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# Stimulate collaborative innovation in Aerospace

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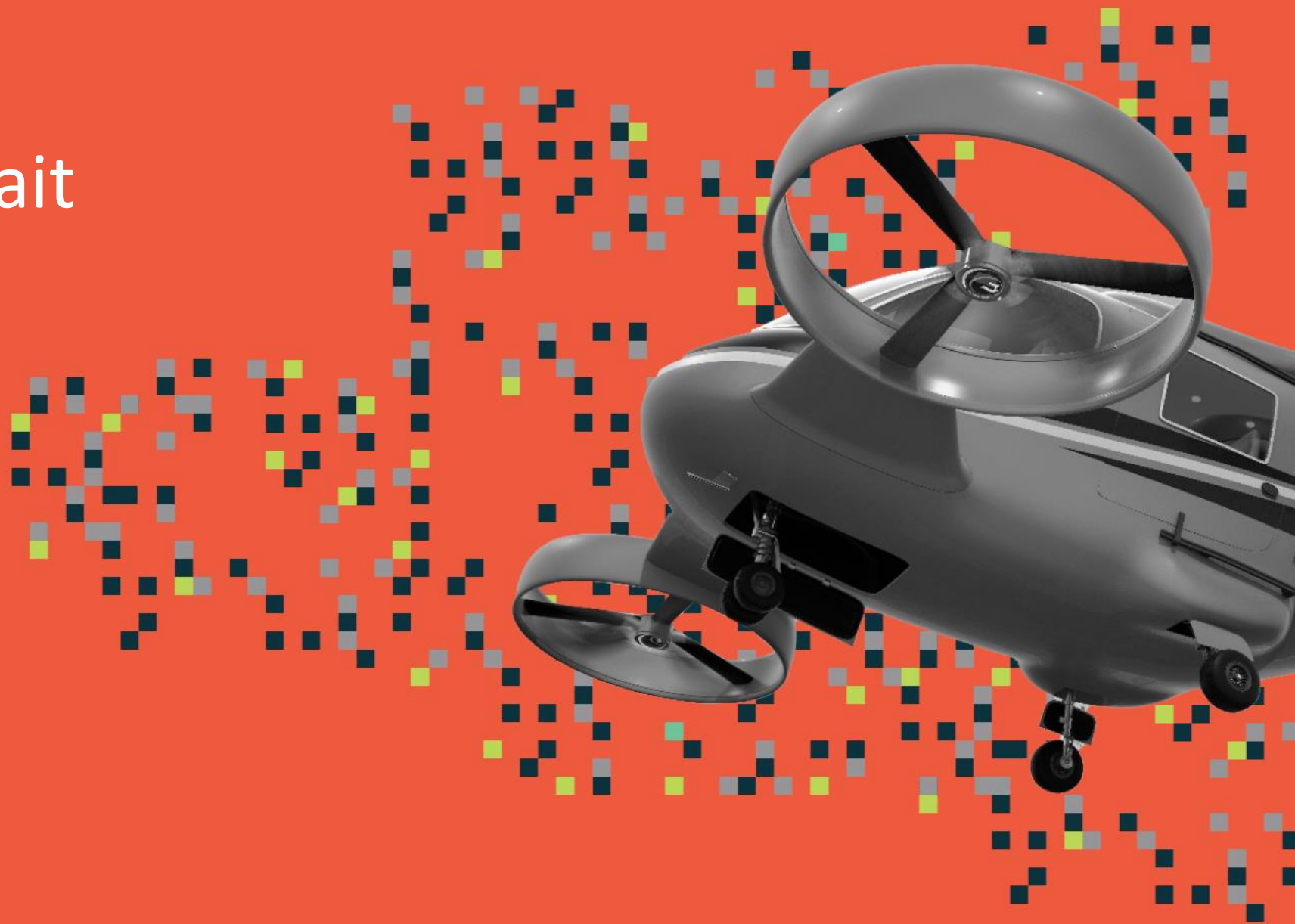
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# Industry portrait

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# — Quebec's aerospace industry a global innovation hub

**17,8 G\$**

■ Sales by the Quebec industry

**1.4 G\$**

■ Investment in R&D; almost a quarter of total R&D in the manufacturing industry in Canada.

**80 %**

■ of Quebec's aerospace production is exported outside Canada

**4 500**

■ New graduates each year

**+20**

■ Leading contractors and tier 1 companies in the territory

**+70 %**

■ of Canadian aerospace R&D is done in the Greater Montreal area

**43 400**

■ Direct and indirect employment



# — Canada's aerospace legacy continues

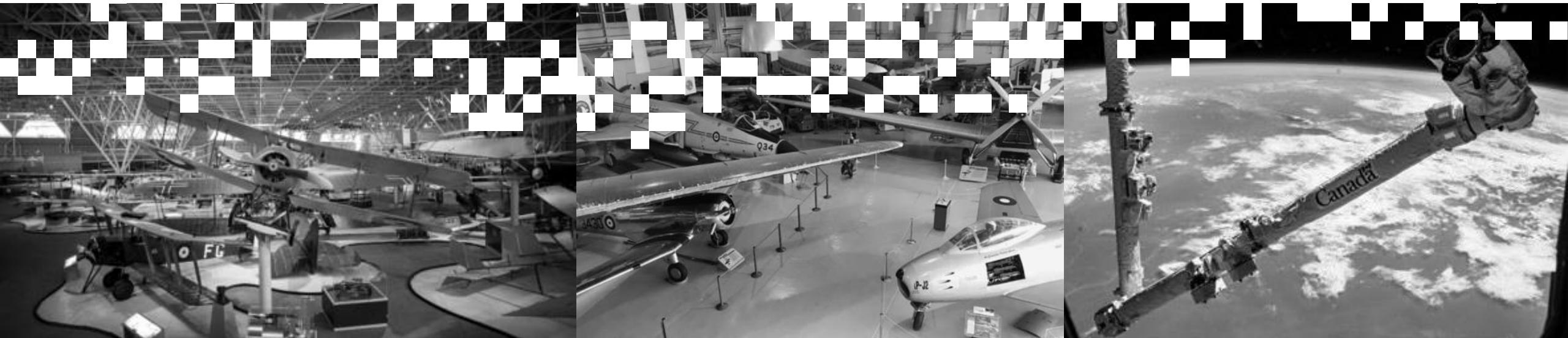
**31 G\$** ■ Annual revenues

**160 000** ■ Direct and indirect employment

**1.4 G\$** ■ Investment in R&D

**70 %** ■ Share of manufacturing in industry activities (GDP)

**+ 700** ■ Companies contribute \$31 billion



# — Quebec: a connected hub with various assets for the mobility of tomorrow

## AEROSPACE MANUFACTURERS

5 major contractors  
Strong presence of Tier 1  
High concentration of SMEs

- Aircraft integration technologies
- Rotorcraft technologies
- Engine technologies
- Modelling and simulation platforms
- Space technologies
- Landing Gear
- Avionics
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Complex Composites

## UNIQUE ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

World-renowned universities  
National Research Council of Canada  
Canadian Space Agency

## VERY ATTRACTIVE LIVING ENVIRONMENT

Pool of talent and genius  
Quality of research in science and engineering

## SKILLED LABOUR

50,000 engineers, including 9,000 in aerospace, the highest concentration of skilled technicians

## INTERNATIONAL AVIATION ORGANISATIONS

ICAO , IATA, ACI...

