

# INOVAND

## Paris Child Brain Institute

Innovate collectively for the neurodevelopment and the future of every child

“The IHU label will enable the creation of one of the most advanced top-notch innovative research Institute in the world dedicated to this field.”

Esther Duflo - Nobel Prize



# InNOVAte collectively for the NeuroDevelopment and the future of every child: Paris Child Brain Institute

Children (<15 years) ~18% French population (12.3 million in 2022)  
→ Education and Health childhood inequities

## High sensitivity to biological and environmental factors

Genetic variations, prematurity, toxics (alcohol), poverty (20% < threshold of poverty), ...



## High-gain high-risk period

Neuro-Developmental Disorders (NDD) and learning difficulties: 10-20%

## Burden at adulthood

Unemployment, psychiatric & somatic illnesses, social exclusion, poverty

## Why is the situation alarming ?

- Under-recognition of children with Neurodevelopmental vulnerabilities
- Delayed diagnosis and lack of longitudinal follow-up
- Poorly effective clinical/educational strategies



hospital



home



school



InovAND proposes an **holistic** approach to children's care

# Uniting the scientific community to address neurodevelopmental challenges



**S. Auvin**

- ▶ Child neurologist
- ▶ Pathophysiology of epilepsy



**R. Delorme**

- ▶ Child psychiatrist, Head of the centre of Excellence for Autism



**G. Dehaene-Lambertz**

- ▶ Paediatrician
- ▶ Brain organization & cognitive acquisitions in infants



**T. Bourgeron**

- ▶ Geneticist
- ▶ Risk & resilience genetic factors in autism

A multi-scale expertise focused on neurodevelopment



**Science**

How Learning to Read Changes the Cortical Networks for Vision and Language

**nature medicine**

Progress toward treatments for synaptic defects in autism

**nature genetics**

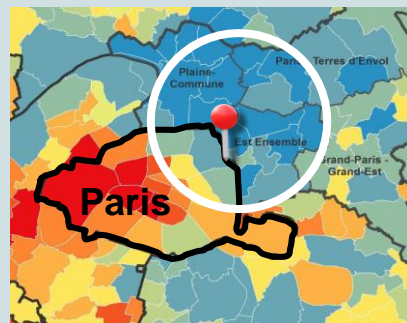
Genetic correlates of phenotypic heterogeneity in autism

**BRAIN**  
A JOURNAL OF NEUROLOGY

Decreased microglial Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin signalling drives microglial pro-inflammatory activation in the developing brain



In the City - at the heart of vulnerable populations



In blue, negative deviation from median Income in Île de France



40 M€ for a new building given by the President of the French Republic in 2021

Opening 2026



Clinicians dealing with ND vulnerability  
Brain imaging, genetics  
Clinical and preclinical research  
Living Lab, Education  
Associations  
Startups  
(+ national, European & international coll)



Call for new teams  
Several expressions of high interest (SAB)

# Our mission: Empowering neurodevelopmentally vulnerable children with the tools for a successful future

01

Create a dynamic new ecosystem, bringing together leaders in health, education, research, & stakeholders

02

Contribute to fundamental, clinical, and educational innovations to improve individual trajectories for vulnerable children through new technologies, digital tools, therapies, and rehabilitation strategies

03

Be a catalyst for innovation & enable unique partnerships with private actors (e.g., start-ups, pharma industry)

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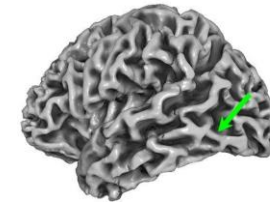
Transform knowledge to support the specific needs of children and improve their well-being

