: your competitive edge

November 1

Climate Fresk

November 2

ARC Webinar

November 17

Unveiling of the inter-cluster sustainable development action plan

November 21

OTN x Impact Workshop - Digital responsibility, the value that sets you apart



Press articles

March 11

« Quel avenir pour la production de vaccins au pays ? », La Presse, by Julien Arsenault

April 18

« GSK achète Bellus Santé pour 2 milliards \$US », Journal de Montréal, by Martin Jolicoeur

May 8

« Le parcours d'une molécule gagnante », La Presse, by Jean Philippe Décarie

September 15

« Bilan de *santé* positif pour Montréal », La Presse, by Émilie Laperrière

28 septembre

« Changer l'avenir, une recherche à la fois », La Presse, par Steven Ross

October 31

« Ce qu'une grappe peut faire pour les PME », La Presse, by Fannie Arcand

58
connections

342
active profiles

10
events
IN THE YEAR

A year to network

Business networking was at the heart of Montréal InVivo's actions in 2023. In addition to the many networking opportunities organized as part of our events, we launched ***B2B Thursdays***.

This initiative offers a monthly virtual meeting where participants schedule one-on-one meetings on the B2B/2GO platform with key players in the LSHT ecosystem. Thanks to B2B Thursdays, participants have the opportunity to forge strategic partnerships and find potential collaborators for their projects.

New year, new **website**

The redesign of Montréal InVivo website represents a crucial step in our ongoing commitment to provide an immersive and accessible online experience for our members and partners.

This initiative aims to modernize our digital presence to provide an intuitive navigation and efficient platform for our web users. With a focus on accessibility, user-friendliness and content relevance, the new version of our website will strengthen our ability to effectively communicate our mission, projects and events to the life sciences community.

NOUS SOMMES
Au coeur de l'écosystème
des sciences de la vie et des technologies de la santé de
Montréal

Nos actions

Montréal InVivo représente la grappe des sciences de la vie et des technologies de la santé (SVTS) du Québec. Nous sommes un organisme à but non lucratif de développement économique qui vise à créer un environnement d'affaires propice à l'innovation, la croissance et le développement des SVTS.



EFFERVESCENCE 2023

The fourth edition of EFFERVESCENCE took place from May 2 to 4, 2023 at Montreal's Bonsecours Market, bringing together the key players in Quebec's life sciences and health technology ecosystem. With over 650 participants, Montréal InVivo is proud to play a leading role as a partner of this event, co-created by a multidisciplinary organizing committee of 25 partners and supported by 31 financial partners.

650
participants

300+
organizations
attending

31
financial
partners

Through the efforts of the green team present at the event, an 83% recovery rate of residual materials was achieved for this fourth edition of EFFERVESCENCE, corresponding to:

- 31.45 kg of compost
- 7 kg of recycling
- 7.9 kg of final waste, i.e., 7.83 grams of final waste per person!

9 WORKSHOPS

1 JOB FAIR

570 B2B MEETINGS BOOKED

16 CONFERENCES

690 CONNECTIONS

12,300 MESSAGES EXCHANGED
ON THE NETWORKING PLATFORM



CONTEST

EFFERVESCENCE “Pan-Canadian Start-Up Pitch Competition”

The EFFERVESCENCE Pan-Canadian Start-Up Pitch Competition was back in full force for its third edition. The competition showcased a host of winners in both categories, “Medical Technologies and Digital Health” and “Biopharmaceuticals and Biotechnology,” namely: [A4i Inc](#), [Cura Therapeutics](#), [NuvoBio](#), [AssistIQ Technologies Inc.](#) and [Momentum Health](#). The winners were awarded several prizes donated by our sponsors: [Gowling WLG](#) and [MEDTEQ+](#), [Fonds de solidarité FTQ](#), [LOJIQ - Les Offices jeunesse internationaux du Québec](#), [adMare BioInnovations](#), [NuvoBio](#), and [Johnson & Johnson JLABS](#).

CONTEST

“Tell us about your research”

Thanks to the support of [VisTaScience](#), Montréal InVivo, [Pharmabio Développement](#) and [AbCellera](#), several winners shone in their ability to explain their research project in 3 minutes during the “Tell us about your research in 180 seconds” contest. This contest awarded [Fanny Nobileau](#), recipients of the Gold prize, [Étienne Marteau](#), recipient of the Bronze prize, and [Sharada Swaminathan](#), recipient of the Courage and Conviction prize.

