

INCREASING DIGITALISATION AWARENESS & READINESS OF BULGARIAN COMMUNITIES

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PHASE 3: EMPOWERMENT

FEBRUARY 18th, 2025



Agenda for Training Session:

BULGARIA

Phase 1:

Planning Phase How to Unlock the Potential of Digitalisation



- Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission cities' goals, resources & how cities can get involved.
- How to assess your Local and Regional Digital Maturity with LORDIMAS
- How to implement the EU methodology to define your own digitalisation roadmap.
- EU tailor-made procurement templates aligned with EU principles and standards

 **JANUARY 28TH, 2025**  **9:30 CET**

Phase 2:

Preparation Phase How to Set Up Your IT Infrastructure

- Understand the importance of open and shareable data as the foundation of your data infrastructures.
- Learn how to implement open data platforms and data spaces through an open reference architecture supported by MIMs
- Discover the open-source tools available through the EU Local Digital Twin toolbox

 **FEBRUARY 12TH, 2025**  **9:30 CET**

Phase 3:

Empowerment Phase How Funding and the Community Supports You

- Discover the Living-in.EU learning community, how to make use of the resources developed for and by the community, and how to engage with their activities
- Discover funding opportunities at EU level and learn how to apply and prepare your proposal

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Detailed Agenda Overview

Phase 3: Empowerment Phase - How Funding and the Community Supports You



February 18th, 2025



9:30 CET

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
9:30 - 9:35	Introduction	Yana Docheva - <i>National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria</i> Ignacio Garcia Vega - <i>Serendipity</i>
9:35 - 10:00	EU funding opportunities to implement your digital strategy	Ignacio Garcia Vega - <i>Serendipity</i>
10:00 - 10:40	Living-in.EU: the gateway to knowledge sharing, curated resources and scalable solutions	Ana Georgieva - <i>Eurocities</i> Gabriela Ruseva - <i>Eurocities</i> Viviana Demonte - <i>Eurocities</i> Rodolphe Doité - <i>ERRIN</i> Danae Pantelide - <i>ENoLL</i> Sophie Meszaros - <i>OASC</i>
10:40 - 10:50	Questions and Answers	Yana Docheva - <i>National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria</i> Christopher Aguilar - <i>Serendipity</i>
10:50 - 11:00	Closing	Yana Docheva - <i>National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria</i> Christopher Aguilar - <i>Serendipity</i>

A person in a white shirt is holding a tablet. The tablet screen shows a city skyline at night with a digital network overlay of white lines and nodes connecting various points. The background is a blurred cityscape under a sunset sky.

EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPLEMENT YOUR DIGITAL STRATEGY



EU Funding Opportunities to Boost your Digital Strategy

- 1 Understand the main EU initiatives supporting your digital journey.
- 2 Identify funding opportunities for your digital transformation.
- 3 Navigate the basic requirements for participation and the application process.
- 4 Assess co-funding investment needs
- 5 Additional resources



EU Funding Opportunities to Boost your Digital Strategy

1

Understand the main EU initiatives supporting your digital journey.



European supporting initiatives overview

1.

Support Services and Tools:

- LORDIMAS: Digital Maturity Assessment Tool
- Online Procurement Helpdesk: Procurement Support
- EU Local Digital Twin Toolbox: Open Standard Solutions

2.

Development of New Regulations:

- AI Act: Guidelines for AI Applications
- Interoperable Europe Act: Promoting Interoperability
- Data Governance Act: Effective Data Governance

3.

Establishment of Ecosystems:

- Living-in.EU: Community Collaboration
- OASC: Interoperability mechanisms (MIMs)
- CitiVERSE EDIC: Deployment Facilitation
- European Data Space for Smart Communities: Data Sharing

4.

Funding Opportunities:

- Horizon Europe: research and innovation projects to advance digital technologies and public services.
- Digital Europe Programme: Reinforcing Digital Capacities
- CEF: digital networks and infrastructure
- Other: Interreg, ITS...
- National and Local funding opportunities

EU Funding Opportunities to Boost your Digital Strategy

2 Identify funding opportunities for your digital transformation.



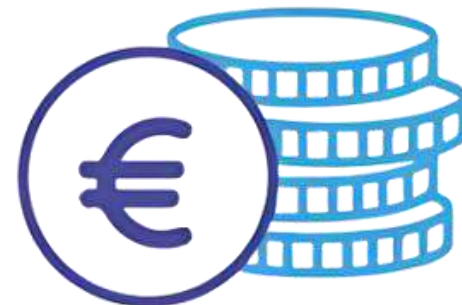
EU's 2021-2027 long-term budget

Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)

The EU's 7-year budget

€1.211 trillion

Total
€2.018 trillion



€806.9 billion

NextGenerationEU

COVID-19 recovery package

Recovery and Resilience Facility

€723.8 billion

● **€338.0 billion grants**

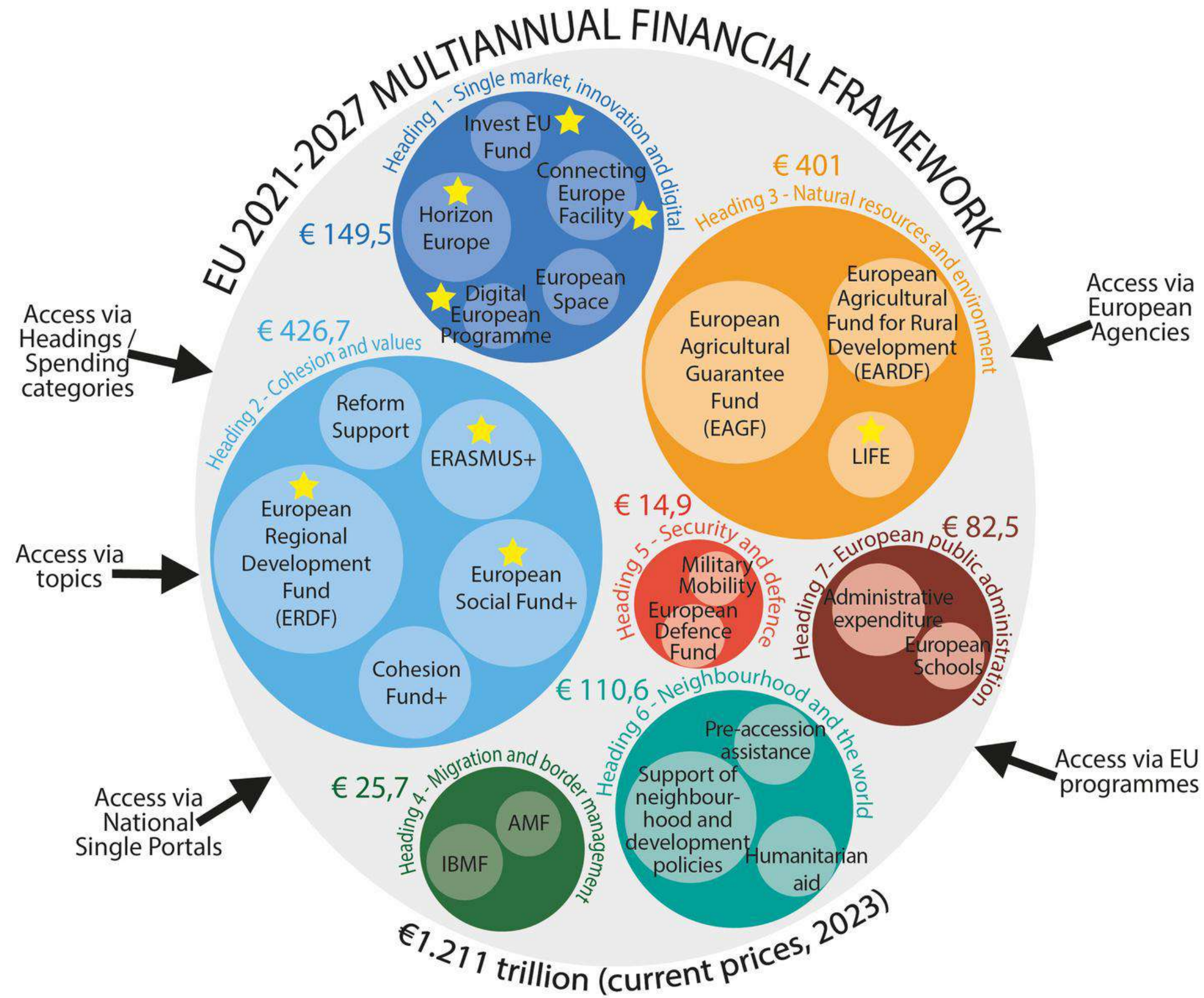
● **€385.8 billion loans**

NextGenerationEU contribution to other programmes

EUR 83.1 billion

Note: All amounts are in current prices.

EU's 2021-2027 long-term budget



EU Digital Funding Opportunities

Each programme contributes uniquely to the digital transformation of public administrations, supporting EU objectives of sustainable growth, competitiveness, and cohesion.



Digital Europe Programme
(DEP) supports the development of digital infrastructure/skills, focusing on public admin efficiency + accessibility.



HORIZON EUROPE

Horizon Europe funds research and innovation projects to advance digital technologies and public services.



Interreg promotes regional cooperation to enhance digital connectivity and innovation in public services.

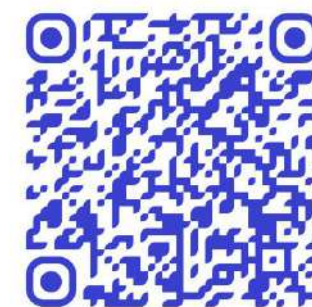


Technical Support Instrument (TSI) offers tailored technical support for designing/ implementing digital reforms in public admin.



Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) improves digital networks and infrastructure, enhancing public administration services and connectivity.

The European Union (EU) supports the digital transformation of public administrations through various funding programmes. Here's an overview of how the funding works, who funds what, and who the stakeholders are for key programmes:



More info:



Digital Europe



- **Funding Source:** The DEP is funded by the EU budget, with €7.6 billion allocated for 2021-2027.
- **Stakeholders:** Public administrations, industry, and research communities involved in digital transformation.
- **Objectives:** DEP aims to strengthen Europe's digital capabilities by funding projects that develop digital infrastructure, enhance cybersecurity, and promote advanced digital skills. It supports public administrations in deploying AI, high-performance computing, and digital public services to improve efficiency and accessibility



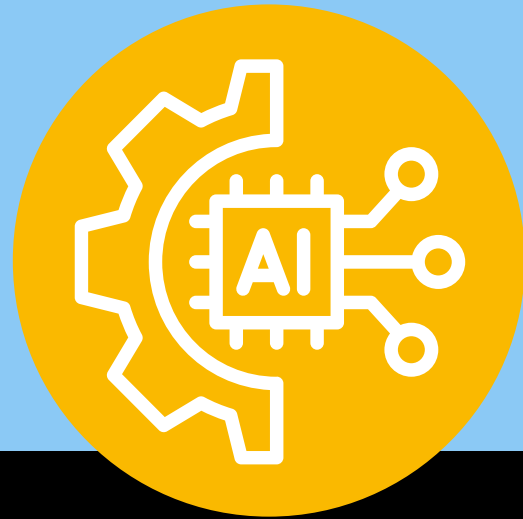
Digital Europe Programme Overview

It will strengthen investments in supercomputing, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, advanced digital skills, and ensuring a wide use of digital capacity across the economy and society.



Supercomputing

€ 2,2 Billion



**Artificial
Intelligence**

€ 2,1 Billion



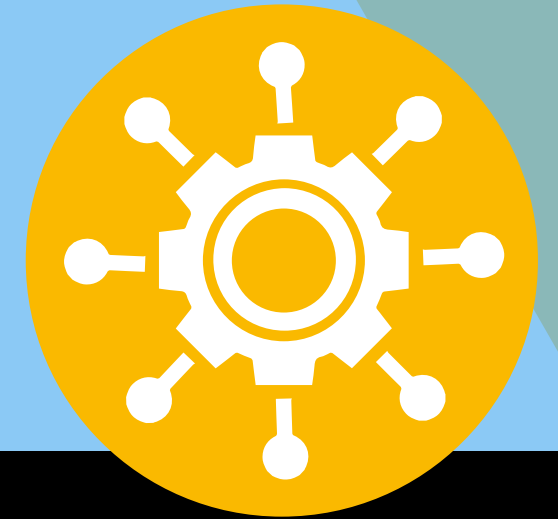
Cybersecurity

€ 1,7 Billion



**Advanced digital
skills**

€ 580 Million



Digital Capacity

€ 1,1 Billion

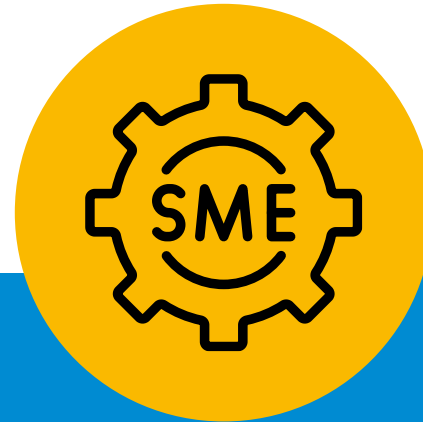
Main Types of Actions



Simple Grants

Flexible type of action, for a variety of topics, can cover most activities and the partners will mostly use personnel costs

50% funding rate for all



SME Support Actions

Activities directly aiming at supporting SMEs involved in building up and the deployment of digital capacities.

75% funding rate for SMEs
50% funding rate for all other



Coordination and Support Actions (CSA)

A small type of action with the primary goal to promote cooperation and/or provide support to EU policies.

100% funding rate for all

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

TOPIC OPPORTUNITY	DATES	AVAILABLE FUNDING
European data space for smart communities	Open 1.06.24 Close 28.02.25	Three Open Calls during the period. It funds pilot projects up to 3M € with 50% cofund to advance the development and implementation of data spaces.
Penetration Test and Vulnerability Assessment	Open 4.1.25 Close 07.04.25	Cascade Funding: CYSSDE aims to collaborate with up to 10 selected Penetration Testing organizations to execute a minimum of 100 Penetration Tests and Vulnerability Assessments for Essential Service Operators, SMEs, and other
European Master Programme for HPC	Open 3.12.24 Close 14.05.25	To design and establish a pan-European Master of Science (MSc) programme in High Performance Computing
Preparedness Support and Mutual Assistance, Targeting Larger Industrial Operations and Installations	Open 4.07.24 Close 27.03.25	To increase the level of protection and resilience to cyber threats, in particular for large industrial installations and infrastructures.
Development and Deployment of Advanced Key Technologies	Open 4.07.24 Close 27.03.25	To enable European cybersecurity actors to take advantage of these new breakthroughs, improving detection and prevention capabilities, efficiency, scalability, and facilitating data sharing and regulatory compliance.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

TOPIC OPPORTUNITY	DATES	AVAILABLE FUNDING
Support for Implementation of EU Legislation on Cybersecurity and National Cybersecurity Strategies (2024)	Open 4.07.24 Close 27.03.25	Capacity building and the enhancement of cooperation on cybersecurity at technical, operational and strategic levels, in the context of existing and proposed EU legislation on cybersecurity in particular the NIS2 Directive (Directive (EU) 2022/2555), the Cybersecurity Act, and the Directive on attacks against information systems (Directive 2013/40).
Enlarging existing or Launching New Cross-Border SOC Platforms	Open 4.07.24 Close 27.03.25	To strengthen capacities to analyse, detect and prevent cyber threats and to support the production of high-quality intelligence on cyber threats, notably through the exchange of data from various sources, public and private, as well as through the sharing of state-of-the-art tools and jointly developing cyber detection, analysis, and prevention capabilities in a trusted environment
Strengthening the SOC Ecosystem	Open 4.07.24 Close 27.03.25	Empower SOC's which are linked to National SOC's, and to a stronger collaboration between local SOC's, National SOC's and Cross-Border SOC platforms, leading to an increased data sharing and better detection capability for cyber threats.
National SOC's	Open 4.07.24 Close 27.03.25	To create or strengthen National SOC's, in particular with state-of-the-art tools for monitoring, understanding and proactively managing cyber events, in close collaboration with relevant entities such as CSIRT's.

