

European Digital Innovation Hubs call *Info session*

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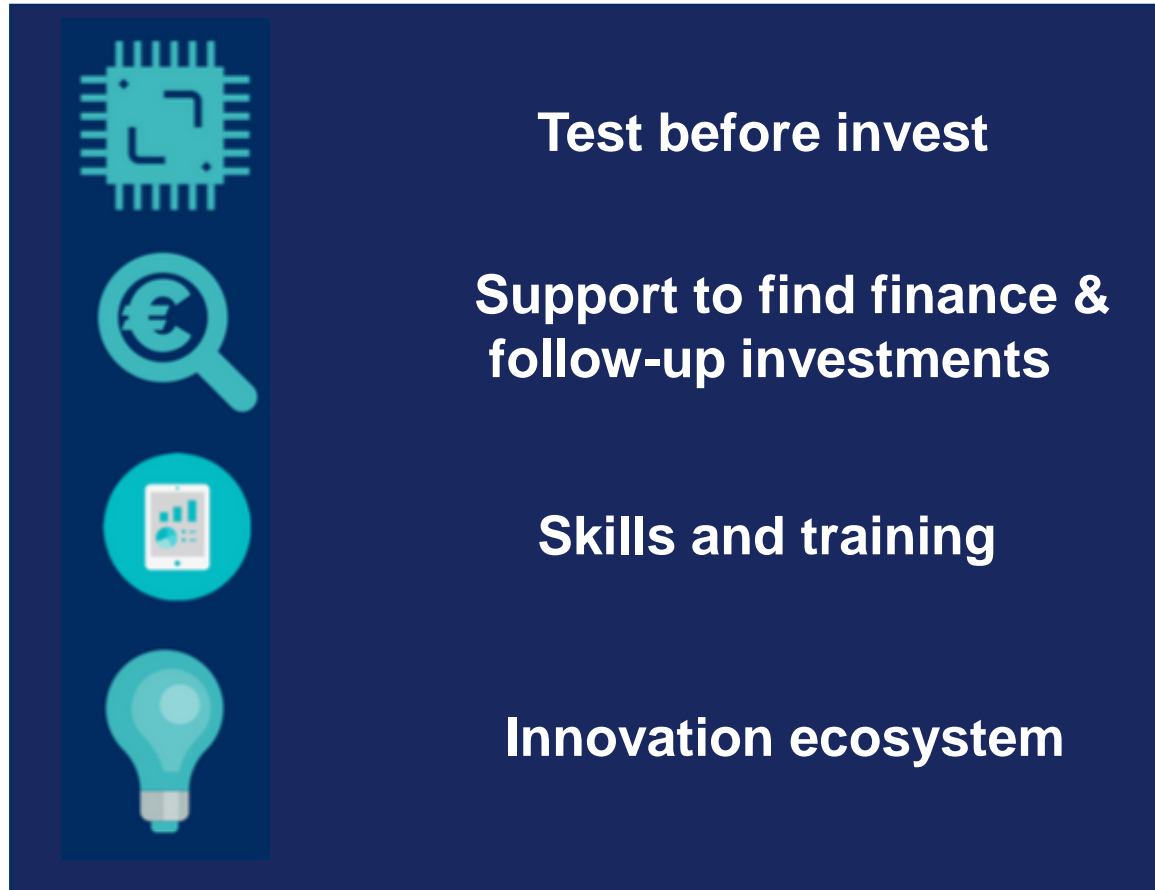
Many uncertainties remain with respect to timing and budget, both on the European Commission side and on the national and regional side. The goal of this call is therefore to identify and select consortium(s) that will embark on the selection journey with the support of the **Region.**

