

The role of Digital Innovation Hubs in Digital Europe Programme



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The need for digitalisation

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

Highly digitised companies across Europe

Countries



For Slovenia:

27% of Slovenian companies

Sector



100% Publishing activities;
films & television, sound & music
5% Construction

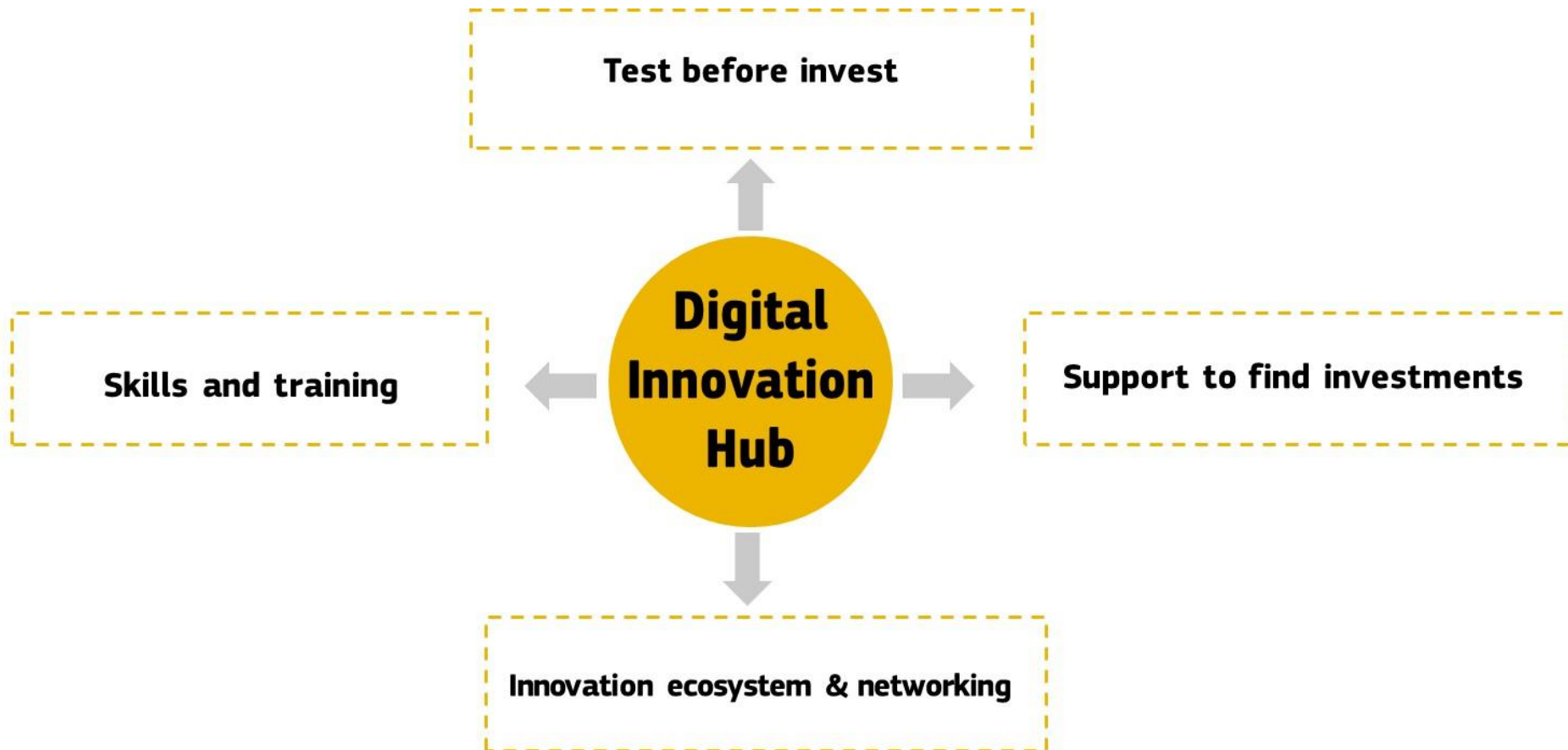
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24% of SMEs
64% of large enterprises

Digital Innovation Hubs

Digital Innovation Hubs support companies – in particular SMEs – and public organisations in their digital transformation



Achievements since 2016

- €500 million EU funding for DIHs (2016-2020)
- A pan-European network of over 240 operational Digital Innovation Hubs



Open Data Incubator Europe

- 500 Start-ups, SMEs and mid-caps tested digital innovations in collaboration with more than 150 DIHs in 370 innovation experiments
- 13 EU countries included DIHs in national digitalisation strategies



- Coaching 34 potential Digital Innovation Hubs in regions with slower adoption of digital technologies - focus on EU13.

