



Digital Innovation Ecosystems and the European Digital Innovation Hubs

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“The challenge for us now is to truly digitise the single market. We have to invest in a new network of digital innovation hubs all over Europe.”

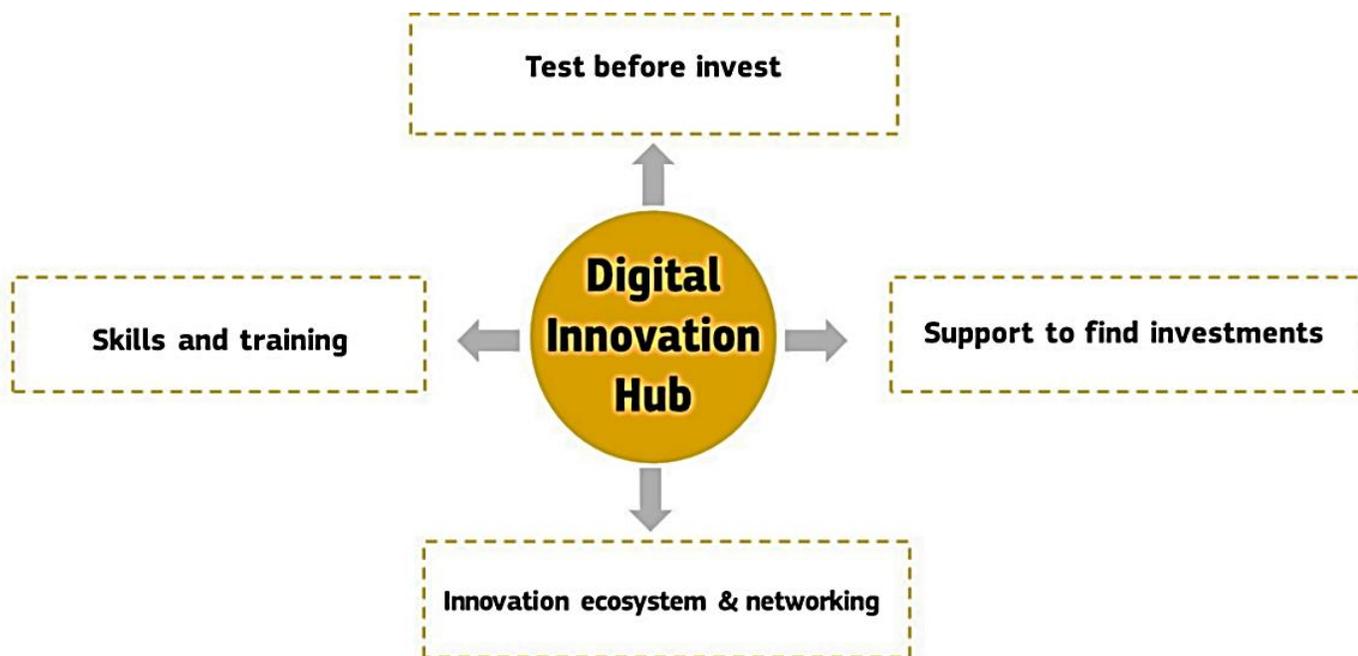
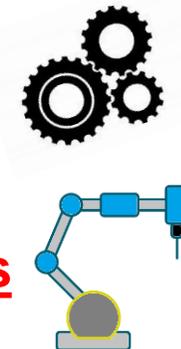
(speech at BusinessEurope day 2020)

Digital Innovation Hubs are at the core of the European industrial policy

European Digital Innovation Hubs



European Digital Innovation Hubs provide technological expertise and experimentation facilities to enable the digital transformation of the industry and the public sector



Typical participants:

- Research and Technology Organisations, Technical Universities
- *In collaboration with:*
 - Industry associations
 - Clusters
 - Enterprise Europe Network
 - Accelerators/Incubators
 - Innovation agencies
 - Vocational training institutes...

EDIH means more than “DIH 2.0”