Context

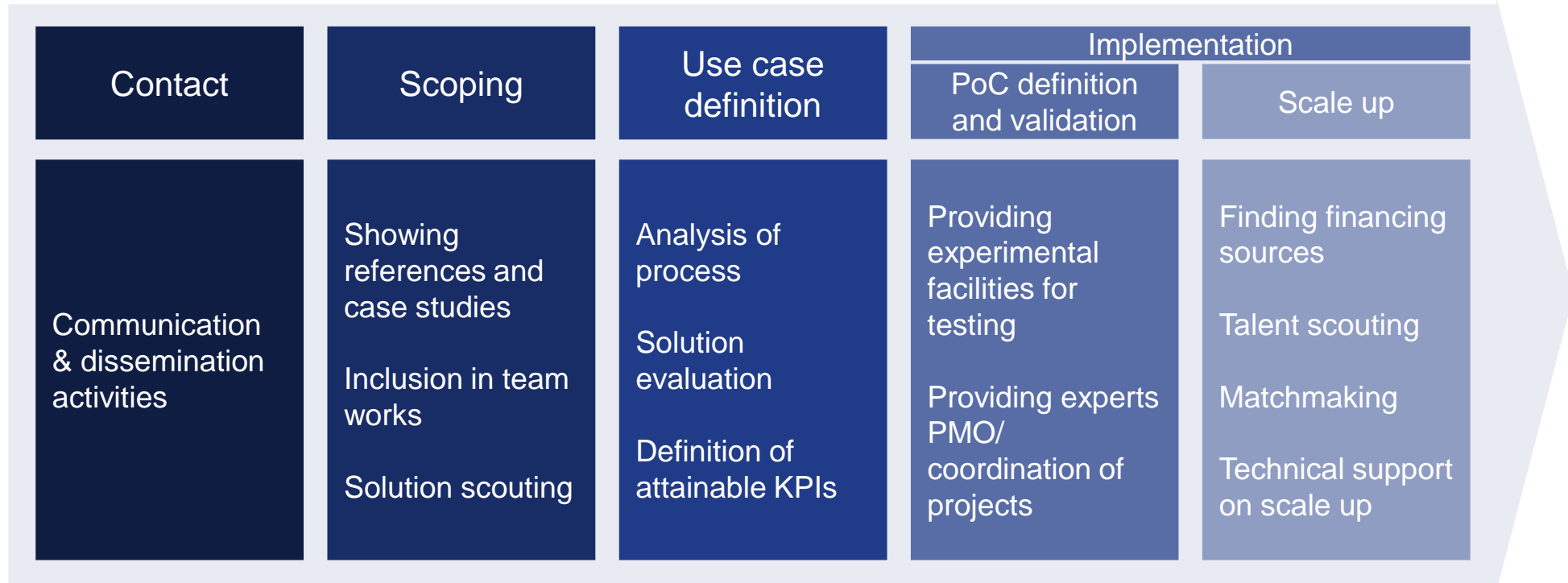
- Digital transformation = source of competitiveness
 - Only 20% of SMEs and 58% of Large Enterprises are highly digitized in the EU
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- EU (Digital Europe Programme) and Member States to fill these gaps through **European Digital Hubs (EDIH)** that:
 - ✓ Support the adoption of digital technologies by the industry and the public sector;
 - ✓ Disseminate knowledge from EU Competence Centers in AI, Cybersecurity & HPC;
 - ✓ Are embedded in the local economy and built on existing activities;
 - ✓ Are embedded in a network of EDIH.

