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Digital Innovation Hubs – Context and European perspective

Digital Innovation Hubs Day

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SMEs – the backbone of the European economy

- 99% of Europe's businesses
- 24 million SMEs
- Employing over 90 million people
- 85% of the new jobs created in the past 5 years were by SMEs
- SMEs account for 67 % of the EU's total employment in the non-financial business sector



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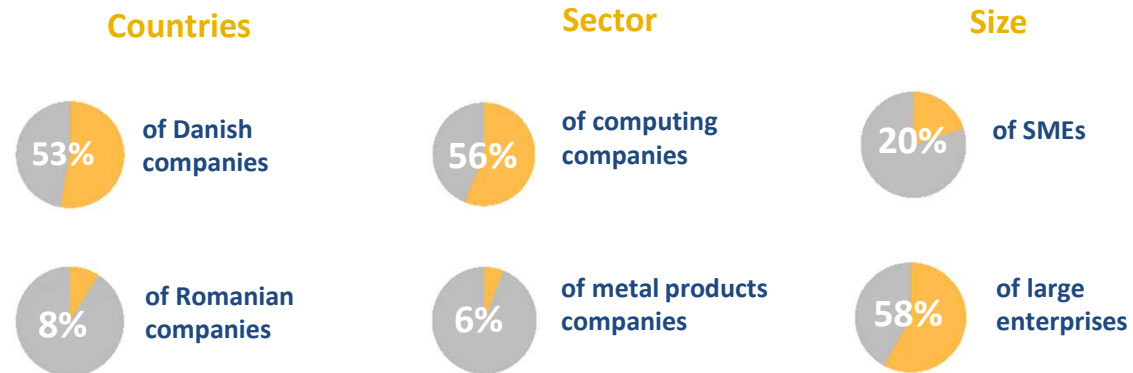
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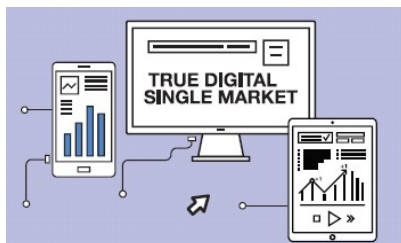
The need for digitalisation

European companies are not making the most of all the opportunities digital has to offer