## FINANCING

MEI, IQI, FTQ, Caisse depot et placement, NSERC, Fond amorage and many others

## STRONG SUPPORT FROM GOVERNMENTS in aerospace and several innovative sectors

## FORCES IN KEY SECTORS

AI, medical technologies, electrification and many others

# — Aerospace and aviation: at the crossroads

## Transitions to be accelerated

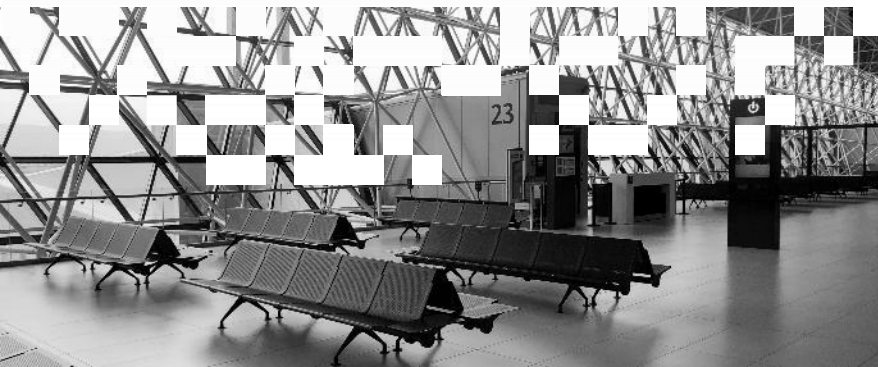
- Energy transition
- Digital transformation
- Growing interdependencies between society and technology
- Cross-domain competences and skills
- Complexity of training, research and innovation management
- Talents

## CRIAQ's strengths and ambitions

- Accelerating the decarbonization of air transport
  - Customer-centric future air mobility
- Renewing the aerospace world in the digital age

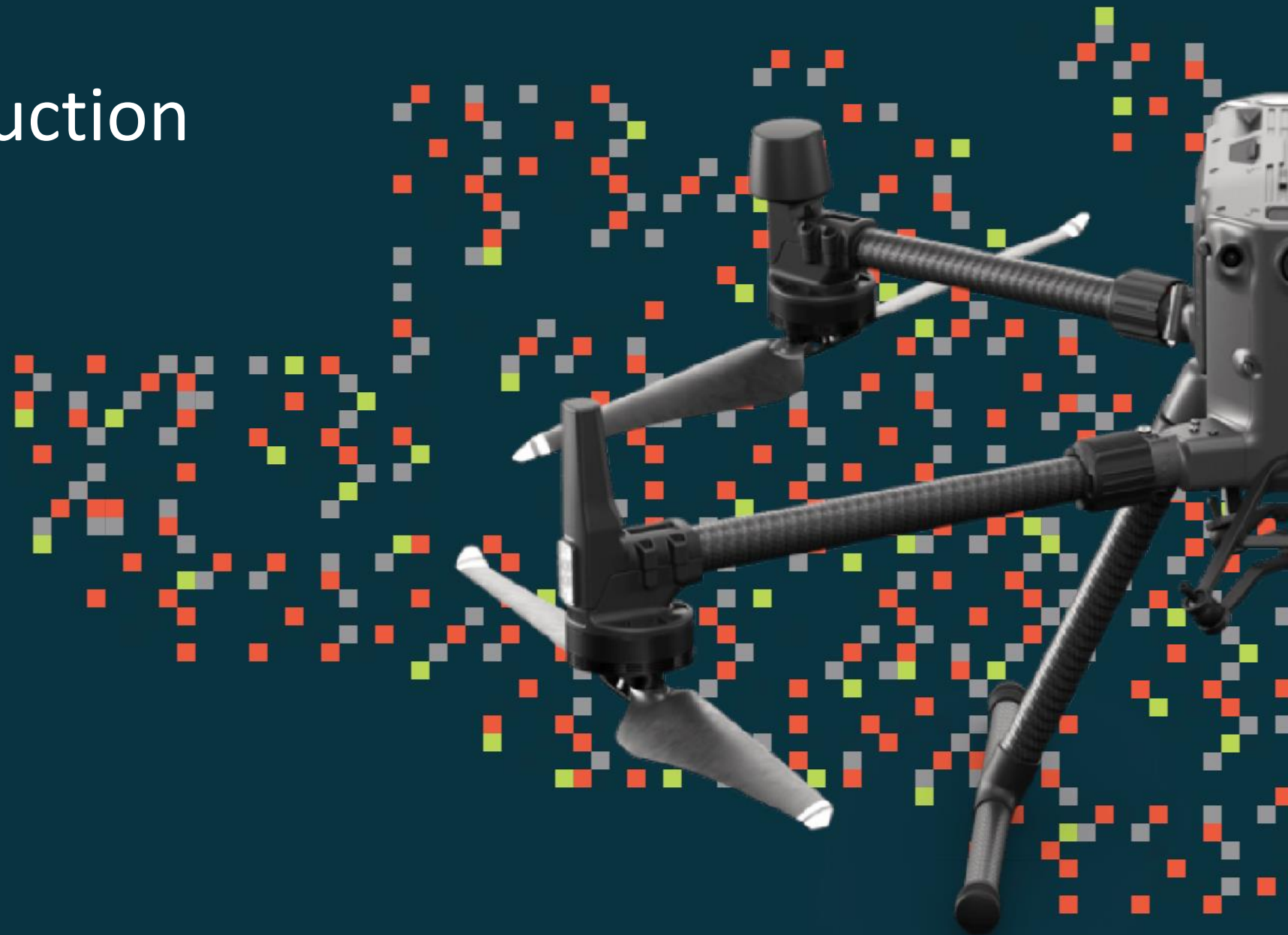
## Crisis situation

- Unprecedented health crisis
- Economic and public finance crisis
  - -80% decrease in air traffic compared to 2019