Horizon Europe

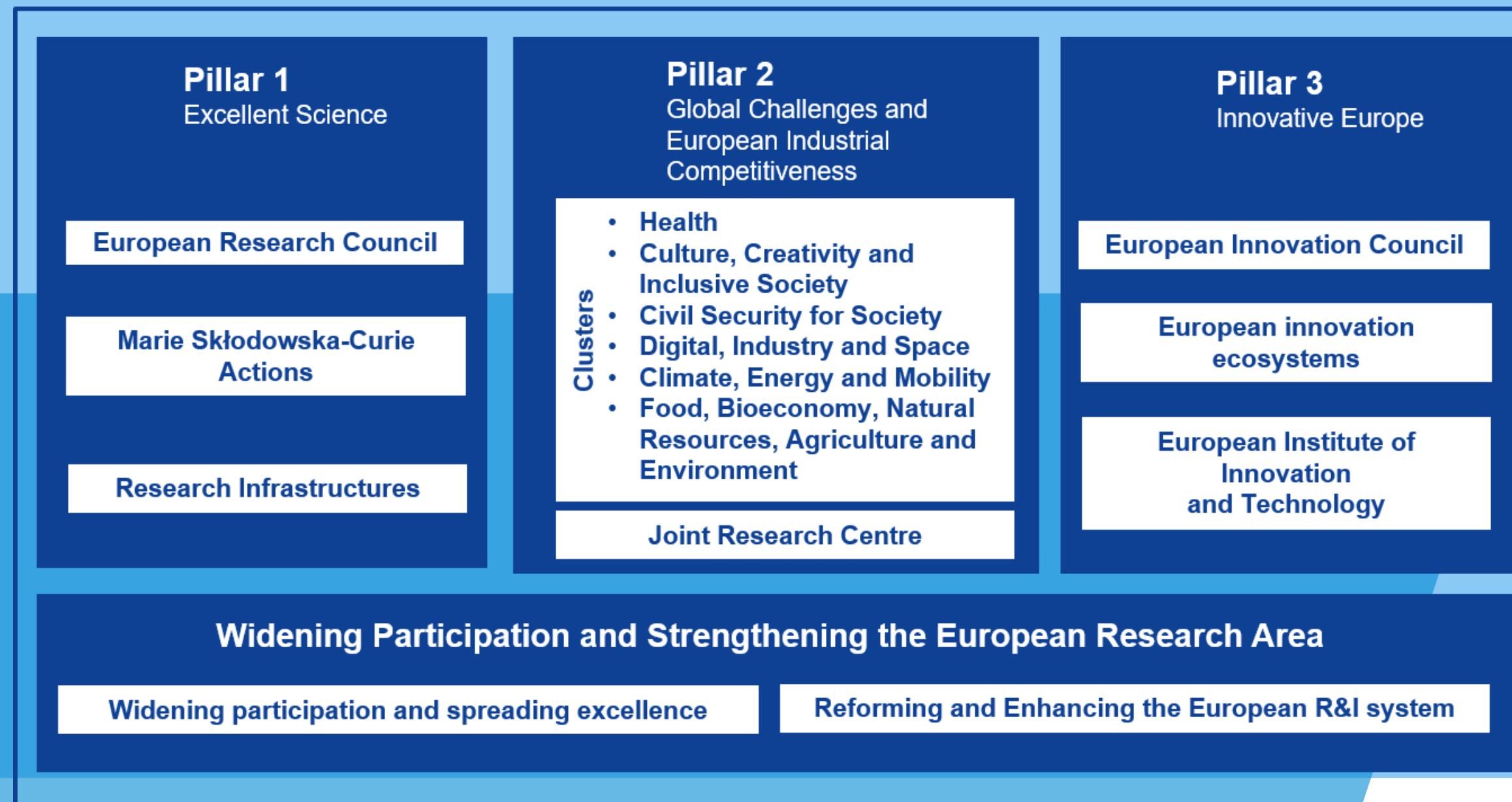


Horizon Europe

- **Funding Source:** Horizon Europe is the EU's main funding programme for research and innovation, with over €95 billion for 2021-2027. Overall it is expected that 35% will support digital transformation.
- **Stakeholders:** Researchers, universities, research organizations, SMEs, public authorities, and private sector entities.
- **Objectives:** HE has a dedicated budget for enabling technologies, such as artificial intelligence and robotics, next generation Internet, high performance computing, big data, key digital technologies, 6G.

Horizon Europe Overview

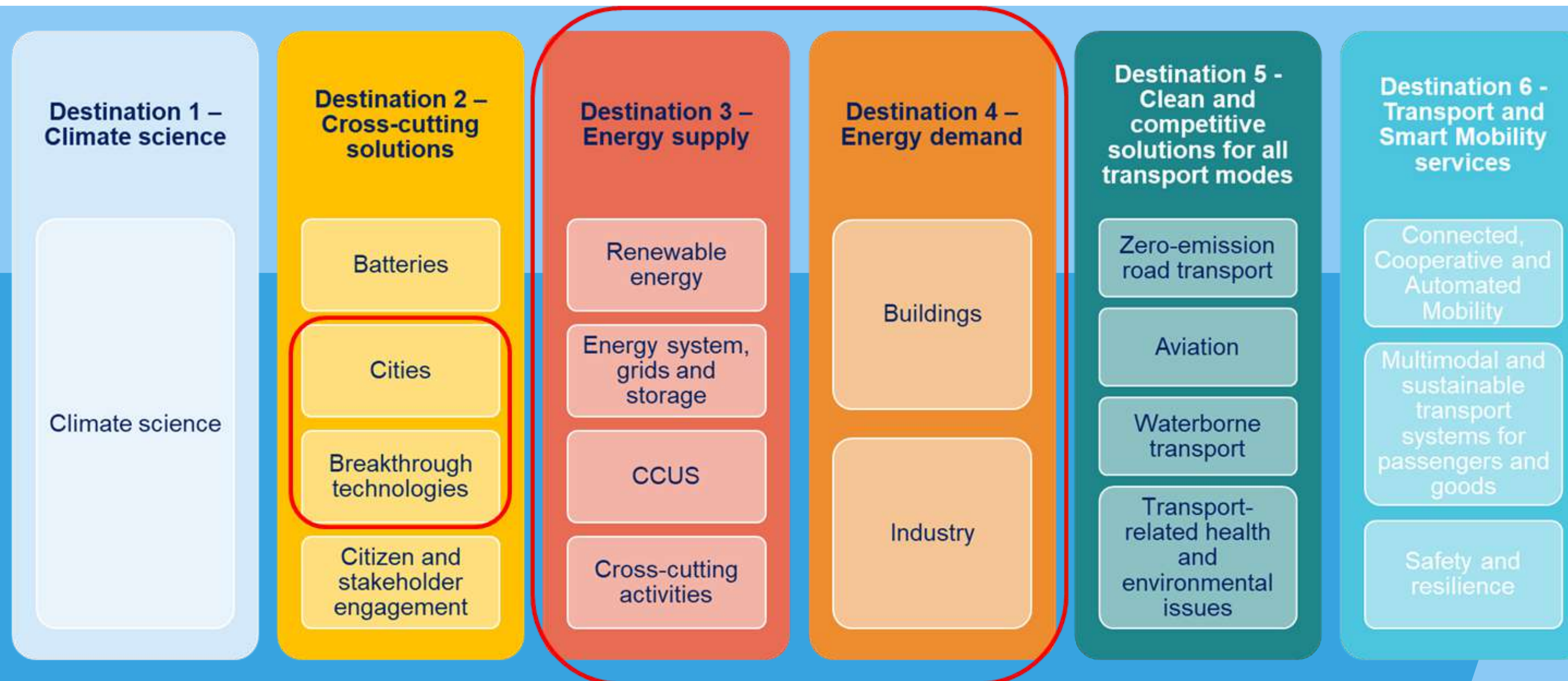
Horizon Europe tackles climate change, helps to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and boosts the EU's competitiveness and growth. The programme facilitates collaboration and strengthens the impact of research and innovation in developing, supporting and implementing EU policies while tackling global challenges.



€95 BILLION OF FUNDING FOR 2021-2027

Horizon Europe Overview

Cluster 5 focuses on **Climate, Energy, and Mobility**, offering cities funding opportunities to develop innovative solutions for sustainable urban environments. It supports projects that aim to enhance energy efficiency, promote clean transportation, and address climate change challenges, fostering resilient and smart cities



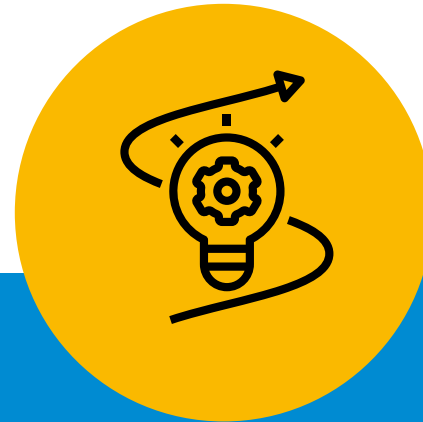
Main Types of Actions



Research & Innovation Action (RIA)

Generate new knowledge or explore the feasibility of a new or substantially improved technology, product, process, service, or solution.

100% funding rate for all



Innovation Action (IA)

Creating plans and designs for new, modified, or improved products, processes, or services. Prototypes, tests, demos, pilot, validation/replication.

