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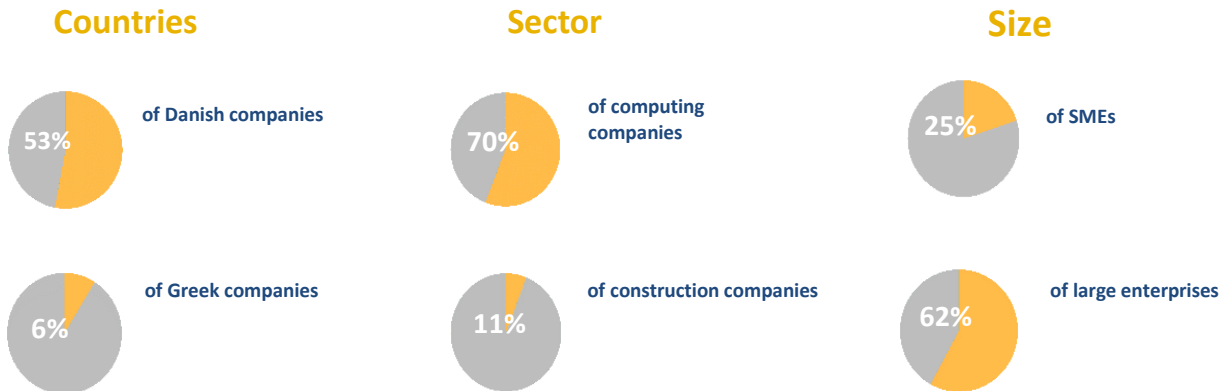
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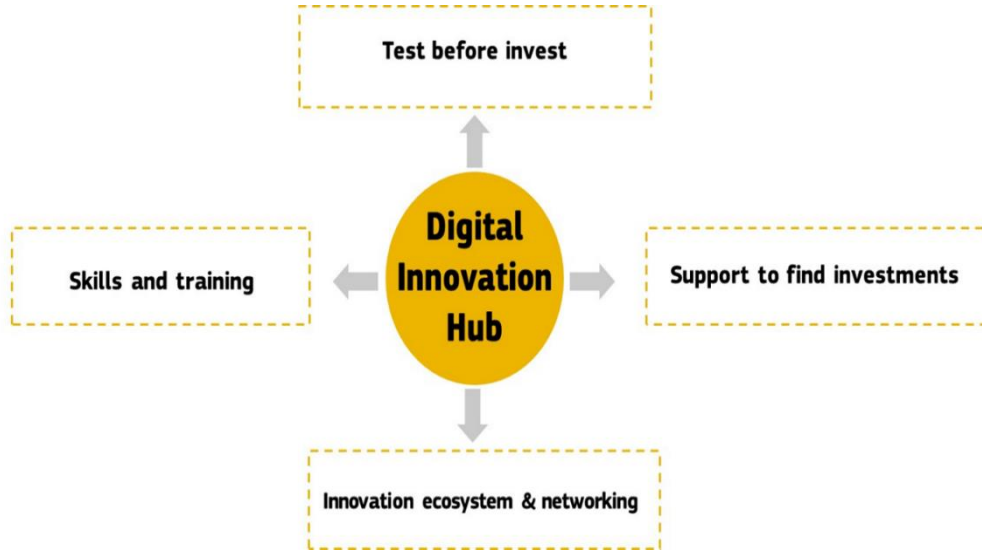
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European companies are not making the most of all the opportunities digital has to offer

Highly digitised companies across Europe (2019)



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**

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

Relationship with other programmes

Allocated at
European level

Horizon Europe: Support to SMEs and mid-caps to experiment with digital technologies in a cross-border setting. European Digital Innovation Hubs and others may apply for these grants, and cascade a large part of the funding to SMEs

Digital Europe: Support to the facilities and personnel of the European Digital Innovation Hubs, to build capacity in Europe to diffuse digital innovations across SMEs and administrations.

InvestEU: Incentives and risk reduction programmes to help companies find follow-up investment to further complete their digital transformation. The work of the digital innovation hubs will diminish the knowledge gap that exists.

Allocated at
national level

Recovery and Resilience Facility: Improving the resilience and adjustment capacity of the Member States, mitigating the social and economic impact of the crisis, and supporting the green and digital transitions, thereby contributing to restoring the growth potential of the economies of the Union, fostering employment creation in the aftermath of COVID-19.

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

European Agriculture Fund for Rural Development: Investments allocated by Member States to foster knowledge transfer and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas.

For EDIHs:
50% funding from
Digital Europe,
50% from MS or
regions.
RRF, ERDF or
EFFRD may be
used.

New draft timeline Digital Europe Programme

Adoption of the next MFF	Mid-November
Adoption of the Digital Europe Programme Regulation	Mid-December
First Workprogramme adopted and Expression of interest and restricted call launched	28 January 2021
Deadline for submission	27 April 2021
Signatures of contracts	From October 2021 onwards

Further reading

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>