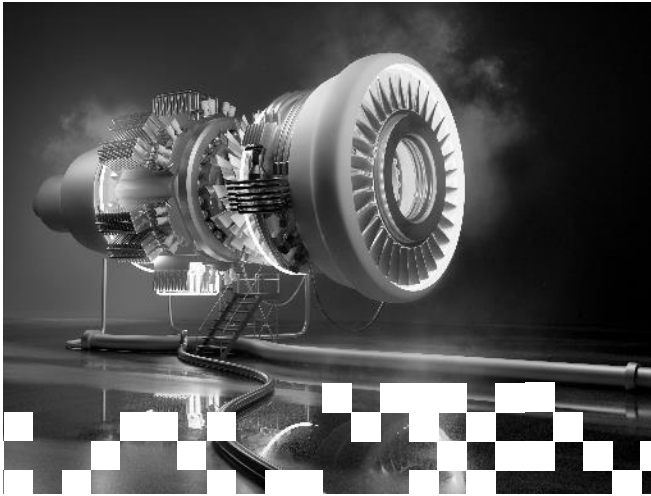
# CRIAQ

— Introduction



# — Purpose

***CRIAQ, a creator of wealth in Quebec  
through sustainable air mobility.***



**A sustainable, green, agile and  
bold aerospace industry**



**Air mobility for the benefit of  
humanity**



**An egalitarian and diverse society**



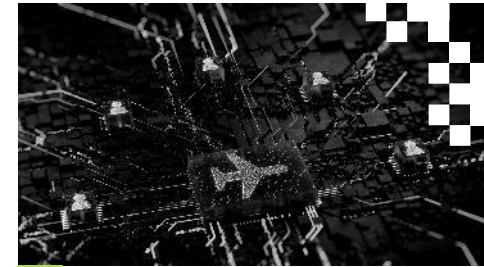
# — CRIAQ: a sectoral grouping for industrial aerospace research

## In the service of:

- Transportation of passengers and goods
- Satellite telecommunications and Earth observation networks

## Our areas of expertise:

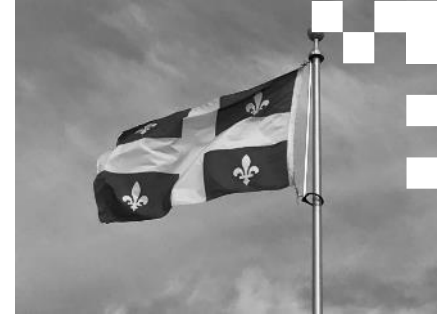
- Aviation, Aeronautics and Space
- Vehicles and platforms
- Key technologies
- Navigation and operational framework



# — A strategic vision to meet the challenges of the sector

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Strengthen Quebec's technological leadership in cutting-edge aerospace applications - sustainable aerospace, future air mobility and digital aviation;



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Support the co-evolution of the aerospace research and innovation ecosystem with other innovative ecosystems;

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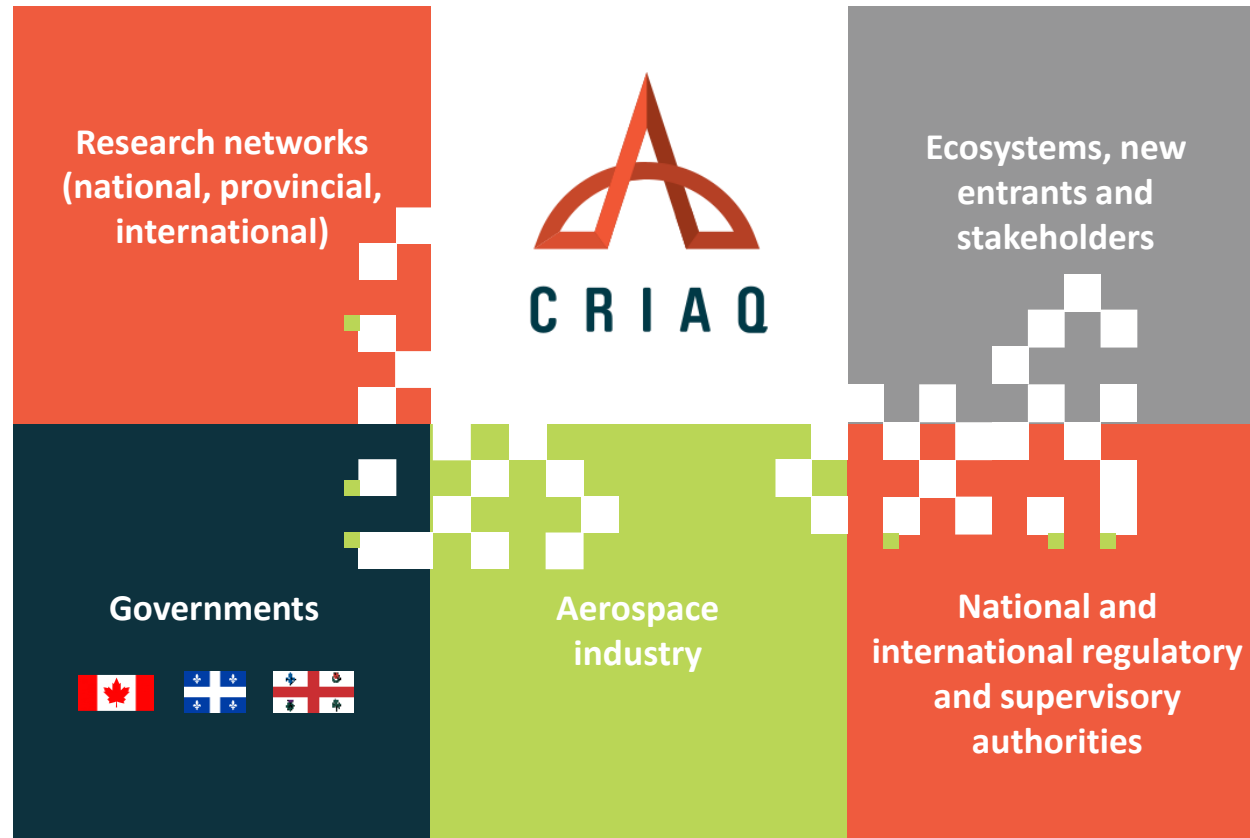
Stimulate diversity, creativity, talent development and the emergence of entrepreneurs and innovators



# — Leading the evolution of the research and innovation ecosystem

CRIAQ finances the **development** and **facilitates the valorisation of innovations** created by local and international universities, CCTTs and public research centres

CRIAQ's action **stimulates public and private investment** in research and innovation