70% funding rate for for-profit
100% funding rate for all other



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100% funding rate for all

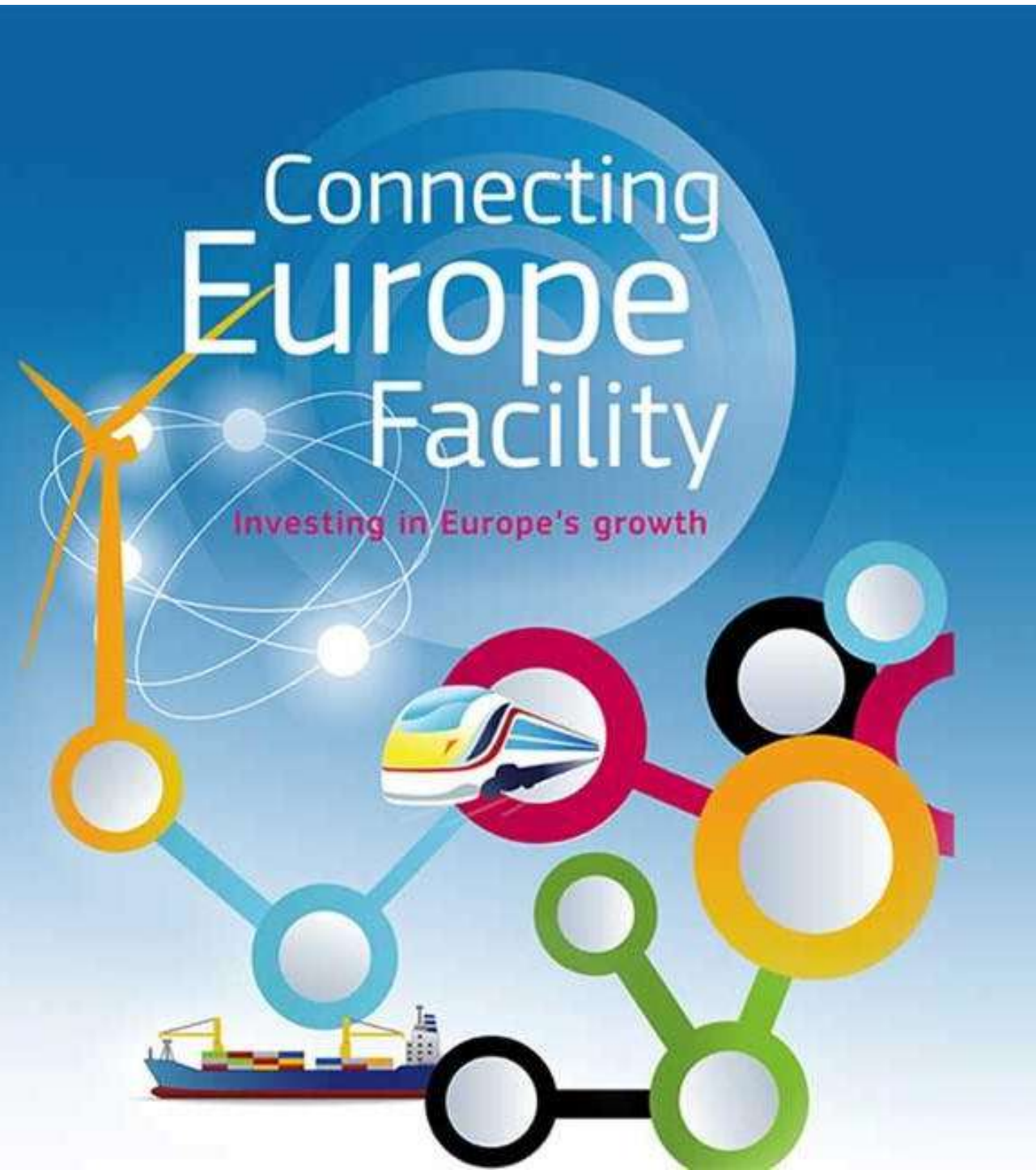
Upcoming Funding Opportunities

TOPIC OPPORTUNITY	DATES	AVAILABLE FUNDING
Rethinking Urban Spaces Towards Climate Neutrality (IA)	Open 17.9.24 Close 11.02.25	45 MEuro funding – Projects must include pilot demonstrations in at least 3 cities , including both urban and suburban areas.
Zero-Pollution Cities (RIA)	Open 17.9.24 Close 11.02.25	20 MEuro funding - Projects must include pilot demonstrations in at least 2 cities
Mobility Management Plans and Behavioral Change (CSA)	Open 17.9.24 Close 11.02.25	5 MEuro funding - Co design activities with stakeholders and citizens
Integrated Peri-Urban Areas in the Transition Towards Climate Neutrality (IA)	Open 17.9.24 Close 11.02.25	28 MEuro funding - Pilot demonstrations in at least 3 peri-urban areas.
Other Funding opportunities	Several dates	Citcom.AI, Communicity, etc. Funding available for pilots to leverage AI and other emerging technologies in addressing the needs of cities and communities

Topics WP 2025 draft

TOPIC OPPORTUNITY	DATES	AVAILABLE FUNDING
Coupling circularity and climate mitigation in industrial sites and their cities and regions (IA)	Estimate - Close 04.09.25	It will fund 3 pilot projects up to 8,5M €.
Innovative, AI-based solutions for urban planning and management (IA)	Estimate - Close 04.09.25	It will fund 4 pilot projects up to 6M €.
Boosting the transformation towards climate-neutral cities, the net-zero economy and open strategic autonomy through Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP)	Estimate - Close 04.09.25	It will fund between 3-4 PCPs of 7-12 M € each.
Walking and cycling: increasing their modal share to reap health benefits and emission reductions and integrating active mobility and micro-mobility devices, with smart technologies and infrastructure (IA)	Estimate - Close 04.09.25	It will fund 2 Pilots.

Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)



- **Funding Source:** CEF is funded by the EU budget, with €33.7 billion for 2021-2027.
- **Stakeholders:** Public authorities, infrastructure operators, and private entities in the transport, energy, and digital sectors.
- **Objectives:** CEF aims to enhance EU connectivity and infrastructure by funding projects that develop and modernize digital networks. It supports public administrations in deploying high-speed broadband, digital public services, and secure digital infrastructures to improve administrative efficiency and citizen engagement

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

TOPIC OPPORTUNITY	DATES	AVAILABLE FUNDING
<p>Connecting Europe Facility :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5G Large scale pilots (large scale 5G stand-alone infrastructure), €105 million.• Backbone connectivity for Digital Global Gateways (mainly submarine and terrestrial cables), €128 million .• Quantum Communication Infrastructure – The EuroQCI initiative, €90 million .	<p>Open 22.10.24 Close 13.02.25</p>	<p>323 MEuro funding available for co-funding the deployment of digital connectivity infrastructures</p>

Interreg

Interreg
Europe



Co-funded by
the European Union

Sharing solutions
for better
regional policies



- **Funding Source:** Interreg is financed through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and other EU instruments.
- **Stakeholders:** Regional and local authorities, public bodies, NGOs, and businesses.
- **Objectives:** Interreg promotes cross-border, transnational, and interregional cooperation. It funds projects that enhance digital connectivity and innovation in public administrations, facilitating collaboration and knowledge sharing across regions to address common challenges and improve public service delivery.

All funds
committed

Technical Support Instrument (TSI)



- **Funding Source:** TSI is funded through the EU budget under DG REFORM, with a focus on supporting structural reforms.
- **Stakeholders:** National and regional authorities of EU Member States, experts from Member States' administrations, international organisations, private firms, and consultants.
- **Objectives:** TSI provides tailored technical expertise to help Member States design and implement digital reforms. It supports projects that enhance digital governance, modernise public administration, and improve public service delivery through the adoption of digital technologies.

InvestEU



- **Funding Source:** InvestEU supports sustainable investments by leveraging both private and public funds. It aims to mobilize over €372 billion in investments through an EU budgetary guarantee.
- **Stakeholders:** National, regional and local governments. Public agencies. Companies and non-profit organisations.
- **Objectives:** InvestEU recognizes the importance of digitalization for Europe's competitiveness and prosperity. At least 10% of the program's resources will be directed toward digital objectives. This aligns with the European Green Deal and emphasizes the transition to a digital economy.

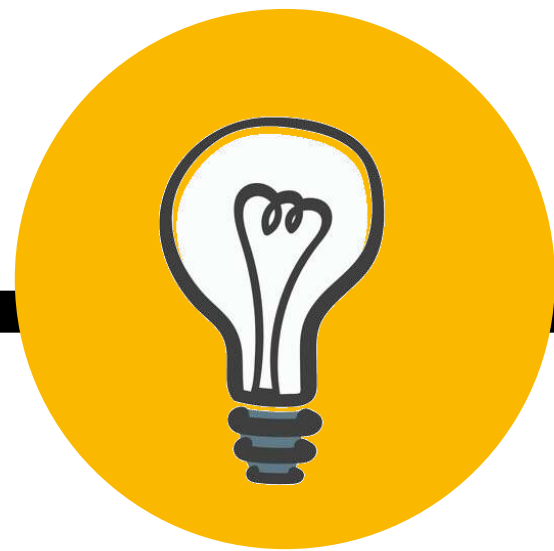
EU Funding Opportunities to Boost your Digital Strategy

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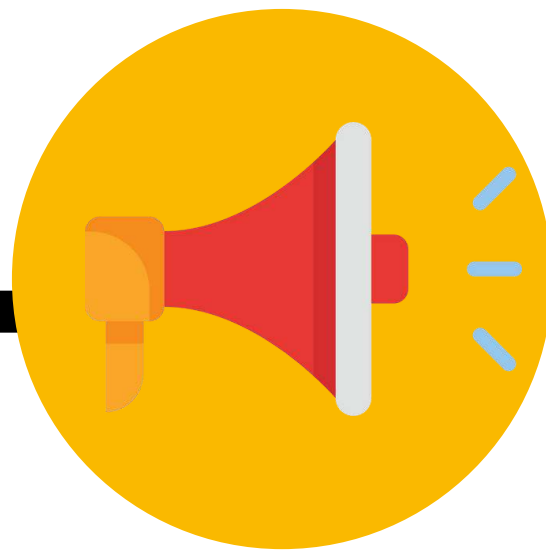
Navigate the basic requirements for participation and the application process.



The process of participating



The Idea



**The Call for
Proposals**



Eligibility check



**Preparing the
proposal**



**Submitting the
proposal**



Evaluation



Participation requirements



Main requirements (specific requirements in the call document)

- Most calls require proposals from consortia, consisting of partners from different eligible countries
- Most consortia need to gather a minimum number of partners.
- Some call topics specify types of organisations that have to be part of a consortium



Eligibility

- Legal entities (public or private bodies and international organisations of European interest)
- that are established in a EU member state or an eligible non-EU country
- There may be restrictions regarding security and strategic autonomy (calls regarding cybersecurity, AI and HPC)



Participation of third countries

- Countries already associated: Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein (EEA)
- Countries showing interest in association: Turkey, Serbia, Israel and Ukraine
- Entities from third countries can participate in the consortia but cannot receive funding.

Application Process

The screenshot displays the EU Funding & Tenders Portal. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Funding, Procurement, Projects & results, News & events, Work as an expert, and Guidance & documents. A search bar is located on the right. The 'Funding' menu is open, showing options like Calls for proposals, Participant register, Partner search, EU programmes (highlighted with a hand cursor), Funding updates, and Horizon4Ukraine. Below the menu, a grid of funding programmes is listed, each with a title and acronym. A search bar with a 'Filter...' button is also visible.

Programme	Acronym
Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund	AMIF2027
Border Management and Visa Instrument	BMVI
Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme	CERV
Connecting Europe Facility	CEF2027
Creative Europe	CREA2027
Customs Control Equipment Instrument	CCEI
Customs Programme	CUST
Digital Europe Programme	DIGITAL
Erasmus+ Programme	ERASMUS2027
EU Anti-fraud Programme	EUAF
EU External Actions	RELEX
EU Renewable Energy Financing Mechanism	RENEWFM
EU4Health Programme (EU4H)	EU4H
Euratom Research and Training Programme	EURATOM2027
EUROPE DIRECT	ED
European Defence Fund	EDF
European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund	EMFAF
European Parliament (EP)	EP
European Social Fund +	ESF
European Solidarity Corps	ESC2027
Fiscalis Programme	FISC
Horizon Europe	HORIZON
IMCAP	IMCAP2027
Information Measures for the EU Cohesion policy	IMREG

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European Commission | EU Funding & Tenders Portal

Sign in EN

Home Funding ▼ Procurement ▼ Projects & results ▼ News & events ▼ Work as an expert Guidance & documents ▼ Search...