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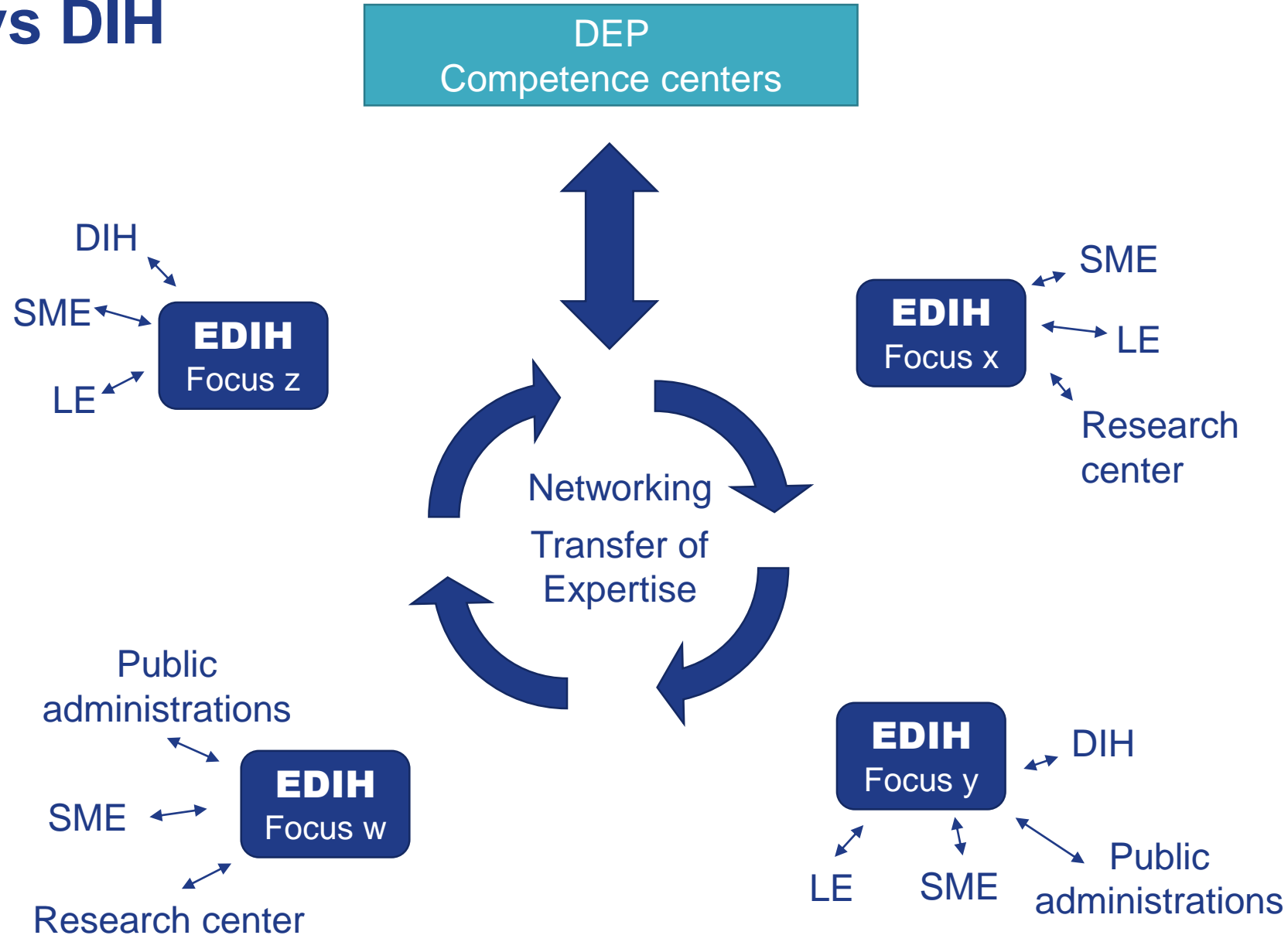


EDIH Focus

DEP	Other Technologies	Application areas	Sector
AI, HPC, Cybersecurity	Simulation Supply chain integration	Industry 4.0 Circular economy	Manufacturing
	Remote sensing Photonics	Precision farming	Agri-food
	Robotics Simulation	Exo-skeletons, Automated building	Construction
	Digital solutions for governments	Services for citizens, once only principle	Public administrations