CONTEST

“Spotlight on your SME”

This year, the first edition of the “Spotlight on your SME” contest was held at EFFERVESCENCE! The aim of this contest is to give visibility to SMEs working for or in the sector to make it more sustainable and responsible. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors: the [Conseil de l’innovation du Québec](#), [PME MTL](#), [Centre Jacques Cartier](#), [Air Canada](#), [Desjardins](#), the [Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes](#), [la CPME Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes](#) and [Take-Off.io](#), numerous cash and in-kind prizes were awarded to the winner of this first edition: [Ulysse Biotechnologies](#). The other two finalists were [etréma](#) and [Lumed](#).

CONTEST

“EFFERVESCENCE Stars”

The “EFFERVESCENCE Stars” contest has once again awarded three young Quebec researchers who have made outstanding scientific contributions to the life sciences and health technologies sector. Congratulations to the following three Stars winners: [Etienne Caron](#), [Pierre-Luc Boudreault](#), and [Guillaume Dumas](#) were awarded a \$5,000 prize from the contest sponsor, [Gilead Sciences](#).

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contests

Decision-makers

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Change of Board Chair in 2023

In 2023, Montréal InVivo was pleased to announce the appointment of Christine Lennon, General Manager of [Incyte Biosciences Canada](#), as Chair of the Board. We wish her every success in this new role! We would also like to acknowledge the crucial role Martin Leblanc has played as Chairman of the Board of Montréal InVivo since 2018. Although 2023 marks the end of his duties as Chairman, Martin Leblanc will remain actively involved with the Board of Directors.

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Board
MEETINGS

Our team

Driven by passion and the desire to collaborate, each member of our team is determined to use expertise and work closely with industry stakeholders, sharing a common vision: to commit together to shared goals.

In 2023, we mark the departure of Laila Benameur from her position as Director of Entrepreneurship, and wish her all the best for all the best in her career!



MONTRÉAL INVIVO TEAM MEMBERS' PICKS FOR 2023



FRANK BÉRAUD
Chief Executive Officer



Being a privileged witness to the development of several members of the Montréal InVivo team.



FARAH BENDAHMANE
Senior Director – Strategic Development and Partnerships



The launch of the IA-Health Showcase the ALL IN event.

Senior management



CLAUDIE NOËL
Senior Director - Operations



The challenge of my new role as Senior Director of Operations and developing tools to help the team.



ALIZÉE GOURONNET
 Director – Impact
 and Business Intelligence



The joint remobilization
 of intersectoral clusters
 around the preparation
 and publication of
 the inter-cluster sustainable
 development action plan.



ROBIN DURAND
 Directeur - Integration
 of Innovation



Petanque tournament
 with one of our ecosystem
 partners.



AUBRÉE BRODIN
 Project Manager



The outcome of the AI Health
 Podcast project.



INÈS DESANLIS
 Project Manager



Collaborative projects
 with different partners.



JOELLE CHRISPONTE
 Digital Communications
 Manager



All the team activities
 resulting from the creation
 of the social committee.



MALAK SALAH
Communications and
Marketing Manager



Completing my first MIV
project: the 2022 Activity
Report.



SOPHIE DALLAIRE
Project Manager
EFFERVESCENTE



Success of the fourth edition
of EFFERVESCENTE.



JOSÉE CÔTÉ
Executive Assistant
and Corporate Affairs
Coordinator



The challenge of starting
a new position on a superb
team and replacing Diane
Hubert, who had been
with the team for a number
of years and who was greatly
appreciated by everyone.
Big shoes to fill.



ANNE-LAURE GORGET
Director – Business
Development



Taking on the “business
development” role.

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new
TEAM MEMBERS

We are pleased
to announce the arrival
of Josée Côté on the
Montréal InVivo team
as Executive Assistant
and Cooperative Affairs
Coordinator, as well as that
of Anne-Laure Gorget,
new Director of Business
Development and Digital
Transformation Offensive.