Home > Guidance & documents > Guidance & Manuals

Guidance & Manuals

Brexit info

€ Funding Procurement

Reference documents
The page reference documents of the programmes managed on the EU Funding & Tenders Portal including legal documents, work agreements and guides for specific actions.

Online Manual (2021-2027)
Step-by-step online guide through the Portal processes from proposal preparation and submission to reporting on your on-going programmes.

H2020 Online Manual (2014-2020)
Step-by-step online guide through the Portal processes from proposal preparation and submission to reporting on your on-going project. Only valid for Horizon 2020.

IT how to
IT support guide with step-by-step walkthroughs and videos.

Guidance & manuals
Reference documents
How to participate
FAQ
Helpdesk & support
Videos

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European Commission | EU Funding & Tenders Portal

Home > Funding > Calls for proposals

Calls for proposals

Participant register

Partner search

EU programmes

Funding updates

Horizon4Ukraine

Filters

Quick search

Select...

Programming period

Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

Call

Submission status

All filters

178 item(s) found

Programme: Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

European Researchers' Night and Researchers at Schools 2026-2027

HORIZON-MSCA-2025-CITIZENS-01-01 | Call for proposal

Opening date: 17 June 2025 | Next deadline: 22 October 2025 | Single-stage

Programme: Horizon Europe (HORIZON) | Type of action: HORIZON Coordination and Support Actions

MSCA COFUND 2025

HORIZON-MSCA-2025-COFUND-01-01 | Call for proposal

Opening date: 23 January 2025 | Next deadline: 24 June 2025 | Single-stage

Programme: Horizon Europe (HORIZON) | Type of action: HORIZON TMA MSCA Cofund Postdoctoral programme

Teaming for Excellence

HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-ACCESS-01-01-two-stage | Call for proposal

Opening date: 03 December 2024 | Next deadline: 10 April 2025 | Two-stage

Programme: Horizon Europe (HORIZON) | Type of action: HORIZON Coordination and Support Actions

Application Process

Read the topic in the funding and tender portal carefully:

The screenshot displays the European Commission's 'Funding & tender opportunities' portal (SEDIA). The main navigation bar includes links for HOME, SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS, HOW TO PARTICIPATE, PROJECTS & RESULTS, WORK AS AN EXPERT, and SUPPORT. The user is logged in as 'EN'.

Topic Identification: The topic 'Specialised education programmes in key capacity areas' (DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-05-SPECIALEDU) is highlighted in the search results.

Available Information: The 'Internal navigation' menu on the left provides links to General Information, Topic updates, Topic description, Conditions and documents, Partner search announcements, Start submission, Topic related FAQ, Get support, and Call updates.

Budget overview: A table showing the budget for the topic. The table has columns for Topic, Budget (EUR) - Year 1 (2023), Stage, Opening date, Deadline, Contributions, and Indicative number of grants.

Topic	Budget (EUR) - Year 1 (2023)	Stage	Opening date	Deadline	Contributions	Indicative number of grants
DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-05-SPECIALPROGESSU - DIGITAL CSA Digital Coordination and Support Actions	2 000 000	single-stage	21 November 2023	21 March 2024	1	1
DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-05-CYBERACADEMY - DIGITAL SMPLE Digital Simple Grants	10 000 000	single-stage	21 November 2023	21 March 2024	3	3
DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-05-SPECIALEDU - DIGITAL LS Digital Lump Sum Grants	10 000 000	single-stage	21 November 2023	21 March 2024	3	3

General information: The topic is part of the Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL). The call is for Advanced Digital Skills (DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-05). The type of action is DIGITAL-LS DIGITAL Lump Sum Grants. The type of MGA is DIGITAL Lump Sum Grant [DIGITAL-AG-LS]. The deadline model is single-stage. The opening date is 21 November 2023.

Deadline: The deadline date is 21 March 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time.

Topic description: The expected outcome is 'Expected Outcome and Deliverables: Consortiums of higher education institutions, vocational education and training institutions, research organisations and businesses delivering advanced digital technology programmes and multi-disciplinary courses for users of advanced digital technologies. At least, supported to...'. The topic updates section shows a prefinancing rate of 60 percent for the topic.

Application Process

Topic Documents

Partner Search Tool

Create the Proposal

Specialised education programmes in key capacity areas
DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-05-SPECIALEDU

Topic Call for proposal

Internal navigation

- General information
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- Call updates

Go back to search results

Topic conditions and documents

Conditions

1. Admissibility conditions: described in section 5 of the call document ...

Partner search announcements

63 Searches of partners to collaborate on this topic

View / Edit

LEARs, Account Administrators or self-registrants can publish partner requests for open and forthcoming topics after logging into this Portal, as well as any user having an active public Person profile.

Start submission

To access the Electronic Submission Service, please click on the submission-button next to the type of action and the type of model grant agreement that corresponds to your proposal. You will then be asked to confirm your choice, as it cannot be changed in the submission system. Upon confirmation, you will be linked to the correct entry point.

To access existing draft proposals for this topic, please login to the Funding & Tenders Portal and select the My Proposals page of the My Area section.

Please select the type of your submission:

☐ DIGITAL Lump Sum Grants [DIGITAL-LS] ☐ DIGITAL Lump Sum Grant [DIGITAL-AG-LS]

Start submission

Topic related FAQ

13 item(s) found

Do all participating organizations need to be involved both in the design and delivery of higher education programme(s) and the self-standing modules? Or can specific organizations be involved in only one of those activities?

For the DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-05-SPECIALEDU topic, the objectives and activities addressed in a proposal have to be provided by the consortium as a whole, unless otherwise requested by...

Under DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-5-SPECIALEDU, how can the democratization of AI initiatives - including AI ethics, AI critical thinking, AI good practices on prompt engineering and AI for Digital Citizenship - be supported by this call?

Published

Search by name, description...

Expertise request, Expertise offer

63 item(s) found

Sort by

GRANTXPRT CONSULTING LIMITED

Organisation Contact

Grantxpert (GX) is specialized in developing and disseminating innovative training courses that aim to enhance learners' digital, entrepreneurial, and transversal skills. We have extensive experience in preparing proposals and have implemented over 100 EU projects successfully both as coordinators and partners on similar topics, such as LEVEL UP DIGITRAIR and DigENTRAIR. GX can also lead quality assurance and awareness-raising, dissemination, and exploitation activities.

Organisation type Small or medium-size enterprise

Country Cyprus

Status Published

Type of request Request date

Expertise offer 05 Dec 2023

The Video Valley Productora Audiovisual Motion Graphics SL

Organisation Contact

The Video Valley (<https://thevideovalley.com/>) is a marketing consulting company specialized in the dissemination of results. The Video Valley can be part of your consortium as a Dissemination and Communication Partner. We can help to give maximum exposure to the project through 2D Animations Web design 3D renders Press releases. If you are interested in exploring collaboration opportunities, please feel free to contact me at rau@thevideovalley.com for further details.

Organisation type Small or medium-size enterprise

Country Spain

Status Published

Type of request Request date

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FAQ

Application Process

Days left for submission

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23 days left until closure

Call data

Call: DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-05
Topic: DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-05-SPECIALEDU
Type of action: DIGITAL-LS
Type of MGA: DIGITAL-AG-LS

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Templates

Helpdesk

Welcome Ignacio GARCIA

Find your organisation

PIC * 895412724 Short name * Serendipity Search

Organisations you have been previously associated with. (Click to select)

Tpl_Application Form (Part B) (DEP)
Tpl_Detailed Budget Table (DEP LSII)

Your role

Please indicate your role in this proposal *

☒ Main contact
☐ Contact person

Your proposal

It will appear also in the "General Information" section of the Application Form Part A and can also be updated there.

Acronym * Enter value 20

Short Summary * Enter value 2000

Coordinator info

Proposal acronym and summary

Application Process

The screenshot displays the 'Participants' step of the application process. At the top, a progress bar shows six steps: Login, Topic selection, Create proposal, Participants (current), Proposal forms, and Submit. The 'Participants' section includes a 'Deadline' box indicating 21 March 2024 at 17:00 Brussels Local Time, with 23 days left until closure. Below this is 'Call data' for 'DIGITAL-2023-SKILL S-05' and a warning that topic and action changes require a new proposal. The 'Proposal data' section shows 'Acronym: Test 1' and 'Draft ID: SEP-211037260'. A 'Download Part B templates' section is also present. The main area shows the 'Coordinator' 'Serendipity' with its details and a 'Contacts' list containing 'Main contact' 'Ignacio GARCIA'. At the bottom right, there are buttons for 'Add Partner', 'Add Associated partner', 'SAVE', 'SAVE AND GO TO NEXT STEP', and 'NEXT'. A 'Support & Helpdesk' section is at the bottom left.

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In this step, the coordinator can manage and review the participants.
Note: The changes will be applied only after you click the "Save Changes" button.

Number of participants: 1

Reorder

Coordinator
Serendipity

1 Serendipity

Add Affiliated Entity

SERENDIPITY HOLDING BV
EINDHOVEN, NL
PIC: 895412724
Change organisation Contact organisation

Contacts 1 Add contact

Main contact
Ignacio GARCIA

Add Partner Add Associated partner

SAVE SAVE AND GO TO NEXT STEP NEXT

Always press SAVE

Edit contacts per org.