Highly digitised companies across Europe

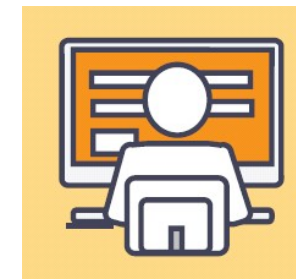


Digital transformation of industry



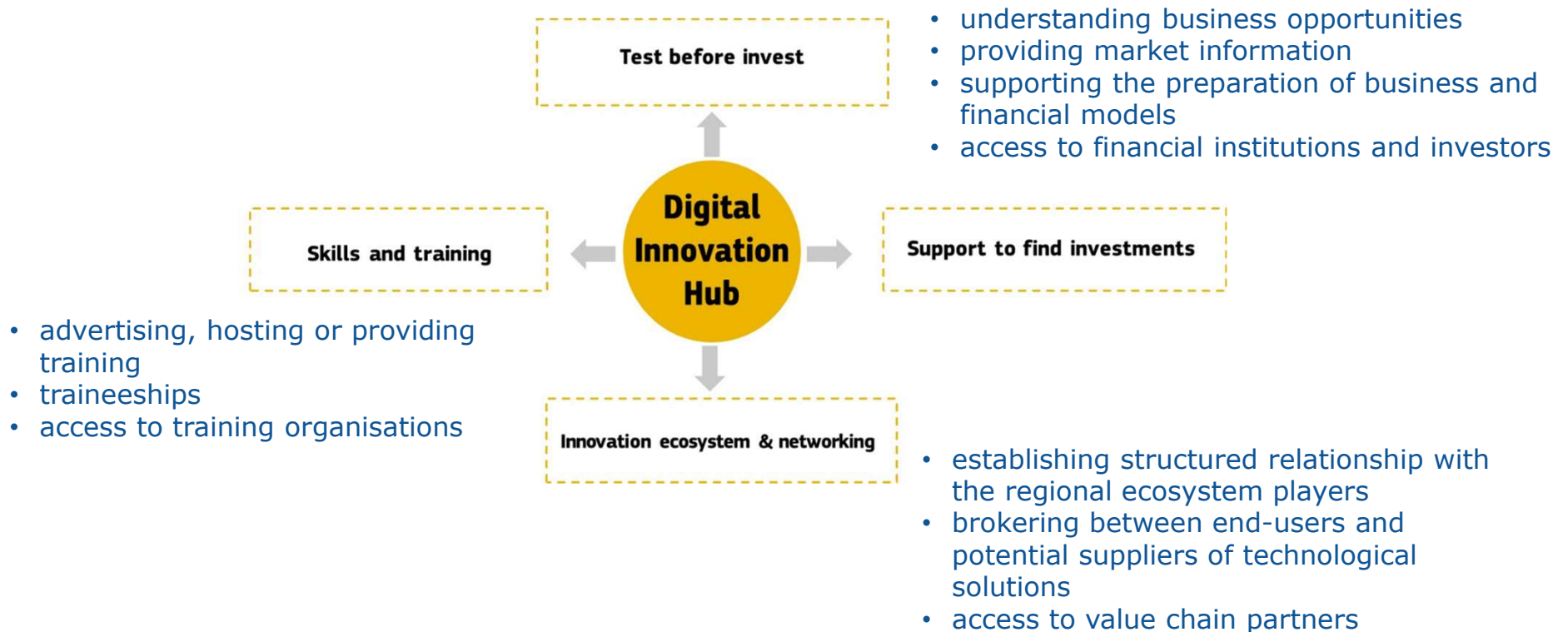
Update on "Artificial Intelligence for Europe"

Coordinated action plan with Member States:
Adopted on 7 December 2018



A coordinated ecosystem of organisations with complementary expertise and a not-for-profit objective, offering a set of services to companies – especially SMEs (incl. Start-ups) and mid-caps as well as to public sector organisations – to support their digital transformation.

- demonstration activities
- digital maturity assessment
- testing and experimentation
- knowledge and technology transfer



<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/digital-innovation-hubs-tool>

- **€500 million EU funding** for DIHs (2016-2020)
- **A pan-European network of over 240 operational Digital Innovation Hubs**

I4MS



ODINE Open Data
Incubator
Europe

- **500 Start-ups, SMEs and mid-caps tested digital innovations** in collaboration with more than 150 DIHs in 370 innovation experiments
- 13 EU countries included **DIHs in national digitalisation strategies**