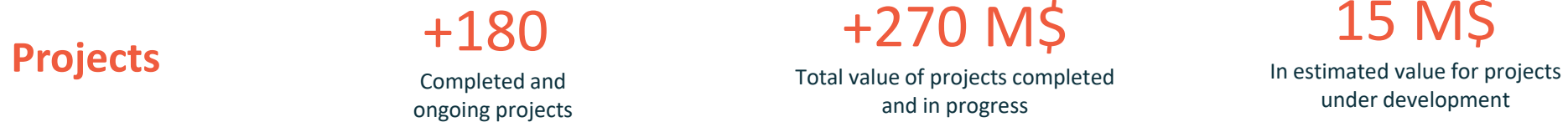


Digital, energy, electric, automotive, financial, cities and territories

CRIAQ participates in **identifying technological advances** and steps towards certification for safe and secure air mobility

CRIAQ **fosters the creation of impacts** on talent, intellectual property and the economic performance of businesses and Quebec

# — 20 years of impact\* through innovation and R&D for the Quebec ecosystem



\* The data presented is since the creation of CRIAQ

\*\*Data from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020

# Technologies and talent development

## Success stories from high impact projects

**Additive Manufacturing Technologies for aerospace components**

Projects from CRIAQ 2.8 MANU-601 and MANU-604

**Industrial leader:** Bell Flight

### **Opportunities :**

Develop a better understanding and strengthen expertise in metal additive manufacturing, through academic and industrial research.

### **Means implemented by CRIAQ:**

Funded by CRIAQ-MEI's Exploring Innovation program

### **Benefits for Bell Flight, and Quebec :**

- Increased knowledge of metal additive manufacturing, which was relatively new to the industry in 2013,
- Development of a network of experts and collaborators between principal aerospace actors, universities and research centres such as CRIQ;
- Development of a supplier relationship, for example with Fusia Inc. which printed a titanium part that was approved, installed and delivered on the Canadian Coast Guard's Bell 429 helicopters,
- Development of technologies at Mirabel, in Bell Flight's factories and with Quebec partners, which could be major developments in the design, construction and use of future vertical take-off vehicles, whether helicopters, air taxis or drones, and thus reduce the environmental footprint



# Technologies and the emergence of new businesses

## Success stories from high impact projects

Development of magnetorheological fluid actuators

CRIAQ Project ENV-404

Industrial leader: Bell Flight

### Opportunities:

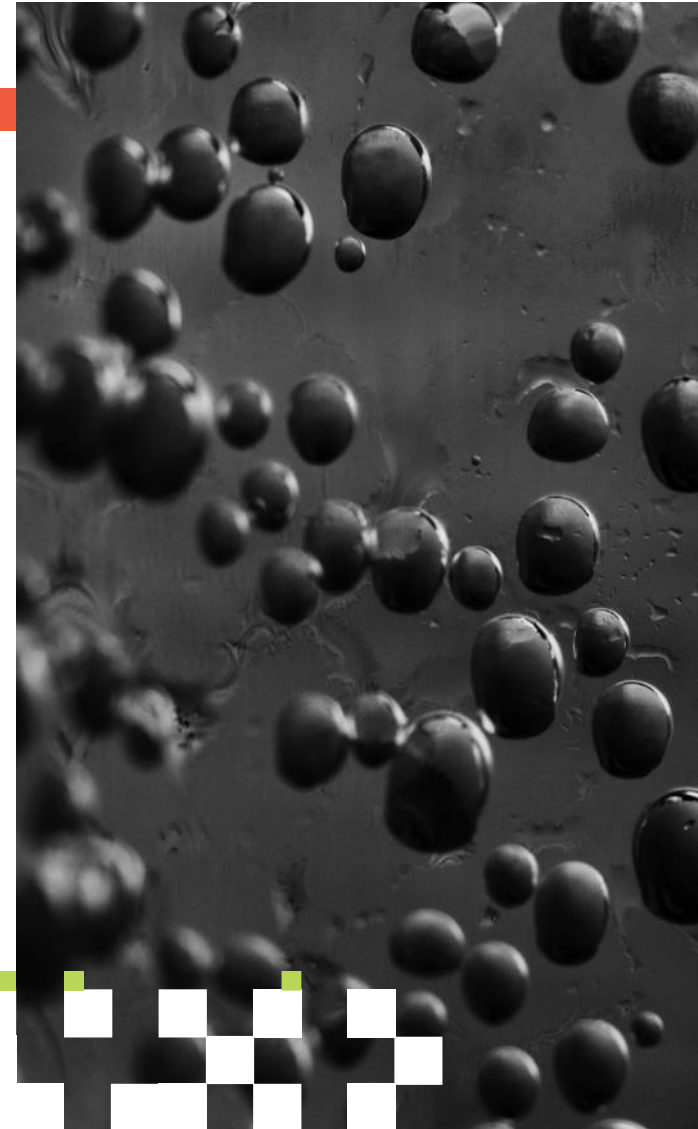
This technology, based on magnetorheological fluids, offers lighter and faster actuation than conventional technologies, while meeting the reliability required for the aerospace sector.

### Means implemented by CRIAQ:

Funding from the CRIAQ-MEI Exploring Innovation program

### Benefits for Bell Flight and Quebec :

- Emergence of a new generation of magnetorheological fluid actuators
- **Creation of Exonetik** in 2013, a spin-off from the University of Sherbrooke
- **30 employees** (more than 50% with MSc, MBA or PhD)
- **More than 25 patents/inventions**
- **2.5M investment** in the Sherbrooke area for a plant/development centre
- **Long-term Bell-Exonetik partnership**
- Exonetik is now pursuing the development of collaborative robots with the objective of going into production in 2022.
- **9 developments underway** with international leaders in the aeronautics, automotive, medical and robotics sectors



# Technologies and the emergence of new businesses

## Success stories from high impact projects

### Development of a helicopter drone

CRIAQ Project AUT-703

**Industrial leader:** Laflamme Aéro (PME)

#### Opportunities :

Laflamme Aéro's LX300 is one of the largest unmanned helicopter-type drones weighing 300 kg, and offering a flight autonomy of up to eight hours.

#### Means implemented by the CRIAQ:

"Small demonstrators" measure of the Quebec aerospace strategy

#### Benefits for Laflamme Aero and Quebec:

- Established a partnership with 3 other SMEs and 2 universities
- Creation of 8 jobs
- Development of several technologies and patents
- Positioning of a service offer in the autonomous systems sector
- Obtained \$1 million in funding from General Dynamics to develop a variant for maritime and military applications. Investment made under the RIT Policy.
- New investment for aerospace R&D: this funding resulted in a 2nd CRIAQ project approved in winter 2020 (UASMaSu)



# Technologies and the emergence of new businesses

## Success stories from high impact projects

### Pilot training: customising training to optimise it

#### Opportunities :

Define the state of stress of pilots and adapt the training process for the new generation of pilots.