Add consortium partners

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(DIGITAL Lump Sum Grants)

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Proposal acronym: Test 1

Type of Model Grant Agreement: DIGITAL Lump Sum Grant

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How to fill in the forms

The forms must be filled in for each proposal using the templates available in the submission system. Some data fields in the forms are pre-filled based on the steps in the submission wizard.

[Read more](#)

In this step you can edit the Administrative Forms and upload the proposal and its annexes. You may return to this step from the 'My Proposals' section of the Funding & Tenders Portal.
Submit your proposal as early in the process as possible - you can update and resubmit an improved version many times before the call closure.
Submitting a proposal will overwrite any previous versions of this same proposal - this process is irreversible.
Any changes made to the proposal will not be available to the European Commission service unless resubmitted before the call closure.

Your proposal contains changes that have not yet been submitted.

Administrative forms (Part A)

Edit formsView historyPrint preview

Part B and Annexes

In this section you may upload the technical annex of the proposal (in PDF format only) and any other requested attachments:

Part B *

Detailed budget table *

List of previous projects

Other annexes

UploadUploadUploadUpload

< BACK TO PARTICIPANTS LIST

VALIDATE

SUBMIT

- Admin. part

- Documentation

- Submit

Application Process

Application Form



- Part A - Administrative information generated by the IT system in the Portal submission system
- Part B - Narrative description of the project. Part B needs to be uploaded as PDF (+ annexes) in the Submission System. The templates to use are available in the submission site.

How to prepare and submit it?



- The Application Form must be prepared by the consortium and submitted by a representative.
- Page limit normally 70 pages (unless indicated in the Call)
- supporting documents can be provided as an annex and do not count towards the page limit
- Keep your text as concise as possible. Do not use hyperlinks to show information that is an essential part of your application

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Application Process



Your proposed work must be **within the scope** of a work programme topic



You need to demonstrate that your idea is **ambitious** and goes **beyond the state of the art**



Your scientific **methodology** must take into account **interdisciplinary, gender dimension** and **open science** practices. It must **not** significantly harm the environment



You should show how your project could contribute to the **outcomes and impacts** described in the work programme (**the pathway to impact**)



You should describe the planned measures to **maximise the impact** of your project ('**plan for the dissemination and exploitation** including communication activities')



You should demonstrate the **quality** of your **work plan, resources and participants**

EXCELLENCE

IMPACT

IMPLEMENTATION

Evaluation

Award criteria

- **Relevance** (e.g. alignment with objectives, contribution to long-term policy objectives and relevant policies, synergies with other activities)
- **Implementation** (e.g. maturity of the project, soundness of implementation plan, efficient use of resources, capacity of applicants)
- **Impact** (e.g. expected outcomes and deliverables, strengthen competitiveness, benefits for society)

Formal requirements

- Deliver on time
- Deliver all the needed documentation, no amendment is possible

Award criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
Relevance	3	5
Implementation	3	5
Impact	3	5
Overall (pass) scores	10	15

Maximum points: 15 points.

Individual thresholds per criterion: 3/5, 3/5 and 3/5 points.

Cost Categories



A- Personal Cost

- A1 - Employees
- A2 - Natural persons under direct contract
- A3 - Seconded persons
- A4 - SME owners



B- Subcontracting



C- Purchase Costs

- C1 - Travel and subsistence
- C2 - Equipment
- C3 - Other goods, work and services



D- Other Cost Categories

- D1 - Financial support to third parties
- D2 - Internally invoiced goods and services



E- Indirect Costs

- 7% of direct costs

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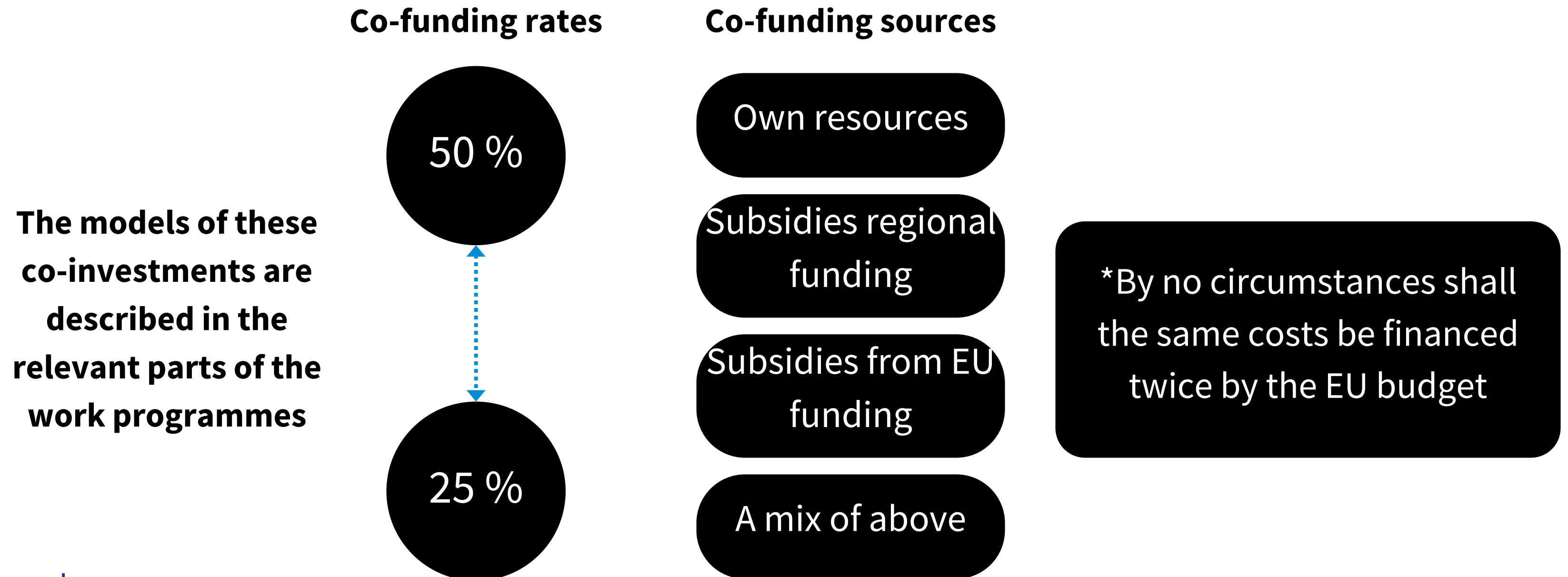
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Assess co-funding investment needs



Co-Funding

Most actions foreseen in the Digital Europe Programme require co-investments from the public and/or private sectors



EU Funding Opportunities to Boost your Digital Strategy

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Additional resources




Links to interesting info


- [How to prepare a successful proposal in Horizon Europe](#) (24 March 2021)
- [A successful proposal for Horizon Europe](#) (21 April 2021)
- [Tips and Tricks while writing your Horizon Europe proposal](#) (23 June 2021)
- [Recipe for success: Tips and tricks to writing your Horizon Europe proposal](#) (29 September 2022)
- [Dissemination, Communication and Exploitation](#) (9 June 2021)
- [The Funding & tenders Portal for beginners](#) (27 May 2021)
- [New features Funding & Tenders Portal](#) (28 September 2021)
- [The Gender Equality Plan](#) (23 June 2022)
- [Horizon Results Booster](#) (17 November 2022)
- [Submission and evaluation, Grant Agreement Preparation, Legal and Financial Aspects](#) (10 December 2021)
- [Grant Agreement Preparation, Legal and Financial Aspects](#) (26 January 2022)
- [Cost reporting of other costs \(with focus on internal invoicing\)](#) (23 March 2022)

Links to interesting info

- [Lump Sum funding: How does it work and what are the next steps? \(7 April 2022\)](#)
- [Lump Sum funding: How to write a proposal? \(19 May 2022\)](#)
- [Lump Sum funding: How does it work? How to write a proposal? \(20 October 2022\)](#)
- [Avoiding errors in declaring personnel costs in Horizon 2020 grants\(30 November 2022\)](#)
- [Coordinators' Day on Grant Agreement Preparation \(2 February 2023\)](#)
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- [Horizon Europe Results Booster \(24 May 2023\)](#)
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- [Certificates on the financial statements \(CFS\) in Horizon Europe \(26 June 2024\)](#)



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A person in a white shirt is holding a tablet. The tablet screen shows a vibrant city skyline at night, with several skyscrapers illuminated. Overlaid on the city is a white geometric network of lines and dots, resembling a data or communication network. The background of the entire image is a blurred cityscape under a sunset or sunrise sky.