25 German Centres
Mittelstand-
Digital

10+3 BaWue Centres

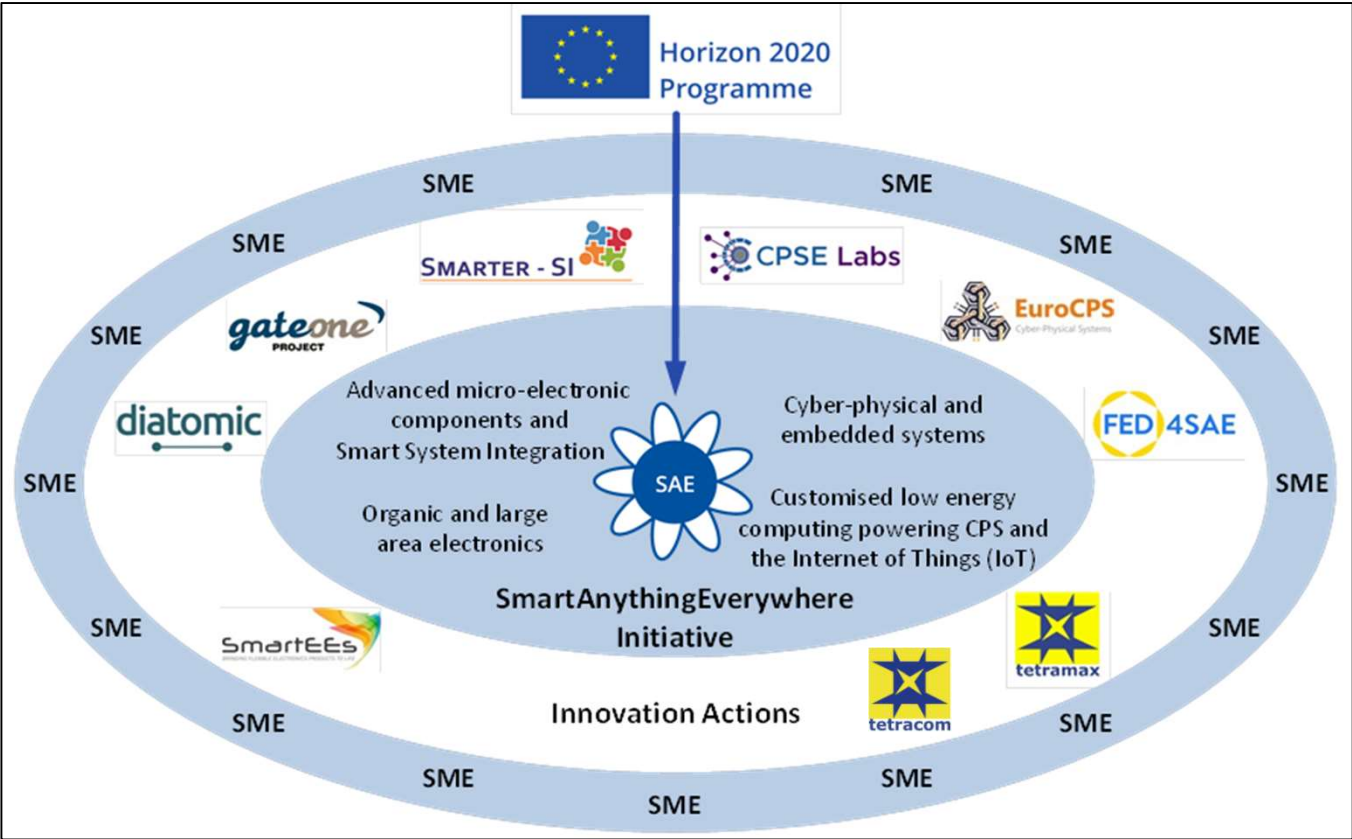


- **Completed coaching 34 potential Digital Innovation Hubs** in the EU13 (Smart Factories, <https://smartfactories.eu/>) and starting to coach another 30 DIHs in regions with slower adoption of digital technologies (DIHELP, <http://dihelp.eu/>)

SAE: Thematic Areas / IAs



SmartAnythingEverywhere



Upcoming "cascade funding" open calls under I4MS & SAE



Quarter-Month (opens)	EU Initiative	Project	Technology Area
2019			
Q2- April (4 th cut-off)	SAE	SmarTEES	Organic and large area electronics
Q2- May	I4MS	MIDIH	CPS/IoT for Manufacturing
Q2	I4MS	AMABLE	Additive Manufacturing
Q2- July	I4MS	CloudiFacturing	HPC cloud-based simulation services
Q3- August	SAE	TETRAMAX • Entrepreneurial	Low energy computing powering CPS and IoT
Q3- September	I4MS	L4MS	Logistics for Manufacturing (Robotics)
Q3- September	SAE	TETRAMAX • Bilateral	Low energy computing powering CPS and IoT
Q3- September (5 th cut-off)	SAE	SmarTEES	Organic and large area electronics
Q4- October	SAE	TETRAMAX • Value chain/ interdisciplinary	Low energy computing powering CPS and IoT
2020			
Q2- April	SAE	TETRAMAX • Bilateral	Low energy computing powering CPS and IoT
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- Yellow pages of DIHs
- Fact-sheets with profile, contact data, service examples for regional, national, and EU-supported DIHs
- Map-based search tool by technical competences, market sector, services