#### Means used:

Funding by the CRIAQ-MEI Exploring Innovation program

- **Deepening of knowledge** on human cognitive/affective states through the use of biometric data,
- Ultimately, adapting a student's training to their specific needs in order to maximise the benefits of the training,
- An innovative framework will be developed to bring advanced biometric measurement technologies and algorithms,
- This framework can be easily extended to other complex and critical field applications such as medical and military mission training.





# Our services

Development of ecosystems and technological sectors



Intermediation, mobilisation, network animation and visibility of members



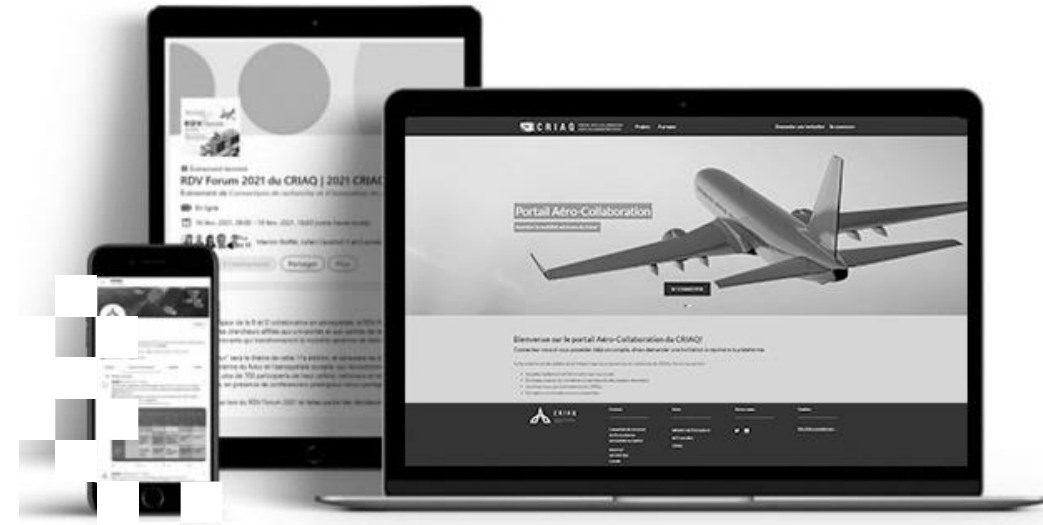
Management of research partnerships and funding



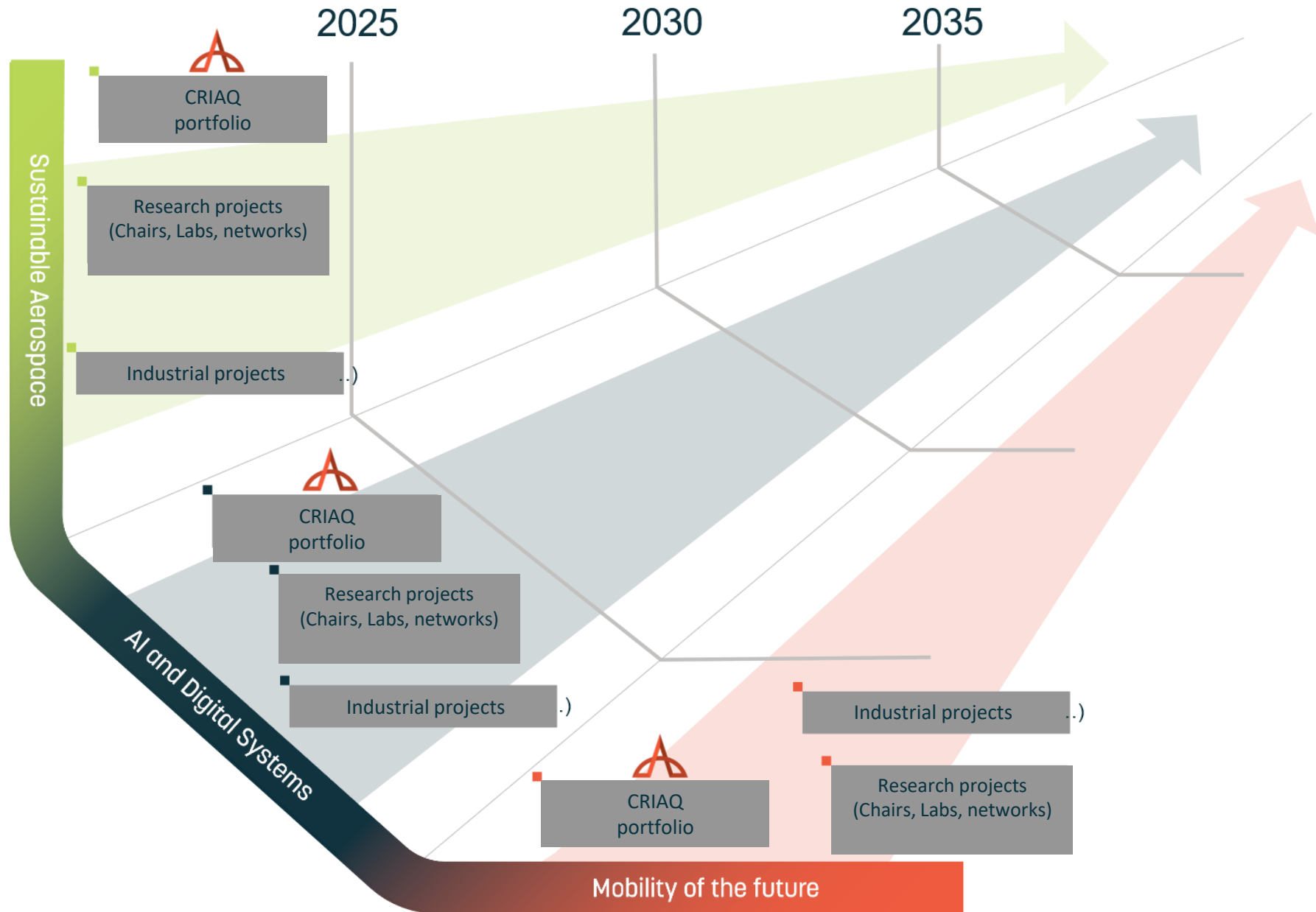
Monitoring and intelligence, tools, practice guides



