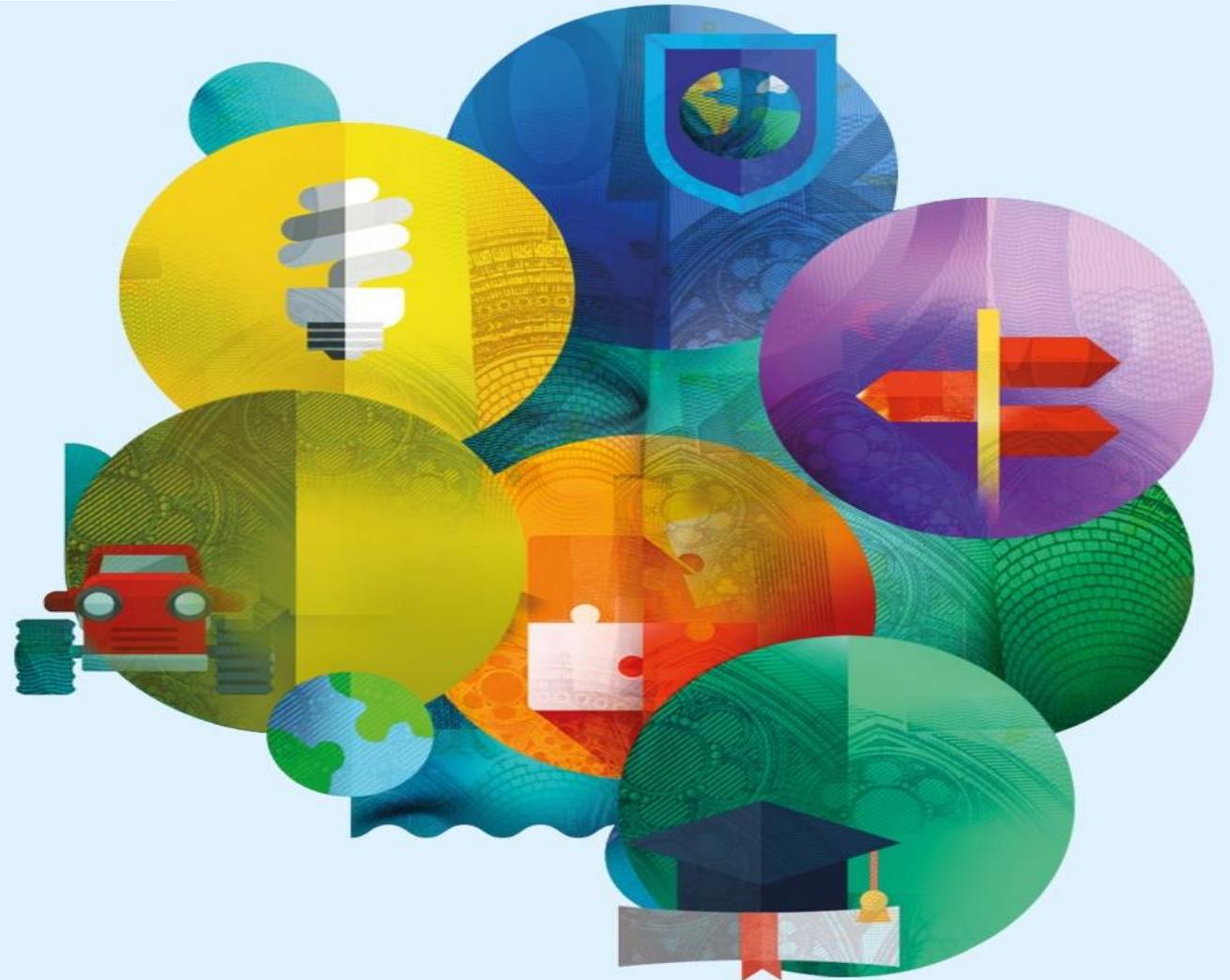


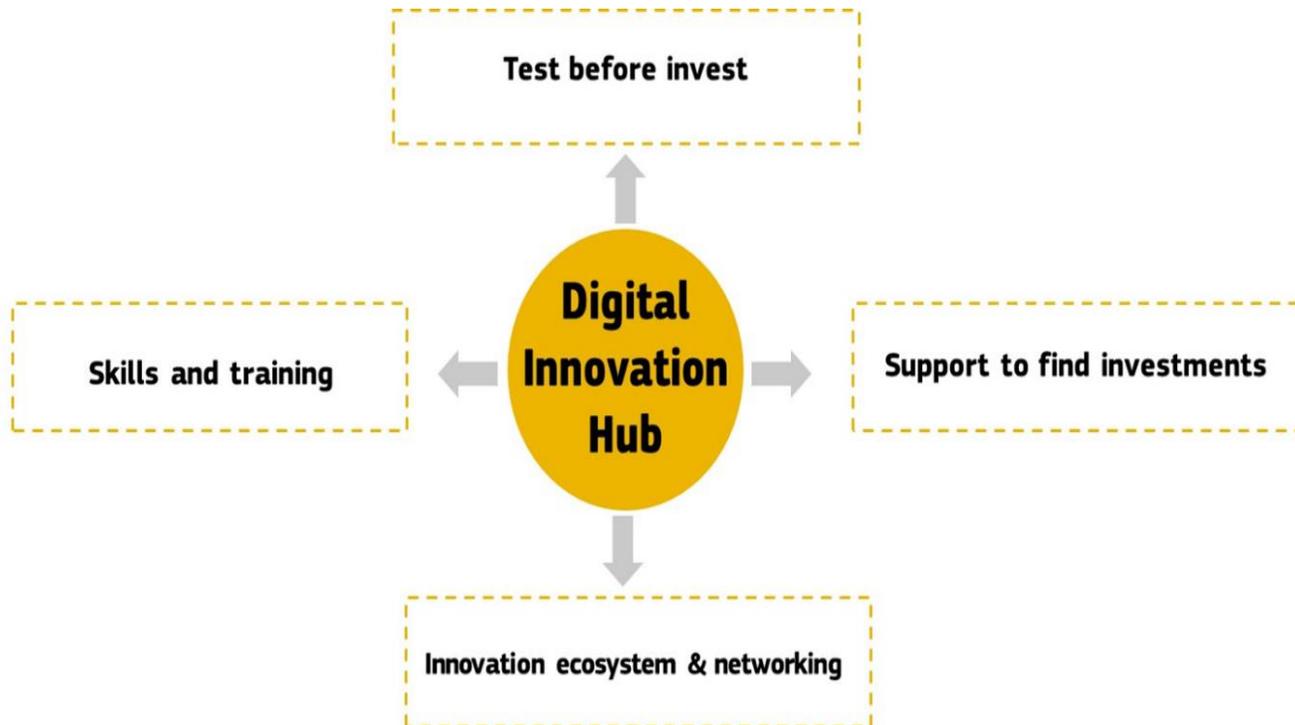
Digitalisation for citizens, companies and governments – S3 and Digital Innovation Hubs



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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
- A geographically spread network of up to 200 EDIHs



**DIGITAL
INNOVATION
HUB SLOVENIA**

- **Focus on manufacturing, agriculture and wood, in line with Digital Slovenia 2020, and with Slovenia's RIS3 strategy**
- **One of the pilots in "Regions in Transition"**
- **Services are funded through structural funds**

Organisations involved: Chamber of Commerce, Smart Factories Cluster, the ICT horizontal network (SRIP PMiS), universities (University of Ljubljana, University of Maribor), SME's supportive environment (Association for Informatics and Telecommunications, Technology park Ljubljana), Wood Industry Cluster, IIBA Slovenia Chapter and others



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

A network where every EDIH can learn from and collaborate with other EDIHs and other projects supported under Digital Europe Programme



The “EU-local” approach

Local added value	European added value
Hub will improve competitiveness of local economy by stimulating digital transformation	Hubs will improve their offer by acquiring new knowledge and capacities through their participation in Digital Europe on HPC, AI, Cybersecurity, Advanced digital skills and public sector solutions