Digital Innovation Hubs

Search

Enter any search term

Countries
1 selected ▾

Evolutionary Stages
1 selected ▾

Technical Competences
None selected ▾

Services Provided
None selected ▾

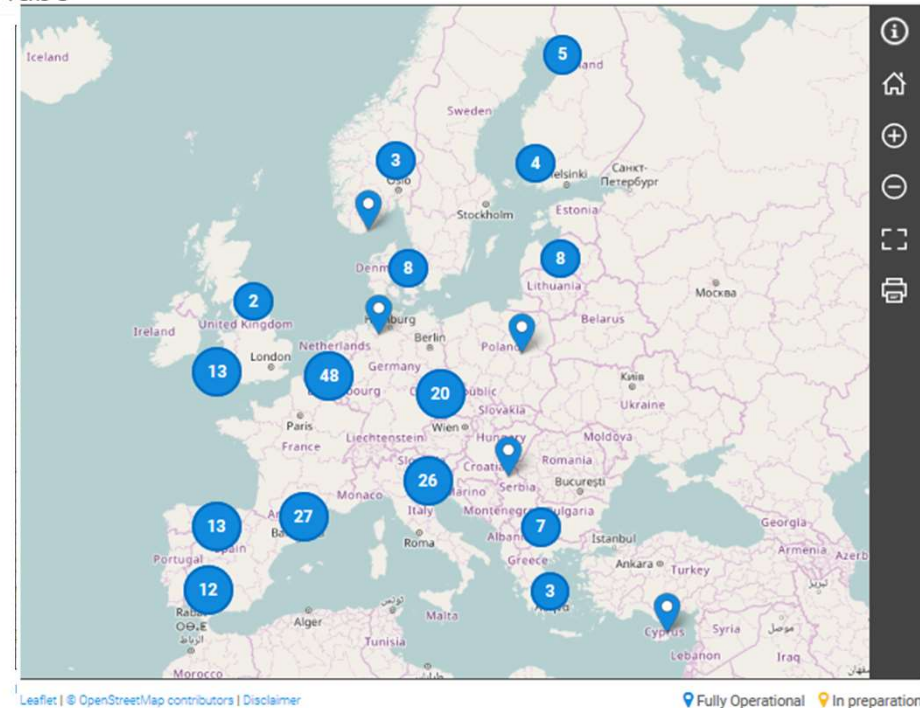
Focus on TRL
None selected ▾

Market sectors
None selected ▾

SEARCH

Contact us in the following email: JRC-B3-DIH@ec.europa.eu

Click on the following link if you want to propose new HUB.



250 Digital Innovation Hubs in the EU:

- Various geometries (size, sector, technology)
- Funded through regional, national or EU programmes
- Self-declaration checked against criteria

<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/digital-innovation-hubs-tool>



**7th DIH workshop
01/07/2019
Brussels, BE**

DIHNET.EU Community

Supporting Digital Innovation Hub Networks across
Europe

Articles & Announcements
Events
Matchmaking
Q&A
Real-time chat
Surveys, guidelines & templates

[Join the community](#)

www.dihnet.eu

DT-ICT-03-2020: I4MS (phase 4) - uptake of digital game changers in manufacturing: 70 M€

- Smart modelling, simulation, and optimisation for digital twins
- Laser based equipment in advanced and additive manufacturing
- Innovative Artificial Intelligence in manufacturing
- Cognitive autonomous systems and human-robot interaction
- Widening Digital Innovation Hubs