## The development of reading in a single child

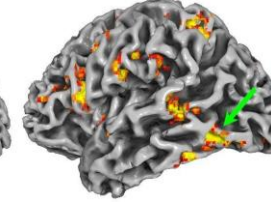
End of preschool

First year

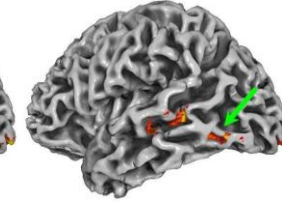
End of second year



No reading



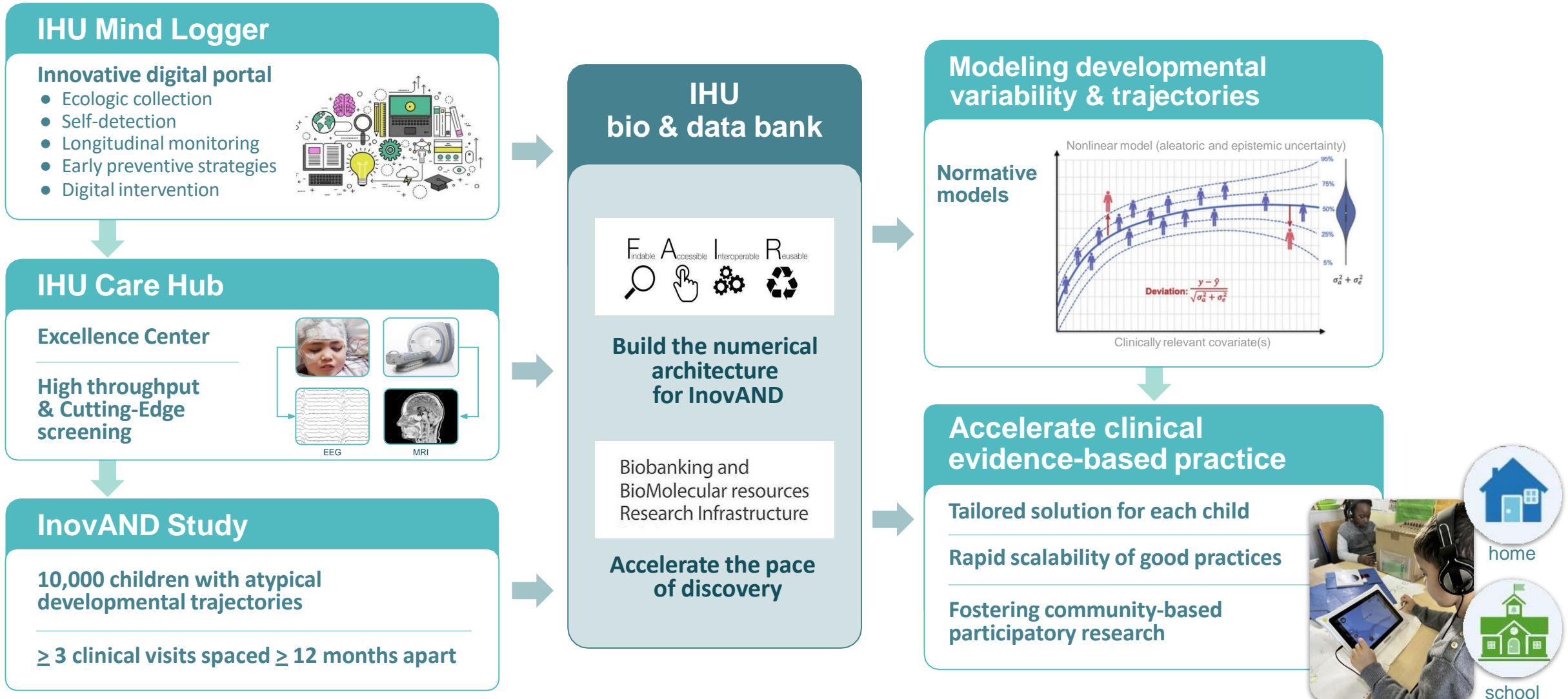
Effortful reading



Automatized reading



# Transforming care pathways: A multi-scale ecological approach to address neurodevelopmental vulnerability



# Unlocking the Brain: Identification of **risk-resilience factors**, & mechanisms for drug discovery / educational responses

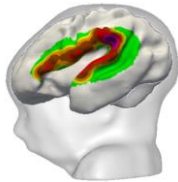
## New models of learning based on next generation data collection and analysis tools



Behavior  
Connected-objects



Hyperscanning



EEG/MEG  
MRI  
NIRS-US



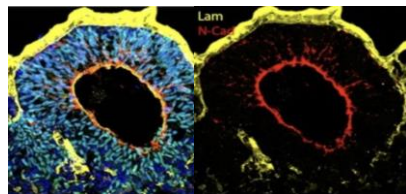
## Human brain organoids & experimental signatures of predictive trajectories

Children-derived organoids

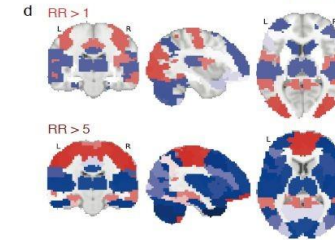
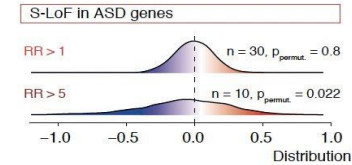
Models: brain connectivity