Digital Innovation Hubs in Slovenia

This catalogue presents:

- Yellow pages of DIHs
- Fact-sheets with profile, contact data, service examples for regional, national, and EU-supported DIHs
- Map-based search tool by technical competences, market sector, services

<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/digital-innovation-hubs-tool>

Digital Innovation Hubs

Search
Enter any search term

Countries
1 selected ▾

Evolutionary Stages
1 selected ▾

Technical Competences
None selected ▾

Services Provided
None selected ▾

Focus on TRL
None selected ▾

Market sectors
None selected ▾

SEARCH

Contact us in the following email: JRC-83-DIH@ec.europa.eu

Click on the following link if you want to propose new HUB:

Legend: Fully Operational, In preparation, No longer in operation

- 7 Digital Innovation Hubs fully operational
- DIHs self-declared and cross-checked against criteria

Success story of Slovenia – I4MS

SPEEDING UP DESIGN CYCLES OF LIGHTWEIGHT AIRCRAFT WITH AFFORDABLE CLOUD-BASED HPC



(Left) The design of the Panthera aircraft was conducted with CFD simulations in a cloud-based HPC environment

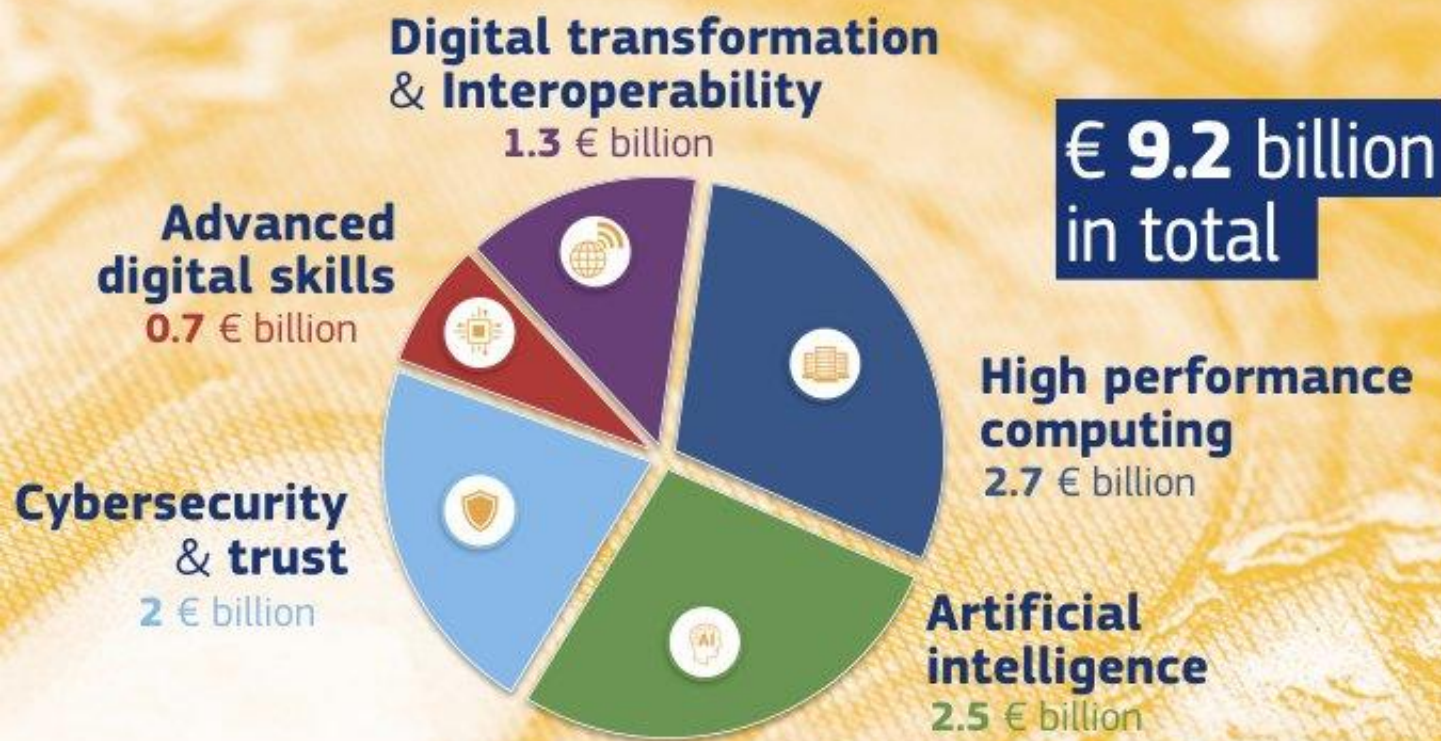


HexFlex -
Reconfigurable
robotic production
fixtures
Jozef Stefan institute
with Elestra and
BlueOcean Robotics



Digital Europe Programme

Investing in the future: **Digital Europe** Programme



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Digital Innovation Hubs at a glance

Bringing the benefits of digital technologies to all our businesses across the European Union



EU support for one DIH per region



Co-investment with Member States



Focus on SMEs and public services



Focus on HPC, AI, Cybersecurity and Digital Skills



A strong European network of Digital Innovation Hubs

Conclusions

- **There are many barriers related to uptake of digital technologies**
- **“Test before invest” service should help companies to decide on further investments for their digital transformation**
- **Together with Member States and Regions the EU will invest in one Digital Innovation Hub per region forming a network**

Further information

- **Digital Innovation Hubs**

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

- **Digital Innovation Hubs in Digital Europe**

<https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/digital-innovation-hubs/digital-innovation-hubs-digital-europe-programme>

- **Catalogue of Digital Innovation Hubs**

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- **Digital Europe Programme**

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/connecting-europe-facility-digital-europe-and-space-programmes_en