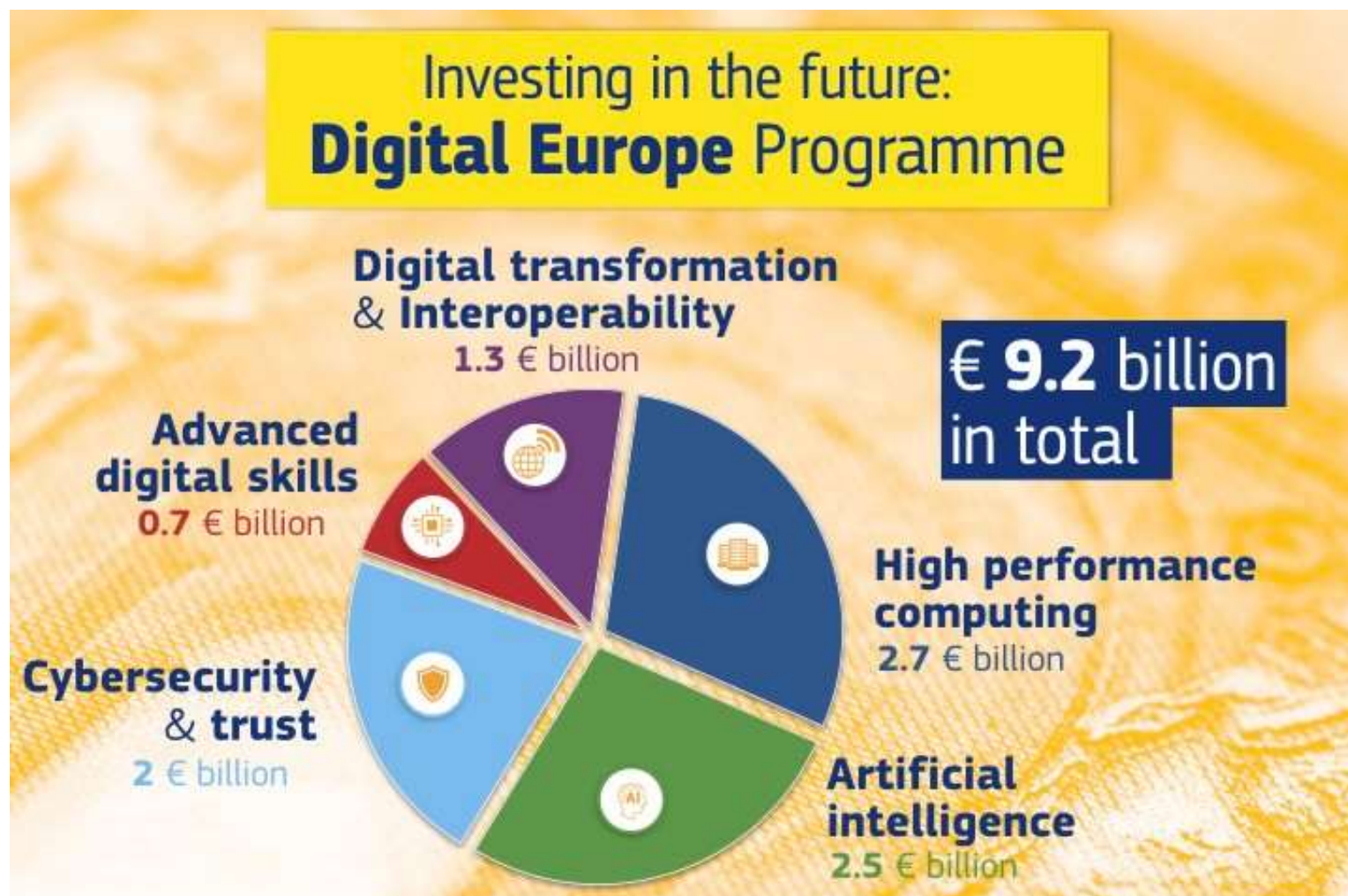
Deadline 13 November 2019

DT-ICT-05-2020: Big Data Innovation Hubs 30,5 M€

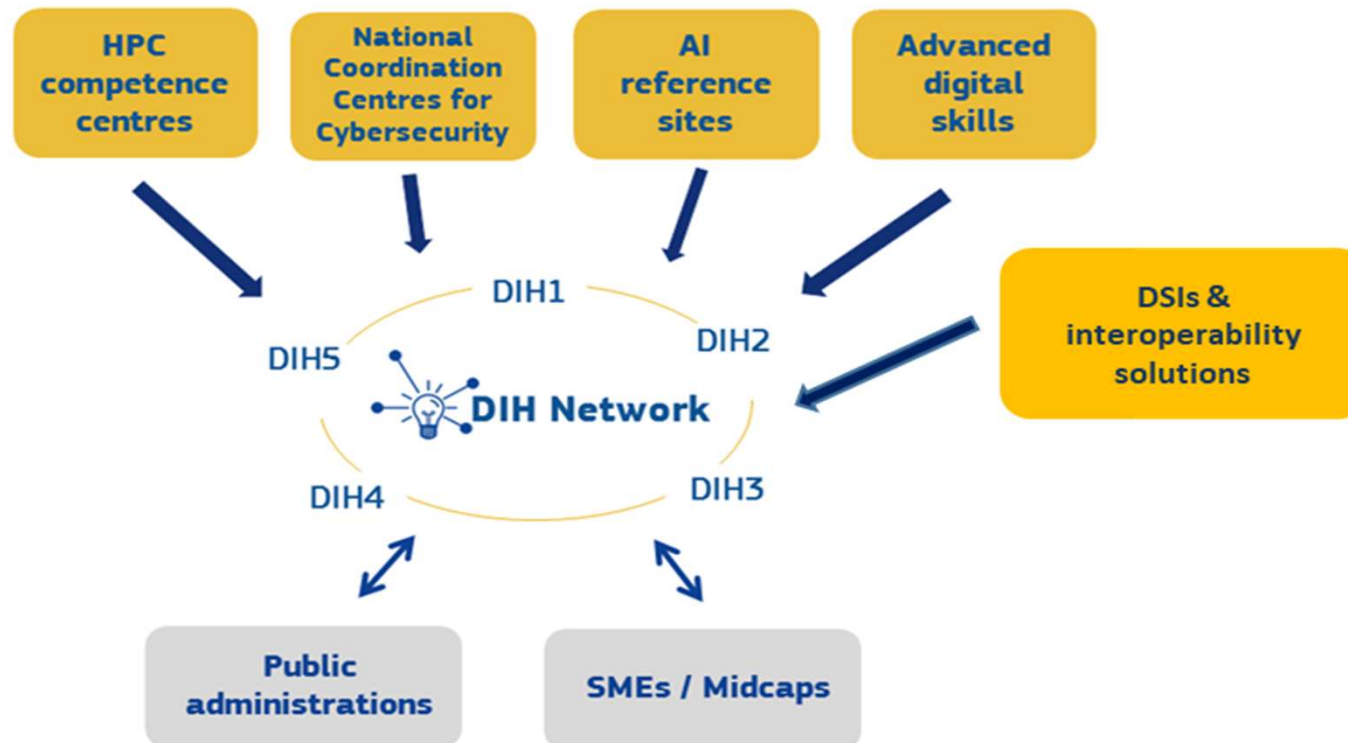
Deadline 13 November 2019

DT-ICT-04-2020: Photonics Innovation Hubs 19 M€

Deadline 22 April 2020



Bringing the benefits of digital technologies
to all our businesses across the European Union



- Reach SMEs beyond most innovative ones
- Balanced regional coverage by DIHs
- Align investments of regions, MS and EU
- Scalable + sustainable business models for collaboration