Models: cellular mechanisms

Models: molecular mechanisms



## In depth genetic & epigenetic signature of ND vulnerability



## Multi-level drug screening

In silico drug screening

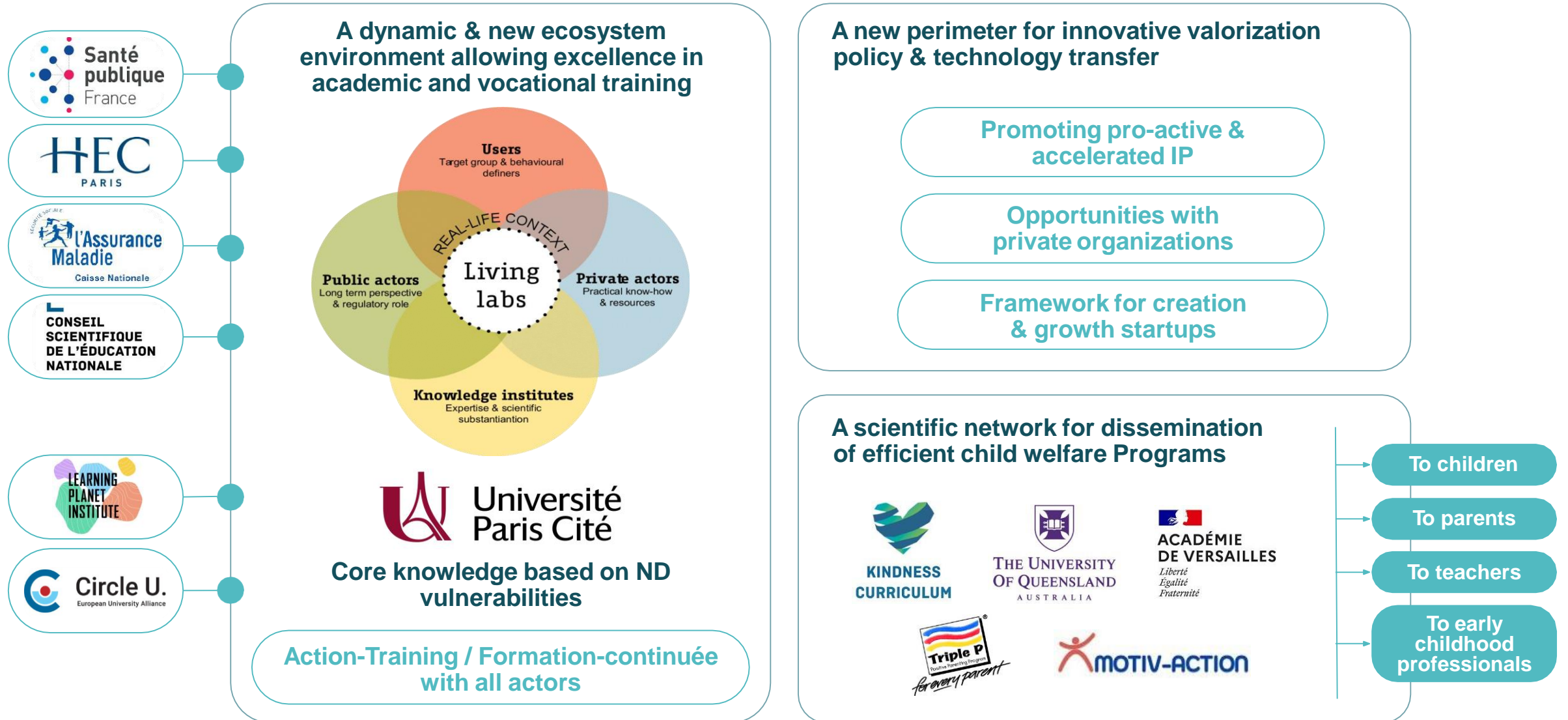
hiPSc-derived neurons  
drug screening

In vivo rodent model  
drug screening

Selection for human  
testing



# Accelerating Impact: Disseminating innovations through a dynamic network of stakeholders



# Transforming aspects of Paris Child Brain Institute

## KPI in line with the strategies of France 2030

### Basic science



- New drug and non-drug-based therapies
- Predictive models of individual outcomes
- New brain imaging tools to explore children → 7T MRI

### Education



- Dissemination of good practices through Formation action/continuée
- Core curriculum & Modules on ND vulnerability at University



### Health



- Improvement of developmental trajectories
- Early diagnostic tools for ND vulnerability
- Improvement of well-being

### Valorisation



- Boost public and private investment
- New start-ups & private partnerships
- Cost/Benefit Evaluation of Early Childhood Interventions