European Digital Innovation Hubs call

Info session

04/02/2020
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

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.
EDIH services (con’t)

- Test before invest
- Support to find finance & follow-up investments
- Skills and training
- Innovation ecosystem
EDIH services (con’t)

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### EDIH Focus

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Local needs
EDIH vs DIH

- DIH
- SME
- LE

EDIH
Focus z

Public administrations
SME
Research center

Networking
Transfer of Expertise

EDIH
Focus x

SME
LE
Research center

EDIH
Focus y

LE
SME
Public administrations

Public administrations
SME
Research center

EDIH
Focus w

DEP
Competence centers

DIH

Competence centers
Selection Process

Phase 1: Regional Expression of Interest
Phase 2: Regional Full Proposal

Phase 3: European Proposal (timing TBC)
Scheduling

**Brussels Region process**
- Phase 1: Project outline deadline
- Phase 2: Full proposal deadline
- Go/No-Go

**European Commission process**
- Matchmaking sessions (tbc)
- European proposal deadline (tbc)
- Submission by the MS of EDIH candidates to the EU (tbc)
- EDIH application deadline (tbc)
- Start of operation (tbc)

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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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