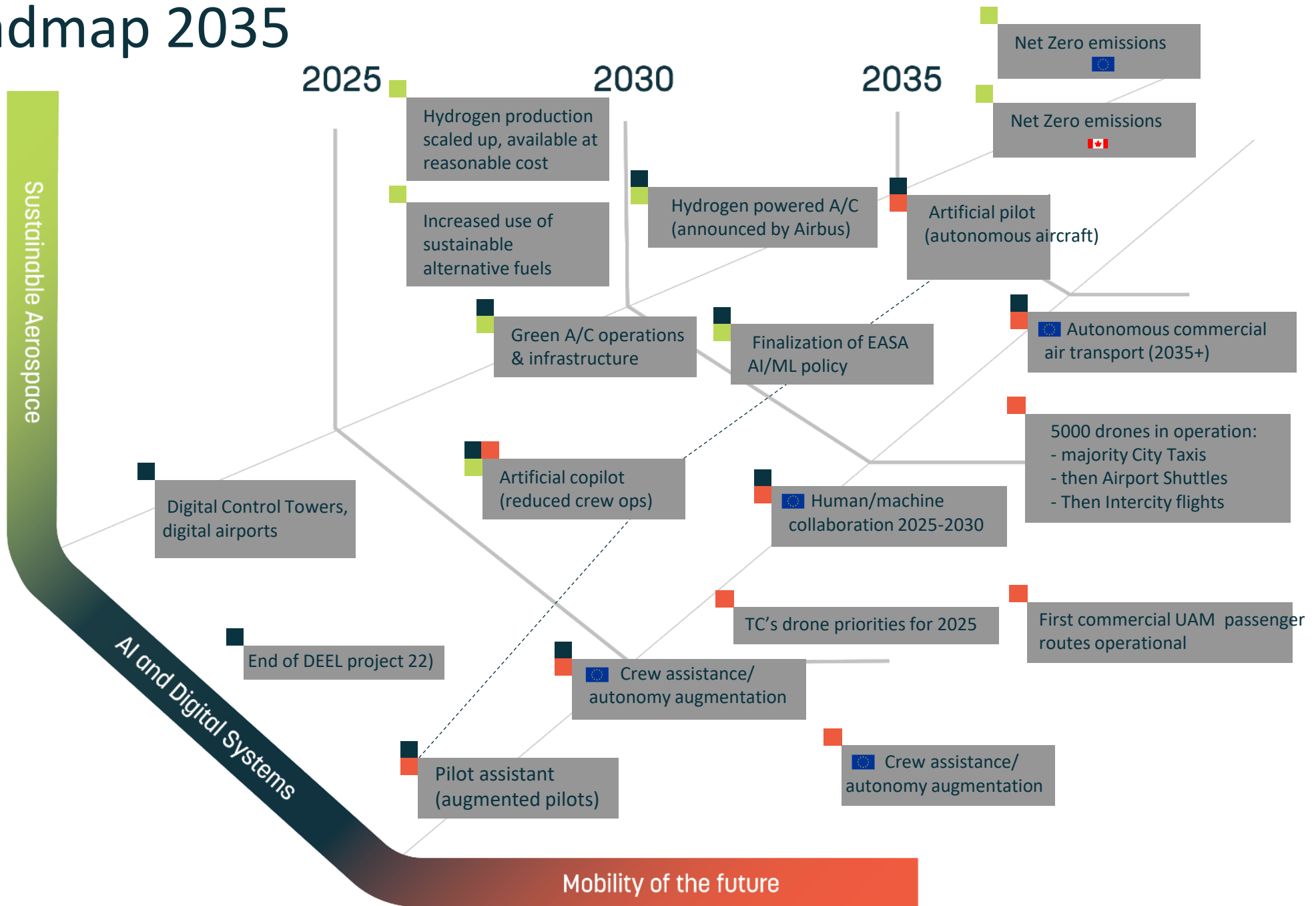
Talent development, accelerator and support



# Roadmap



# Roadmap 2035



# — Research and innovation is a collective and social act

CRIAQ has practices, processes, work tools, and a portfolio of projects that are  
*evolving on all types of innovation*

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For 20 years, CRIAQ has been a network of social and professional interactions  
advancing science, technology, products and services – that  
*support the mobility of people and goods*

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CRIAQ is your research and innovation network, a network of exchange and creativity  
for specialists, students, professors, entrepreneurs,  
*a network of collaboration to face the future*

