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## ▶ Introduction

- ❑ **Joint Call** for Expression of Interest (Eoi) by the **Deputy Ministry Of Research, Innovation And Digital Strategy (DMRID)** and the **Research and Innovation Foundation (RIF)**
- ❑ Launched on **28 September 2020**
- ❑ **National Pre-Selection Procedure** for the Local Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs) which **demonstrate the necessary competences to fulfil the functions of a hub** and will have the opportunity to participate in the **EU's Restricted Call for the selection of the European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIHs)**

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## ► Basic Principles / Requirements (1)

- ❑ **Eligible Organisations** should be **based and operate** in the **areas controlled by the Republic of Cyprus**
- ❑ **A National DIH Consortium** should consist of **at least the following Partners**:
  - A **Research Organization** (eg University laboratory with installed infrastructure, research center) that will be able to provide **technological services** and specializes in at least one of the technologies covered by DEP,
  - An **Education Institution** (eg Academic Institution, Vocational Training Institution),
  - A **network of enterprises** (eg business association, cluster) in the sector to be covered by the DIH.



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## ► Basic Principles / Requirements (2)




- ❑ Additional Organisations (business development agencies, competence centres, technology providers, commercial chambers, technology parks, investors, business angels, financial institutions etc) could participate as **External Partners** or **Subcontractors**.
- ❑ The participation of **RIF as External Partner** is recommended (to provide innovation support, technology transfer, IPR management and access to finance services)
- ❑ Each organisation may **participate as Partner** only in **one Expression of Interest**. External Partners are excluded.
- ❑ The **Host Organisation** could be the **Research Organisation** or new **Legal Entity** with **non-Profit objective**. *DEP Work Programme: «A EDIH is a single organisation or a coordinated group of organisations with complementary expertise, with a not-for-profit objective»*



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## ► Basic Principles / Requirements (3)

- ❑ **Thematic Priorities / Focus in at least one of the key technologies promoted in DEP:**
  - High Performance Computing
  - Artificial Intelligence
  - Cybersecurity
- ❑ **Application Areas / One or more Priority Sectors** that have emerged through the **Smart Specialisation Strategy (S3Cy)**:
  - Energy
  - Tourism
  - Agriculture-Food Industry
  - Built Environment and Construction
  - Transport-Shipping
  - Health
  - Information and Communication Technologies
  - Sustainable Growth- Environment









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## ► Budget / Funding

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- ❑ **Digital Europe grant** will fund **50% of the requested amount** by the National DIHs
- ❑ **Max. Funding by DEP: € 6,27 M (for 1 or 2 DIH from Cyprus)**
- ❑ **National Funding** will cover **25% of the requested amount** for:
  - Investment in **tangible and intangible assets** (i.e. equipment, software, hardware, infrastructures)
  - **Operating Expenses** (*management of the DIH, organisation of training programmes, workshops and conferences, marketing cost to increase participation and visibility etc*)
  - Costs for **innovation advisory** (*consultancy, assistance and training in the fields of knowledge transfer, acquisition, protection and exploitation of intangible assets, use of standards and regulations*) and **support services** (*provision of office space, data banks, libraries, market research, laboratories, quality labelling, testing and certification*)













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### ► Submission

- ❑ **Documents:**
  - **Application** for Expression of Interest (Max. **5 Pages** + Cover Page)
  - **Letters of Intent** (Requested **for all Consortium Partners** and **External Partners**)
- ❑ Documents Submitted by the Coordinator of the Proposed Project in the dedicated email address: [EIDHs-Eol@research.org.cy](mailto:EIDHs-Eol@research.org.cy)
- ❑ **Deadline:** ~~23 October 2020, 13:00~~ **13 November 2020, 13:00**














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### ► Selection Procedure

- ❑ **Evaluation/Eligibility Check** by **Evaluation Committee** (Representatives from DMRID, MECI, DEC and External Observers)
- ❑ **Evaluation/Eligibility Criteria**
  - The **minimum conditions** regarding the composition of the Consortium **are met**.
  - The **capacity and experience of the Consortium** (infrastructure, HR) required to implement the activities and management of the DIH are documented.
  - The DIHs **objectives and proposed actions are relevant** to the DEP's Objectives and technologies promoted, and its application area falls within the S3Cy Sectors.
  - The **Target Group**, and the **communication plan** for the promotion of the DIH and engagement of the target group are clearly defined.
  - The response of the DIH towards the **challenges of the local economy** and the **expected impact** of the DIH's activities, are well documented.
  - The **indicative budget** for the development and operation of DIH is adequately described and includes the **DIH 's commitment to provide own resources** to co-finance its activities.

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## ► Useful Documents

- ❑ **Call for Expression of Interest and Application Form**  
<https://www.research.org.cy/prosklisi-ekdilosis-endiaferontos-gia-tin-anaptyksi-topikon-komvon-psifiakis-kainotomias-digital-innovation-hubs-dihs/>
- ❑ **EDIHs in DEP Work Programme**  
[https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/dae/document.cfm?doc\\_id=62936](https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/dae/document.cfm?doc_id=62936)
- ❑ **FAQ's Document on EDIHs**  
[http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/dae/document.cfm?doc\\_id=68322](http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/dae/document.cfm?doc_id=68322)
- ❑ **JRC Handbook on DIHs**  
<https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/bitstream/JRC121604/final-onlineversion-dih-%28handbook%29.pdf>



Thank you