

# MAKIT

MONTPELLIER  
ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE  
INSTITUTE ON **TRANSITIONS**



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« THINK THE UNTHINKABLE:  
ACCELERATING TRANSITIONS TOWARDS  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT »

## THE MONTPELLIER ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE INSTITUTE ON TRANSITIONS (MAK'IT)

IS A NEWCOMER AMONG THE INSTITUTES OF ADVANCED STUDIES (IAS) AND ONE OF THE FLAGSHIP PROJECTS OF THE 'MONTPELLIER UNIVERSITY OF EXCELLENCE' INITIATIVE.



Launched in the first quarter 2019, MAK'IT contributes, by mobilizing scientific communities for the development of a new collective intelligence on action towards sustainable development, to the international visibility of the University of Montpellier and its strategic partners.

## ONE VISION

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted under the aegis of the United Nations, will only be achieved by 2030 through a profound transformation of our societies towards more innovative, integrative and adaptive models. This transformation lies itself on a series of major transitions that need to be orchestrated in the interlinked areas of health, environment and climate change, food and agriculture. From local to global, they represent many new challenges to accompany for research and teaching. MAK'IT's goal is to contribute to the renewal of places and forms of scientific knowledge mobilisation and invent new fora to apprehend the multiple controversies provoked by these changes.

## ONE MISSION

Analyse, accompany and accelerate agri-food, environmental and health transitions necessary to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## THREE FUNCTIONS

### PLAN

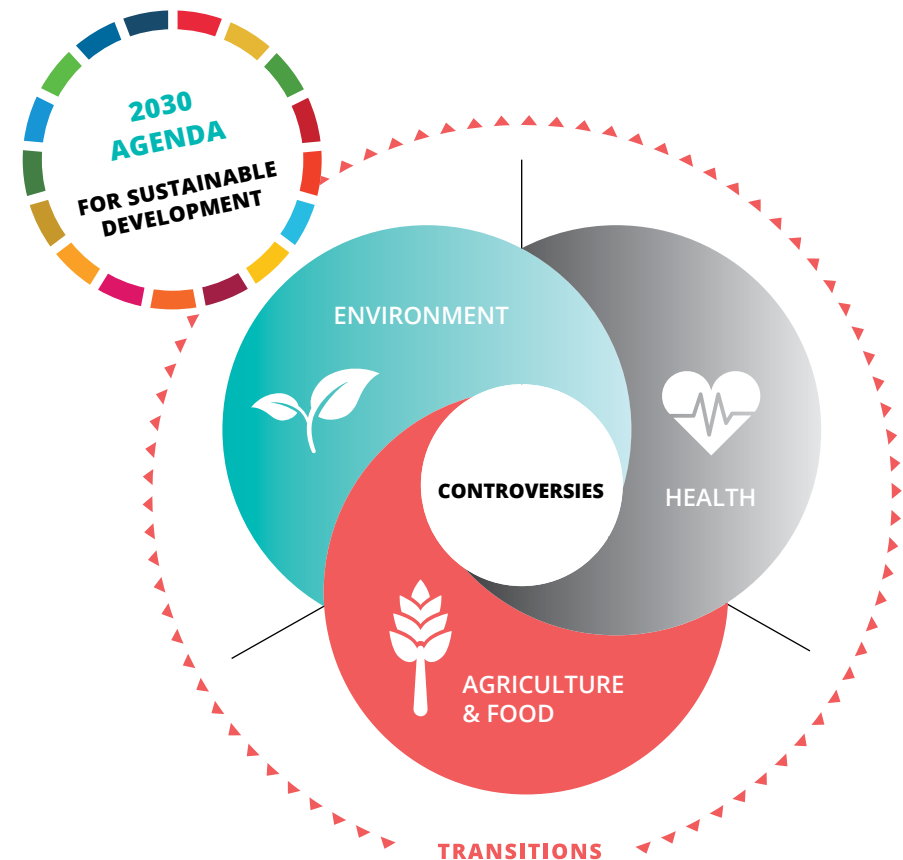
Contribute to research and teaching planning on these transitions and support the development of a corresponding school of thought at local, national and international levels.

### PROJECT

Identify and stimulate the realisation of related foresight exercises and strengthen the skills necessary to drive the transitions.

### INFLUENCE

Feed societal debates related to these transitions at national and international levels, answering both public and private requests by acting as a science-society and science-policy interface.