EDIH vs DIH



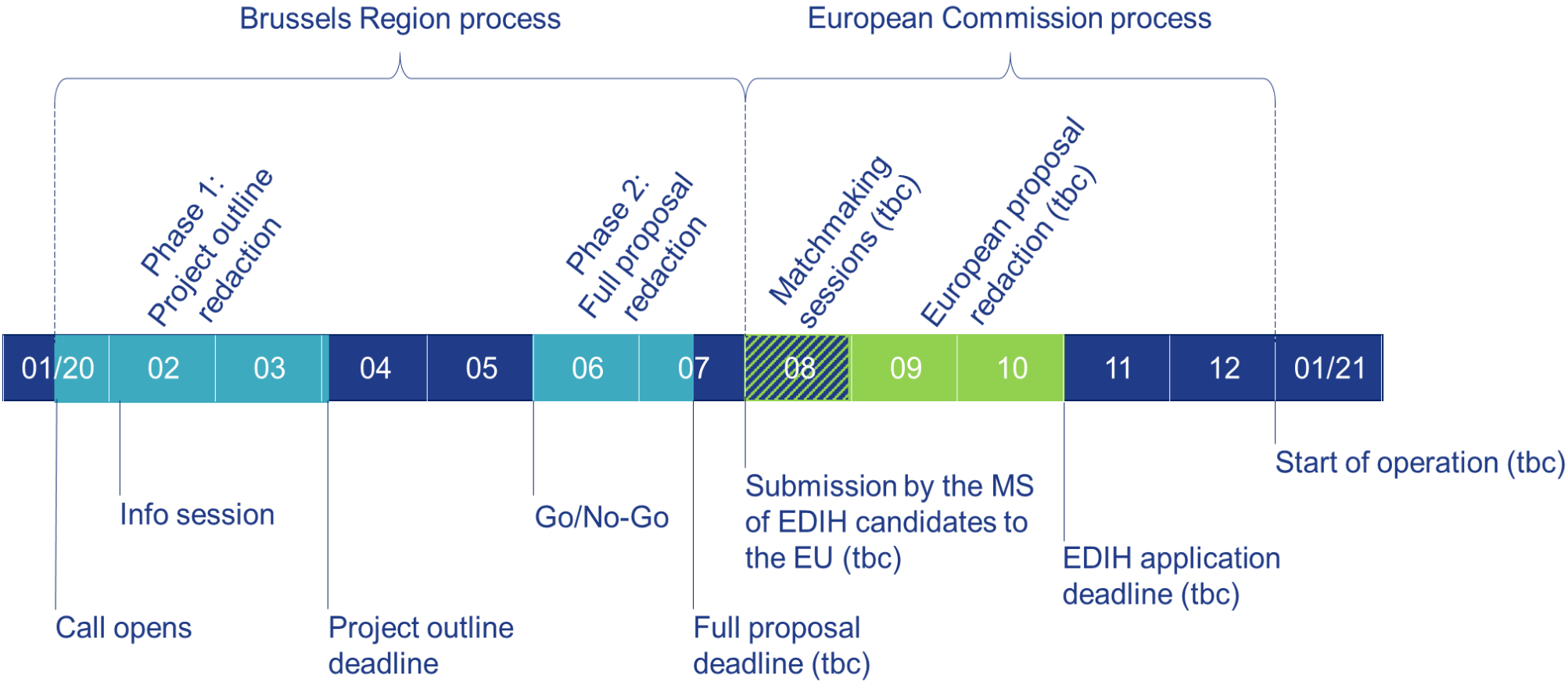
Selection Process

Phase 1: Regional Expression of Interest

Phase 2: Regional Full Proposal

Phase 3: European Proposal (timing TBC)

Scheduling



Belgium's position

- Number of EDIHs: 4 to 8 (tbc)
- First selection by the Regions
- Belgium's list = sum of the regional candidates

Brussels call: Eligibility

- Single entity or consortium (coordinator to be designated);
- Established organizations;
- Physical location;
- Must cover all EDIH services;
- Trilingual: French, Dutch & English

Brussels call: Evaluation criteria

- Experience and expertise
- Relevance with the local needs and uniqueness
- Alignment with the local and European political agendas
 - SDGs, EU Green Deal, DPR
- EU (and Belgian) network
- Operational means

Brussels call: Funding

- Rate: 50% by the European Commission, 50% by the Region
 - Build on existing activities
- Funding period: 3 to 7 years (start in 2021)
- Eligible costs:
 - Staff
 - Operating expenses
 - Investments
 - Subcontracting

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