Hub has specialisation which is based on local strengths and addresses local needs	Networking of the hubs will stimulate knowledge transfer between hubs and rationalisation of investments because facilities are opened up for use outside the local boundaries. It reduces duplication and optimises investments in infrastructure
Hub is near their customers and they speak the same language	Hubs will learn from other hubs by sharing best practices, and by collaboration of hubs in case of missing expertise/facilities.
	The hub network will be a means to promote excellence developed locally to other regions in Europe; it will open new markets for the companies involved in the innovations

2 Step selection process for European DIHs

Member States	European Commission	Candidate Entities
Propose candidate entities through an open and competitive process. Most MS have their process on-going at the moment.	Launch Expression of Interest to MS and issues a restricted call for proposals	
		Are invited to an on-line networking event on 9 and 10 Nov. 2020
		Submit proposals, dl Q1 2021
	Evaluates proposals with external experts	
	Ranks proposals balancing geographical, technological and sectoral coverage, with advice of MS	
Endorse the ranked proposals (MS committee)		

Further reading

DIGITAL INNOVATION HUBS (DIHS) AS POLICY INSTRUMENTS TO BOOST digitalisation of smes - A practical handbook for regional/national Policy makers and DIH Managers

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

Selection process in Digital Europe Programme

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

General overview Digital Innovation Hubs

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