Our allies

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partners

Our partners

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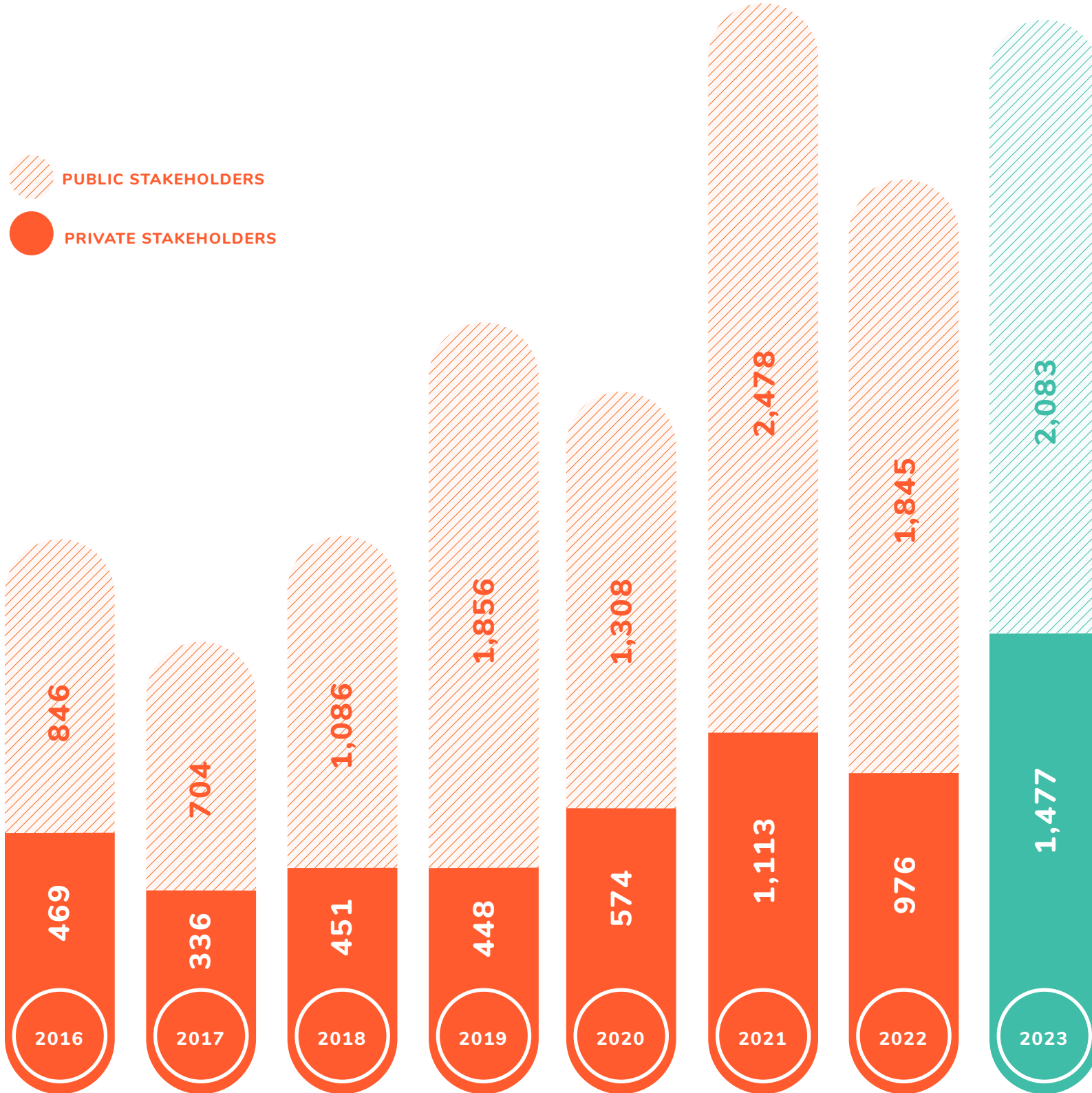
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IN 2023

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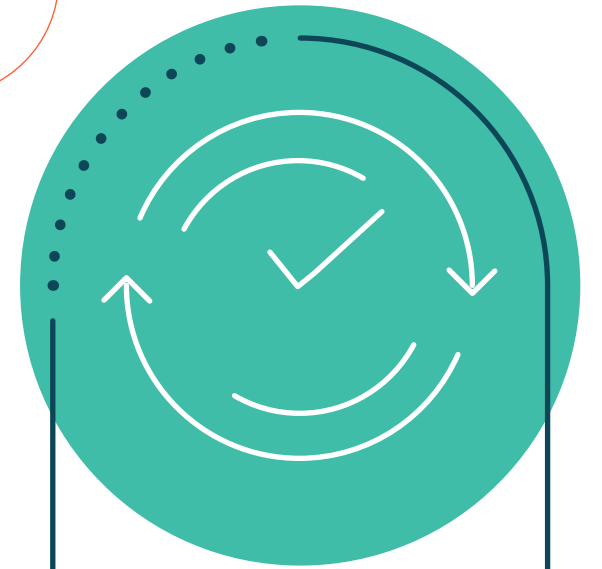


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