

International Summer School VERTECH CITY 2023 *Circular Innovation*

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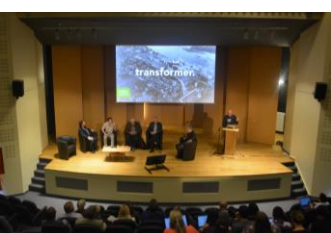
CONTEXT

The International Summer School - VERTECH CITY - is finally back! After a three-year break, the time has come to invite you to the 3rd edition, to be held this summer in Victoriaville (Quebec), Canada, in the context of its new "Circular Innovation City" where cities, knowledge institutions, businesses, and citizens are at the heart of the innovation ecosystem, acting as the engine and driver of a desired transition.



CIRCULAR INNOVATION

The circular economy is an increasingly cross-cutting approach, and as societal issues are exacerbated by both climate change and the pandemic crisis, it seems more than appropriate to deepen this theme during this edition. The content will cover the following topics: circular cities, inter-organizational cooperations, land management and public works, start-ups, eco-substitution, life cycle analysis, supply chains, urban deposits, industrial and territorial ecology, pooling of resources, bio-based and furniture industry in the circular economy and more!



WHERE AND WHEN

From **June 28 to July 8**, 2023 in Victoriaville (Quebec), Canada



CONTENT AND EDUCATIONAL FORMULA

- Preparatory session with participant notebook and follow-up session
- Theoretical and interactive sessions with more than fifteen highly qualified speakers
- Visits to inspiring local businesses and organizations specializing in circular innovation
- Networking activities (welcome cocktail, networking sessions, Canada Day, etc.)
- Group exercise (setting up a project responding to a challenge) with oral presentations to a large audience
- Connection with other cultural and local events: Canada Day celebrations (July 1, 2023)



EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS FROM BELGIUM, FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES

- 5 students (college, university) per participating country with a profile in green chemistry, environment, administration, management, engineering, entrepreneurship, social science, land-use and urban planning, etc.
- Possibility of tuition credits
- 2 to 3 speakers/experts from participating cities and universities with the possibility of virtual speakers



OBJECTIVES

This international summer school is organized within the activities of the VERTECH CITY network. The approach aims to provide up-to-date knowledge and enlightened perspectives on the socio-economic and socio-entrepreneurial issues of cities and regions, and on the technological and social innovations developed to solve or mitigate these problems. These schools are also organized to demonstrate the important role of mid-sized cities and local businesses in the research and innovation ecosystem, while promoting their rapprochement with teaching and research institutions. Finally, this school represents an opportunity for students to live a rich and unique experience of internationalization.

VERTECH CITY NETWORK

[VERTECH CITY Network](#) is an international network of medium-sized cities with universities. It brings together researchers and public and economic actors interested in finding global and sustainable solutions. Its members include the cities of Lafayette, Victoriaville and Namur.

PREVIOUS EDITIONS

To [view the content of previous editions](#) held in Namur (2019) and Victoriaville (2017).

SHOW YOUR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING

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