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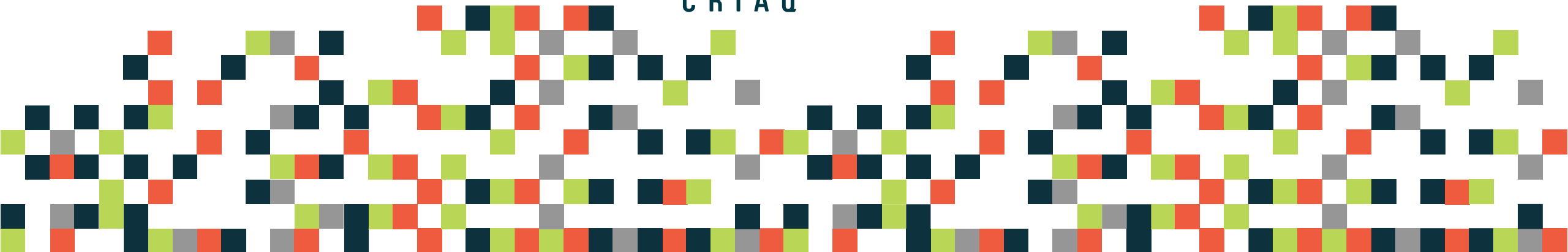
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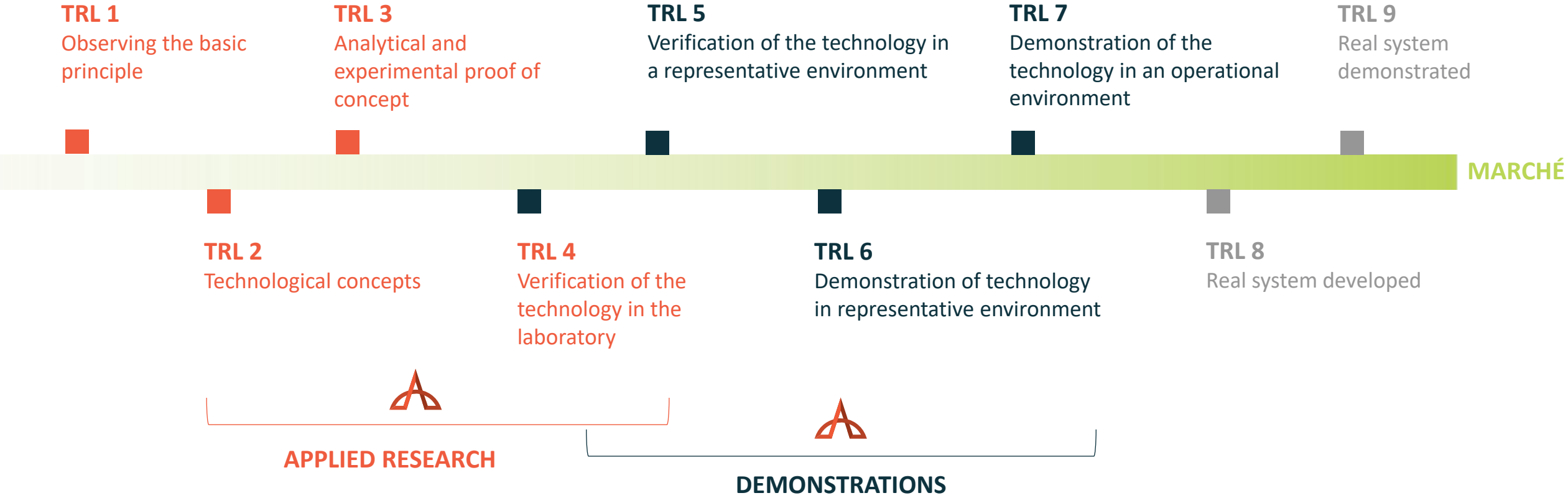
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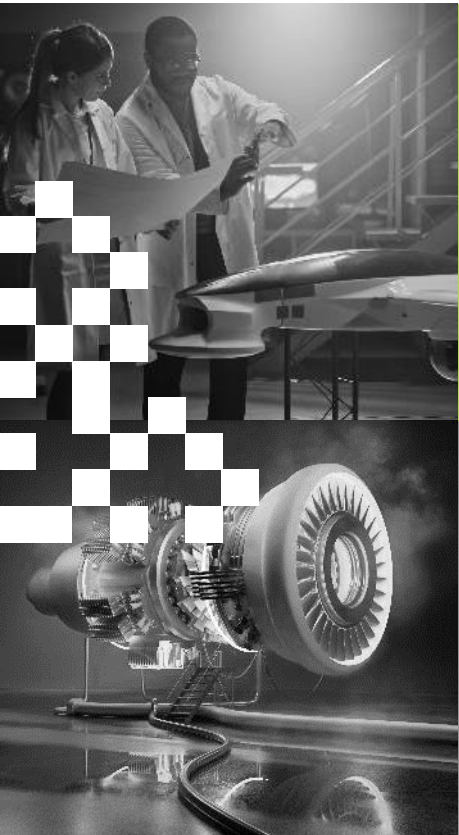
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# Innovation continuum



# — Project research topics



**ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY AND  
HYBRID  
PROPULSION**



**DRONES AND  
AUTONOMOUS  
VEHICLES**



**ARTIFICIAL  
INTELLIGENCE AND  
DATA EXPLOITATION**



**MANUFACTURING,  
TESTING AND  
MAINTENANCE**



**ADVANCED MATERIALS  
AND STRUCTURES**



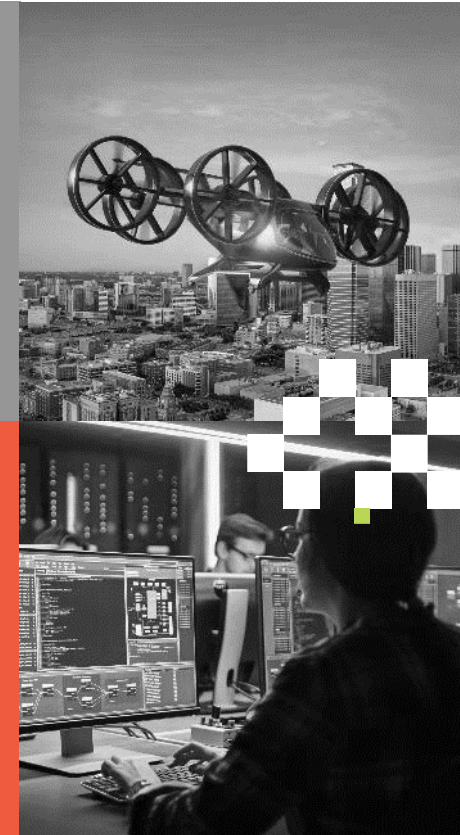
**INTELLIGENT  
EMBEDDED  
TECHNOLOGIES**



**CIVIL AVIATION  
SERVICES AND FLIGHT  
OPERATIONS**



**DESIGN, SIMULATION  
AND VIRTUAL  
ENVIRONMENT**



# Our project funding programs



## Exploring Innovation

Starting in TRL 2 or 3

- Exploring Innovation Quebec
- Exploring Innovation International
- Projects led and delivered by : Academics/Research Organizations
- On need identified by : OEMS, SMES,...
- Recipients of funding: Universities



## Maturing Innovation

End of project TRL 6 or 7

- Maturing Innovation Quebec
- Maturing Innovation International
- Projects led and delivered by : SMES
- On need identified by: OEM, SME,...
- Recipients of funding: SMEs and universities





# Our project funding programs

## PARTENAR-IA

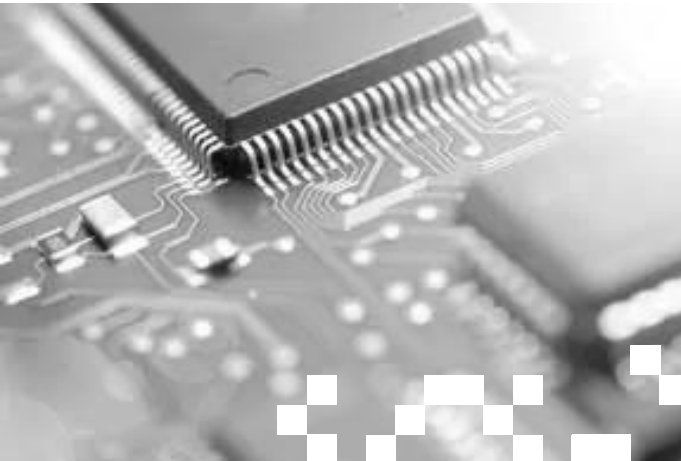
ACADEMIC

- Applied research projects proposed and supervised by industry and conducted by researchers.
- Grant recipients: Academic lead from Quebec

## PARTENAR-IA

ENTERPRISE

- Consortia of companies that have collaborative research projects in artificial intelligence involving SMEs or startups, in collaboration with a public research centre.
- Recipients of the grant: SME project leader