# ACTIVITIES

## 1. HOSTING WORLD-CLASS RESEARCHERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

**MAK'IT** offers academics, scientists, policy-makers, socio-economic actors and artists coming from diverse geographical and disciplinary backgrounds, the possibility to explore a research theme for several months in Montpellier. At the heart of the Institute's project, this activity is co-organised with local institutions and laboratories in order to stimulate exchanges, collaborations and intellectual production in addressing controversies previously selected for their impact on transitions towards sustainable development.

## 2. ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS IN MONTPELLIER

With the objective of strengthening the engagement of scientific communities in public debate, **MAK'IT** is prepared to play a leading role in the organization of high-level conferences, workshops and public encounters bringing together researchers and other stakeholders from Montpellier and beyond.

## 3. CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TRAINING AND TEACHING PROGRAMMES IN MAKIT'S THREE THEMATIC AREAS

As an innovative laboratory for change, **MAK'IT** is dedicated to making the conclusions of its work useful to future generations and to stimulate their engagement towards sustainable development. In addition to a widespread circulation of its publications, the Institute aims to encourage the development of innovative educational content and teaching curricula, and to establish 'immersion' programmes for students as well as Summer Schools open to PhDs and post-doctoral students.

## 4. ELABORATION AND COORDINATION OF EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES IN LINE WITH THE SDGS

**MAK'IT** builds privileged partnerships with other organisations, fora, think tanks of the same kind or interested in similar thematic areas, with a particular emphasis on scientific capacity building in countries from the 'Global South'.

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# MAK'IT'S SPECIFICITIES

● 3 main action areas:  
**Agriculture & Food, Environment and Health**

● The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as main framework

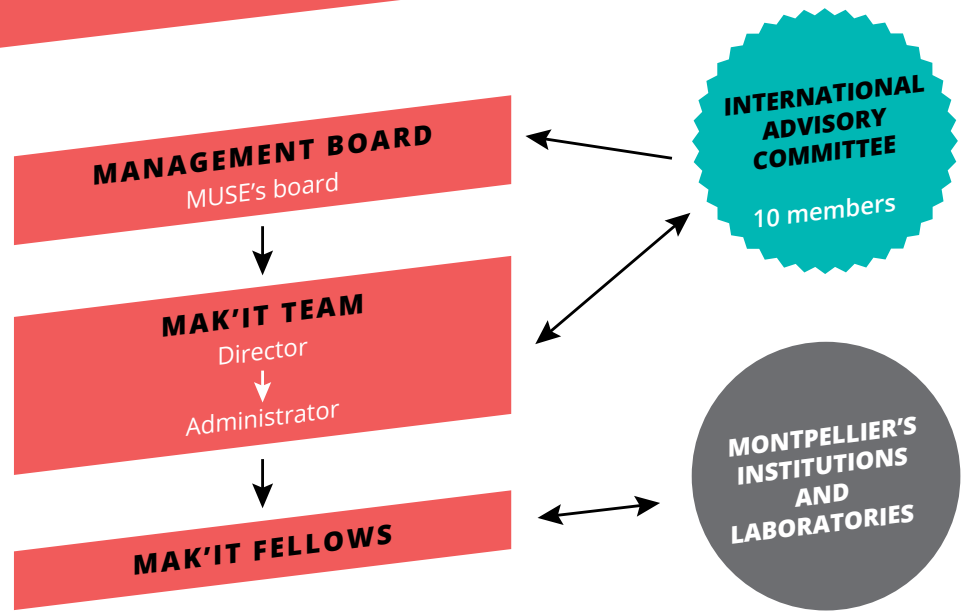
● An original approach via the treatment of controversies

● A reinforced dialogue between life sciences and social sciences

● A geographical focus on the 'Global South' ('Leaving no scientific community behind')

● An anchorage within a dense network of both local and international academic and institutional partners

# GOVERNANCE



- SCIENCE -

- CONTROVERSIES -

- INTERDISCIPLINARITY -

- PARTNERSHIPS -

- INNOVATION -

- EXCELLENCE -

Under the stewardship of the University of Montpellier, MUSE brings together Montpellier's scientific and academic institutions with the common ambition to create a university internationally recognized for its expertise and impact in the interlinked fields of health, the environment, and agriculture and food.

The project, which has been awarded the I-SITE (Initiative Science, Innovation, Territories, Economy) label by the French Government within the framework of its programme 'Investing for the future', is endowed with an initial allocation of € 550 million.

# MUSE

## IN NUMBERS

**19 MEMBERS**

**5 PRIVATE PARTNERS**

**3 SOCIETAL CHALLENGES : FEED, PROTECT, CARE**

**550 M€ OF INITIAL ALLOCATION**

**47 000 STUDENTS**

**6 000 PROFESSORS & RESEARCHERS**

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