EU support for one
DIH per region



Co-investment with
Member States



Focus on SMEs and
public services



Focus on HPC, AI,
Cybersecurity and
Digital Skills



A strong European
network of Digital
Innovation Hubs

Digital Technologies	Application Areas	Smart Specialisation Areas
AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer Relationship Management (CRM) tools with deep learning • Automation of manufacturing processes • Smart sensors 	Agri-food
HPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simulation for design • Simulation for production optimisation • Simulation for maintenance • Data analytics for real-time decision-making 	Construction industry
Cybersecurity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoiding theft of digital twins 	Manufacturing industry



Focus of DIHs developed
over time

Joint selection process: EC and Member States

EC defines criteria for DIH selection based on

- Input from Member States
- Basic Act
- Financial Regulation



Expression of Interest by EC directed to MSs

MS designate a list of entities that:

- Fulfil the criteria
- Will get or already got co-investment
- **Based on open and competitive process**



EC issues a restricted Call to entities designated by MSs

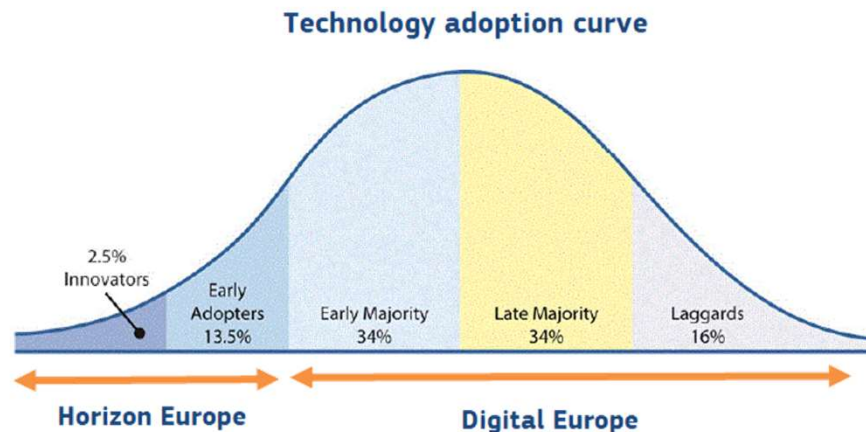
Designated entities submit proposals that are evaluated by the Commission with the support of external experts.

EC selects from those proposals exceeding the pre-defined quality threshold balancing

- regional coverage
- technology coverage
- sector coverage

[Endorsement by MS committee]

Gaps of the first selection will be filled in by further selections done through open and competitive calls of the EC



Timeline:

- Preparation of new Programmes: 2019/20
- Envisaged start: 1 January 2021

Allocated at
European level

Horizon Europe: Support to SMEs and mid-caps to experiment with highly innovative digital technologies in a cross-border setting

Digital Europe: Digital transformation of SMEs and administrations across the whole economy, with a focus on AI, HPC, cybersecurity and digital skills

InvestEU: Incentives and risk reduction programmes to help companies find follow-up investment to further complete their digital transformation

Allocated at
national level

European Regional Development Fund: Investments allocated by the Member States and regions to build-up or strengthen the Digital Innovation Hubs infrastructures in their territories, and to reduce the digital divide

- European Digital Innovation Hub Summit at the Digital Enterprise Show (DES), 23/05/2019, Madrid, ES
- 7th DIH workshop, 01/07/2019, Brussels, BE
- European Week of Regions and Cities, DIH session, 7-10/10/2019, Brussels, BE
- 8th DIH workshop, 12/09/2019, Brussels BE
- DIH sessions at the Stakeholder Forum, 13-15/11/2019, Madrid, ES

- **Digital Innovation Hubs**

<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/digital-innovation-hubs>

- **Catalogue of Digital Innovation Hubs**

<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/digital-innovation-hubs-tool>

- **Digital Innovation Hubs in Digital Europe on Futurium**

<https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/digital-innovation-hubs/digital-innovation-hubs-digital-europe-programme>

- **Digital Europe Programme**

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/connecting-europe-facility-digital-europe-and-space-programmes_en

Thank you!

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