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| **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**  **Participation of Cyprus in the European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIHs) Initiative of the Digital Europe Programme (DEP) Programme** |

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| 1. General Information | |
| **Project Title** |  |
| Host Organisation |  |
| Project Coordinator |  |
| Position |  |
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| 2. Coordinators Declaration |
| I, the undersigned, as the Coordinator of the Proposed Project, herby declare the following:  1. All the information provided hereunder in this EoI is true and correct.  2. The management of each participating Organisation in the Consortium (where applicable) has been informed and has already approved the content of this EoI and has committed to support the proposed Project activities.  3. I am aware of RIF’s Policy for the Protection of Personal Data which is located on RIF’s website (<http://www.research.org.cy>). |
| **Signature of the Coordinator:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Identity Card Number:**  **Date:** |

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| **3. Expression of Interest** |
| **(a)** Provide a **Brief Summary** of the proposed project for the establishment of a Digital Innovation Hub in Cyprus. |
| **(b) Describe the composition of the consortium of the DIH** and the relevance of the previous experience and activities of the consortium members with the services of the Hub, **their commitment towards the implementation of the Hub’s objectives**, as well as the **existing infrastructures** (if any) to be utilized by the Hub. Furthermore, refer to actors of the local ecosystem and/or the application area of the Hub which will cooperate with the Hub as **external partners** to ensure coverage of the Hub’s proposed services, as well as to private organisations which intend to financially support the Hub. |
| **(c) Describe the objectives and proposed actions of the DIH** and their degree of relevance with the EU’s Work Programme for the EDIHs initiative and the challenges of the local economy, the relevance with the objectives of Digital Europe Programme 2021-2027 and the **application area(s)** and **the technologies to be covered**. Justify that the DIH’s objectives and relevant activities **address adequately the needs of local SMEs and the public sector**. Furthermore, describe the ways to **approach and engage the target group** (SMEs and/or the public sector). |
| **(d) Demonstrate the development potential of the DIH for Cyprus**, responding to a significant technological and/or sectoral challenge, based on an objective analysis. |
| **(e) Indicate the expected impact of the DIH,** with regard to the adoption of digital technologies by companies and the public sector and the reinforcement of the SMEs’ competitiveness. |
| **(f)** **Describe the proposed budget** for the development and operation of the DIH for the period 2021-2027, and demonstrate the Hub’s commitment to provide the appropriate resources and self-financing to cover the national contribution. *(The Republic of Cyprus aims to support local DIHs, and provide co-financing to cover the amount corresponding to the national contribution).* |