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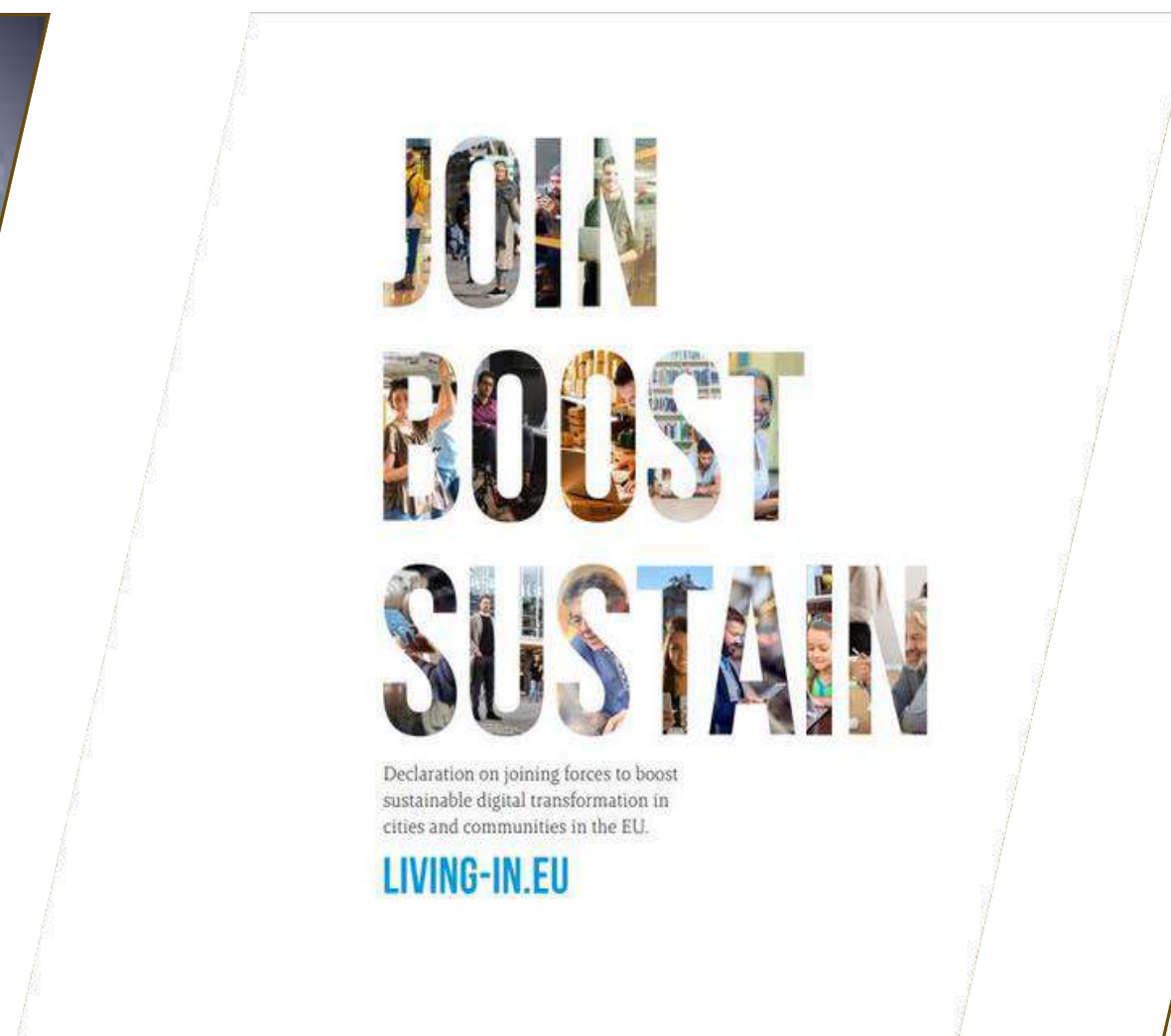


WHY WE WORK TOGETHER?



Key EU initiative on
digital
transformation

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Join, Boost,
Sustain
Declaration



Five areas
five working
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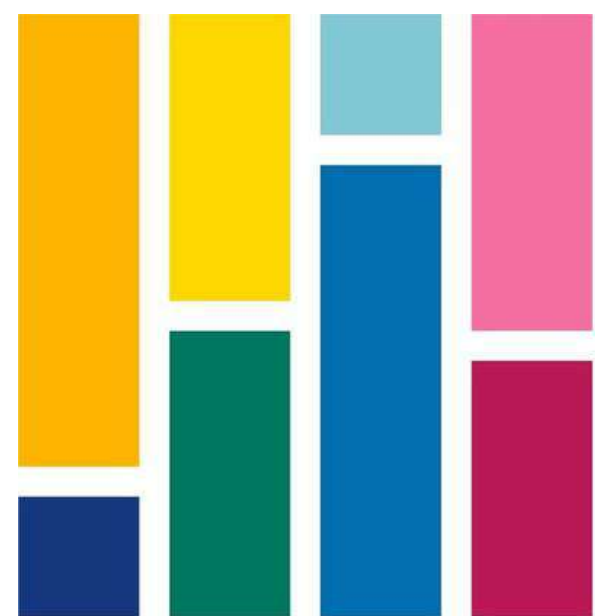
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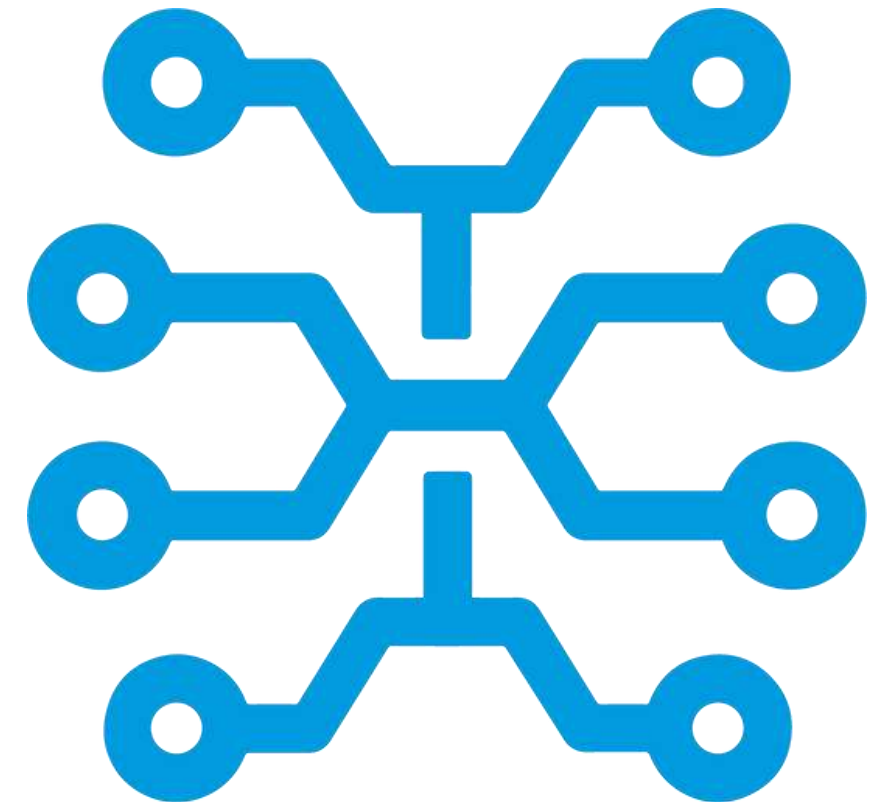
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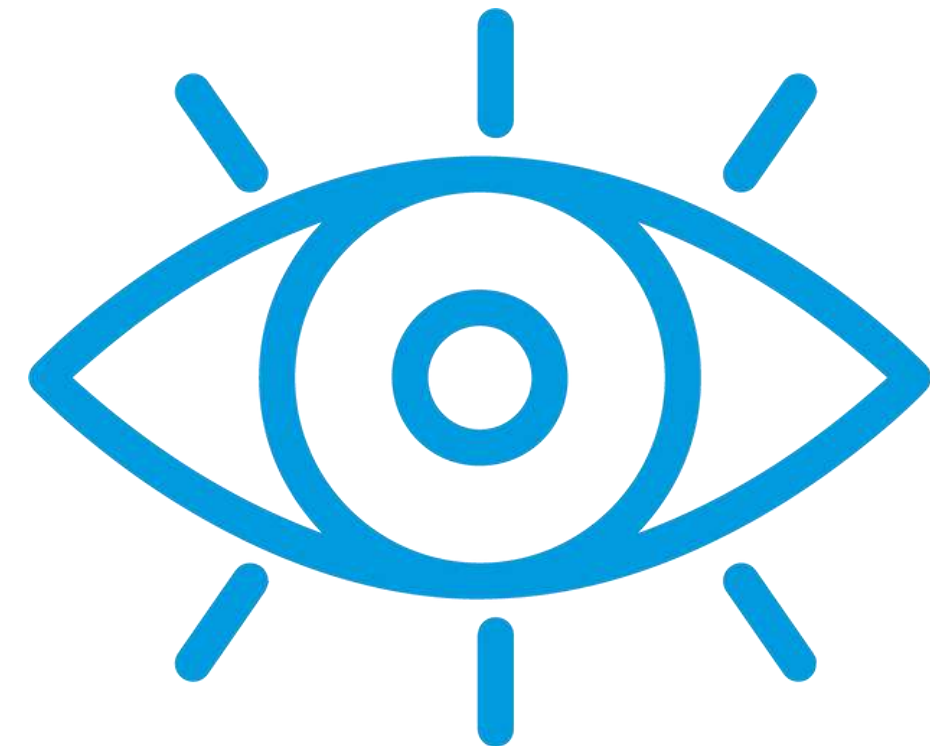
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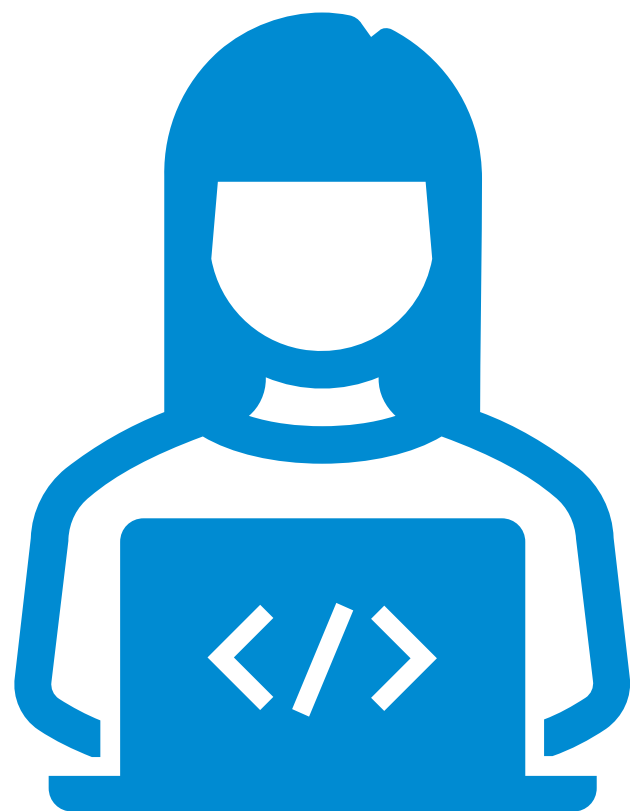
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European Network of Living Labs