Services - Talent Development, Accelerators and Support

# Our support programs for SMEs and start-ups



## Accelerating Innovation

In partnership with NRC-IRAP

Providing SMEs with an R&D strategy

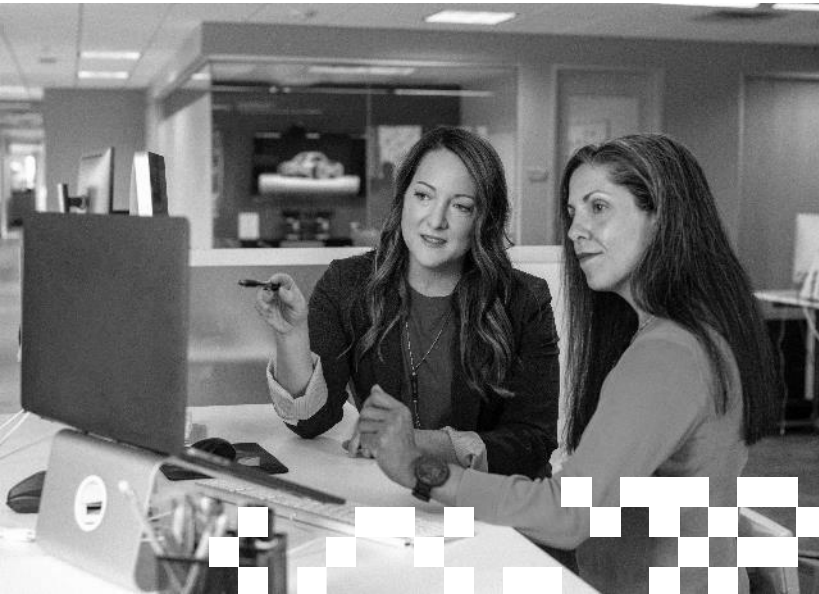
- Helping aerospace SMEs address the operational, commercial, financial and competitive technology challenges they face nationally and globally.
- Flexible and tailored coaching services



## CRIAQ Start-up Grant

Supporting the technological development of start-ups

- Targeted at Quebec-based start-ups active in the aerospace sector
- 2 grants of \$10,000 awarded each year



# Our programs to support the next generation



## Women in Aerospace Scholarship Program

- **3 scholarships totalling \$10,000**
  - Two \$1,500 scholarships to attract female undergraduate students
  - One \$7,000 scholarship to encourage a female master's student
- For female students in engineering programs and any other field related to aerospace and sustainable air mobility of the future, offered by universities located in Québec.



## Next Gen Innovation Sponsorship Program

- To financially support students who develop prototypes to participate in student competitions directly related to aerospace

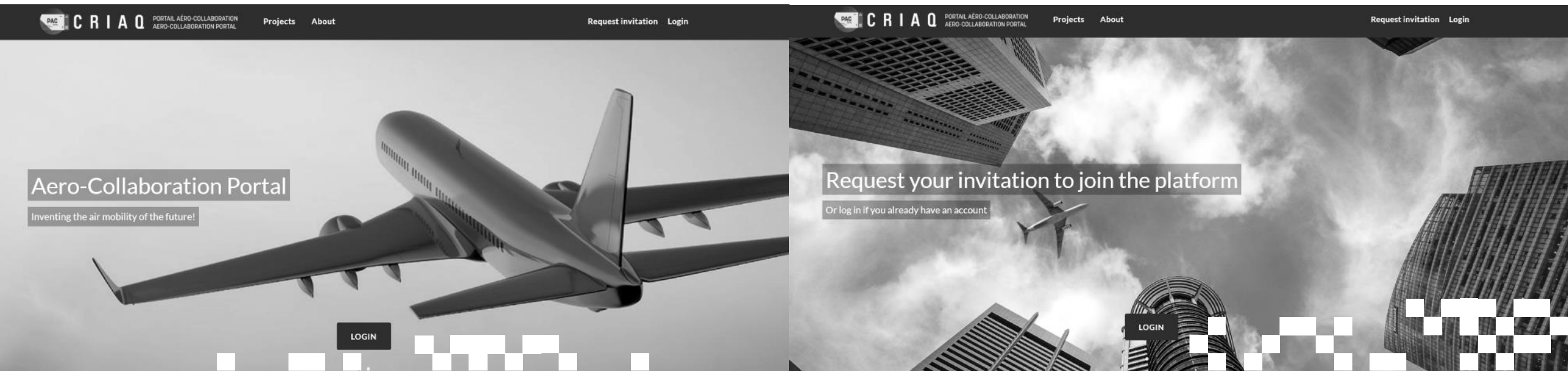


Services - Intelligence, tools, practical guides

# Aerocollaboration, CRIAQ's platform for collaborative innovation in future air mobility



- Free
- Reserved for CRIAQ members
- Access to all research programs
- Access to information on CRIAQ projects
- Exchange with project team members and participants
- Register to CRIAQ events



# Mobilising the aerospace industry

## RDV/forum

- The **leading event** for collaborative aerospace innovation
- Held every 2 years (odd years)
- Between 300 and 1,200 participants at each event
- Between 20 and 70 **project ideas** submitted at each event
- Participants from all over the world

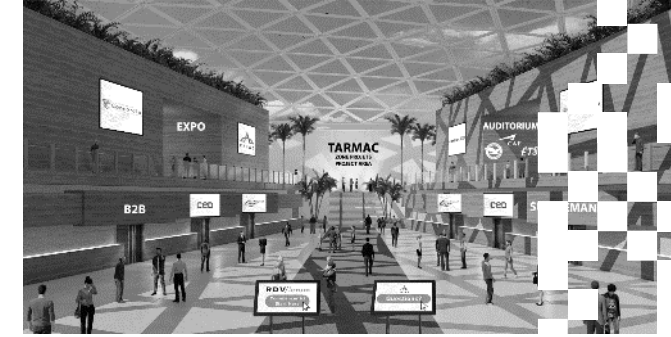
## RDV/réseau

## RDV/réseau en ligne

- **4 events per year**, face-to-face or virtual
- Between 20 and 60 participants at each event
- Presentations of new members and expertise
- **Opportunities to network** with all CRIAQ member representatives

## RDV/numérique

- Video clips on **industry trends and challenges**
- High calibre speakers
- Opportunities to discover and become known **within the CRIAQ network**



Services - Development of ecosystems and technology chains

# Mobilising the aerospace industry



AI and Digital Systems

Sustainable Aerospace

Mobility of the Future



Transport Canada



Partnership agreements:



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SAAB

And many more.