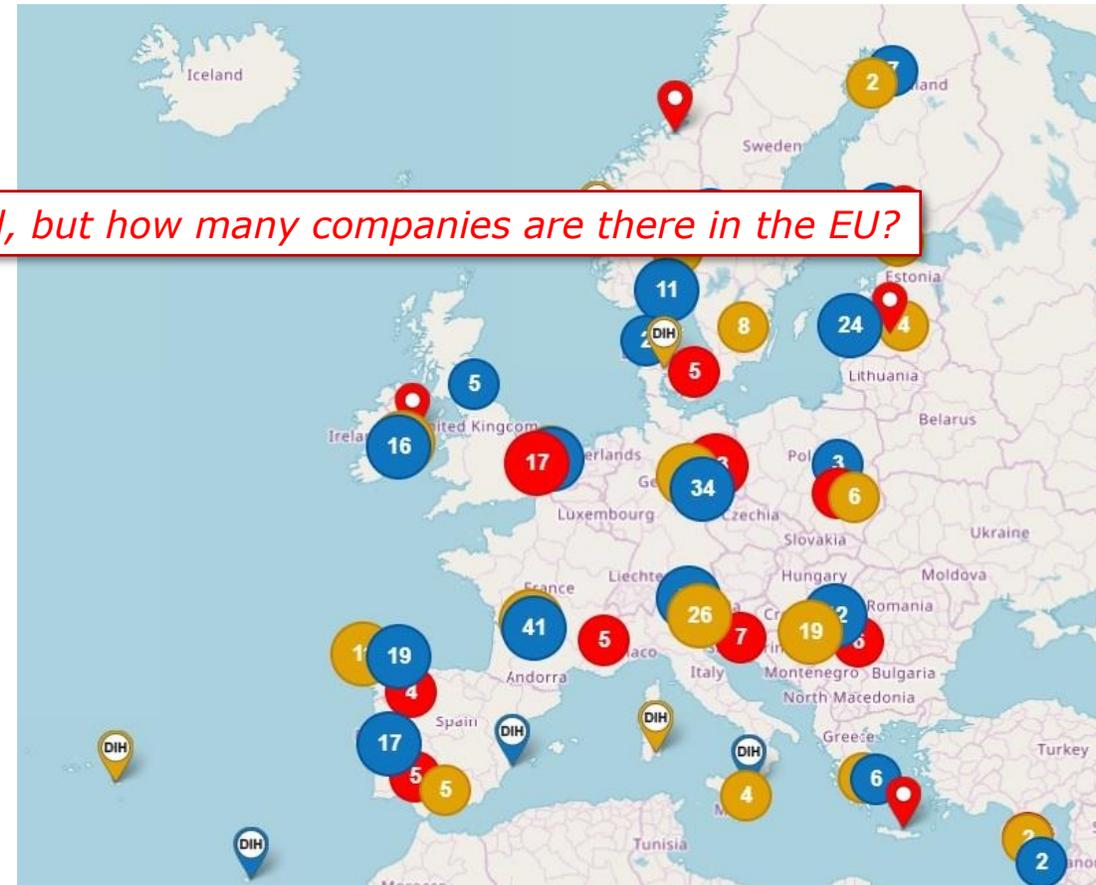
Digital Innovation Hubs in Horizon 2020

- €500 million EU funding for DIH 2016- 2020
- Support to more than 2000 Start-ups, SMEs and mid-caps to test digital innovations
- in collaboration with more than 200 Digital Innovation Hubs across the EU
- Coaching more than 60 potential Digital Innovation Hubs in regions with slower adoption of digital technologies, with focus on Central and Eastern Europe

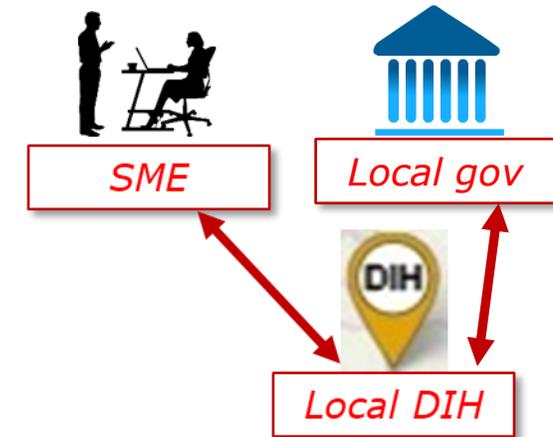
Not bad, but how many companies are there in the EU?

European Digital Innovation Hubs in the Digital Europe programme

- From support to capacity building
- Co-funding from Member States
- EDIH “within working distance” for every company in EU
- E-government targeted
- Environmental aspects
- Member States in the selection process
- European network



The "EU-local" approach



One EDIH "within working distance" for every business in EU

A network to put any company in contact with the competence they need, wherever in the EU

The Digital Transformation Accelerator will build, grow and support the network....

.... and guarantee the connection to other relevant initiatives

DTA

Digital Transformation Accelerator



Startup Europe Partnership



What's next?

**Call timing: designation process from Member States (almost) completed
EU call opening not decided yet, possible opening end of June with deadline
beginning of September** *(it will be the 1st call of Digital Europe)*

Cross-border proposals possible, Interreg can have a role here

Funding is shared 50/50 (Digital Europe Programme / Member States)

Member States funding can also be from ERDF.

RRF can be used to fund extra hubs beyond those supported by Digital Europe

European Digital Innovation Hubs are the tool to deploy digital capacities.

The primary focus is to satisfy the needs of SMEs and the public sector.



More information

Digital Innovation Hubs

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

Digital Innovation Hubs in Digital Europe Programme

<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/european-digital-innovation-hubs-digital-europe-programme-0> ,

(containing also information about contact persons in the Member States and info days)

Practical handbook for investing in DIHs

https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/dae/document.cfm?doc_id=66604

Implementation details of European DIHs in Digital Europe Programme

https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/dae/document.cfm?doc_id=62936