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**WG
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**WG
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Experts from the city or regional administrations:

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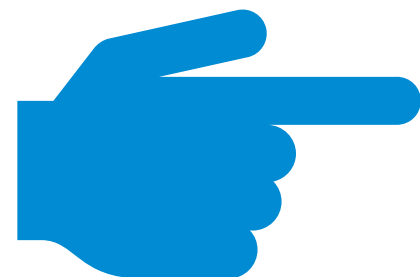
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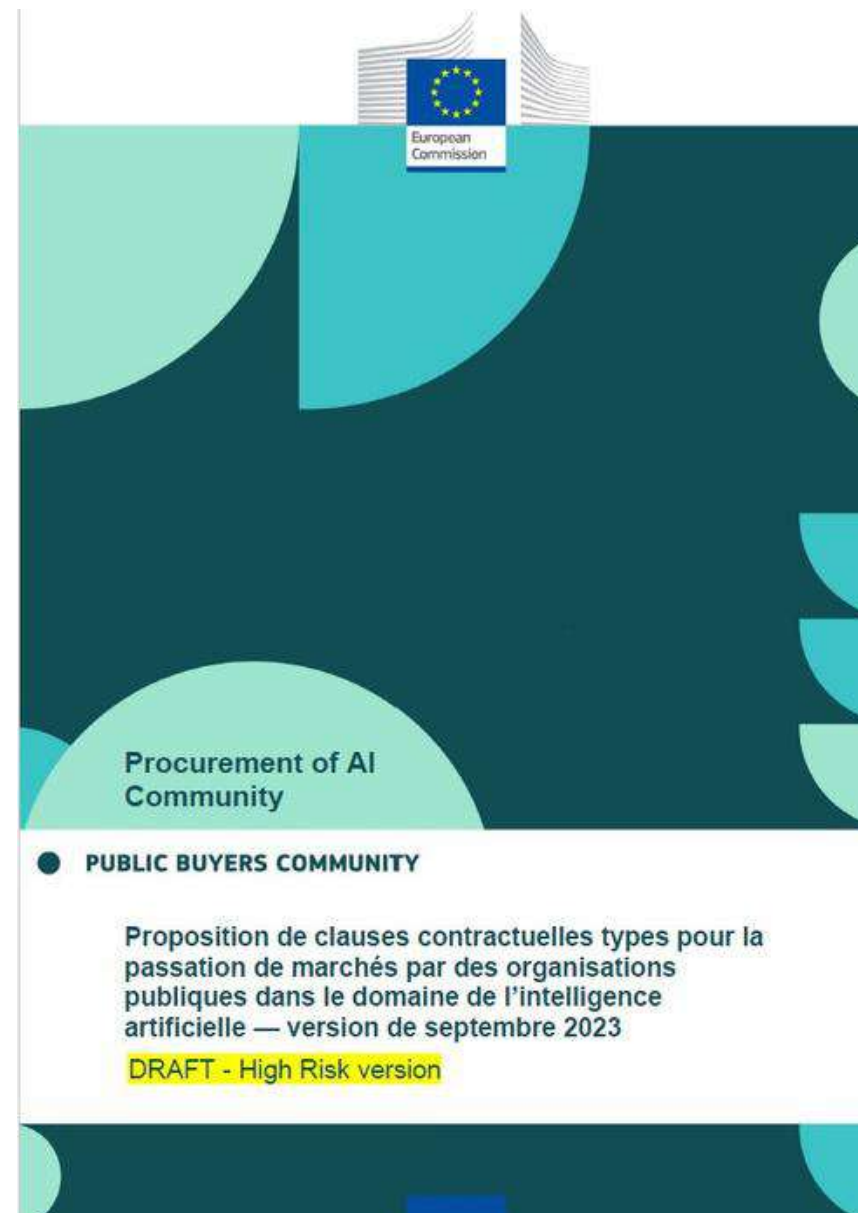
EU AI Act

Proposal for a

Regulation of the European Parliament and of
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Artificial Intelligence (Artificial Intelligence Act)
and Amending Certain Union Legislative Acts

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MIMs Plus



TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP



I ENABLE



WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

- Knowledge-exchange
- European technical
- resources
Minimal Interoperability Mechanisms (MIMs)

Plus

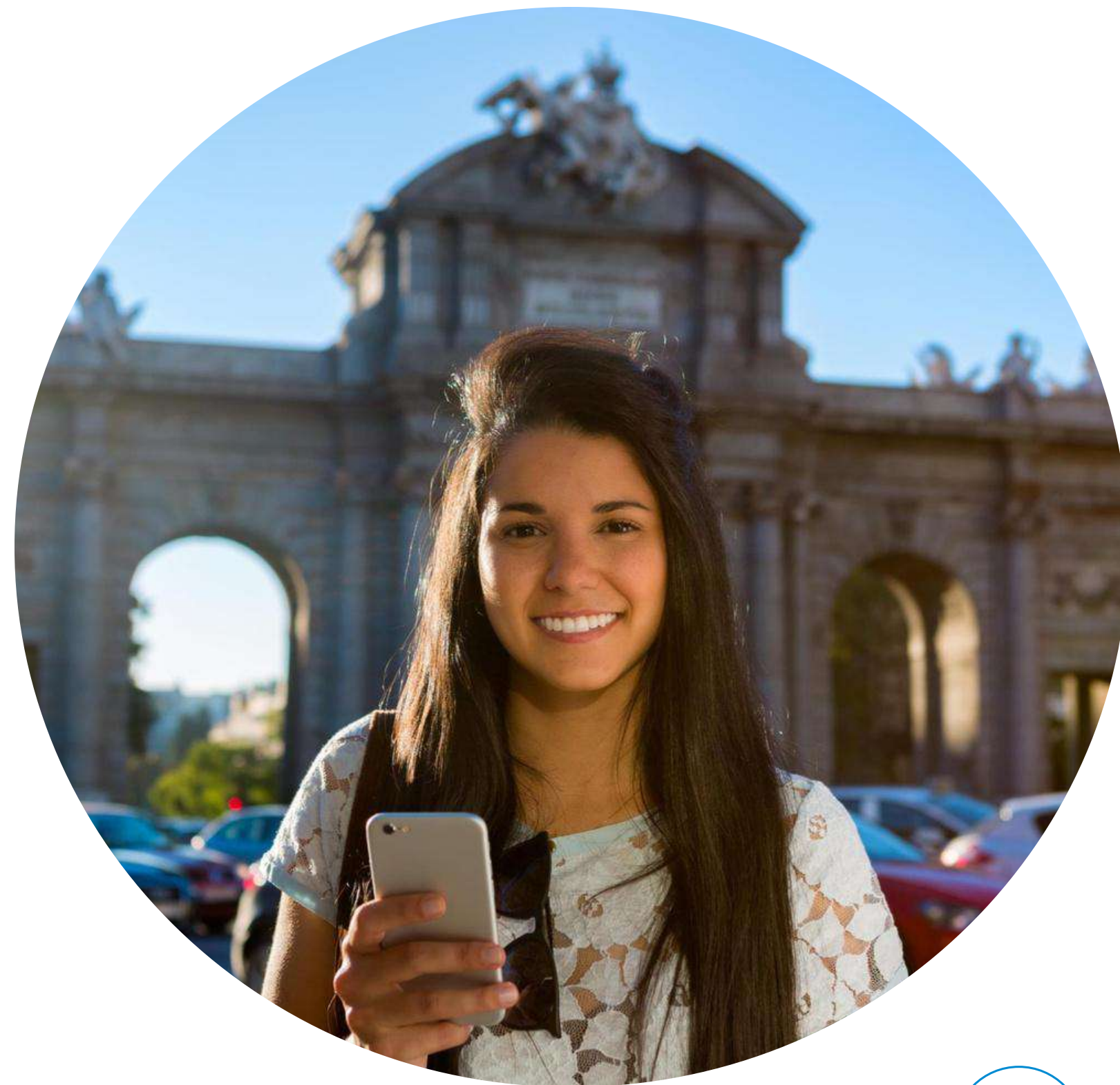


WHO SHOULD JOIN?

representatives of local administrations, who work

on technology procurement,

- European relations,
- digital policies



WHAT ARE THE ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS?

- communities sharing their digital journey
- European project presentation
- Presentations/workshops/capacity building
- Reports, recommendations, and interoperability guidance to support the European digital transformation journey of regions, cities, and communities



EDUCATION & CAPACITY BUILDING WORKING GROUP

A photograph of a man with a beard and dark hair, wearing a dark blue sweater, smiling at the camera. He is leaning over a workbench in a workshop, holding a pen and pointing at a tablet. The background shows industrial equipment and a bright light source.

I LEARN



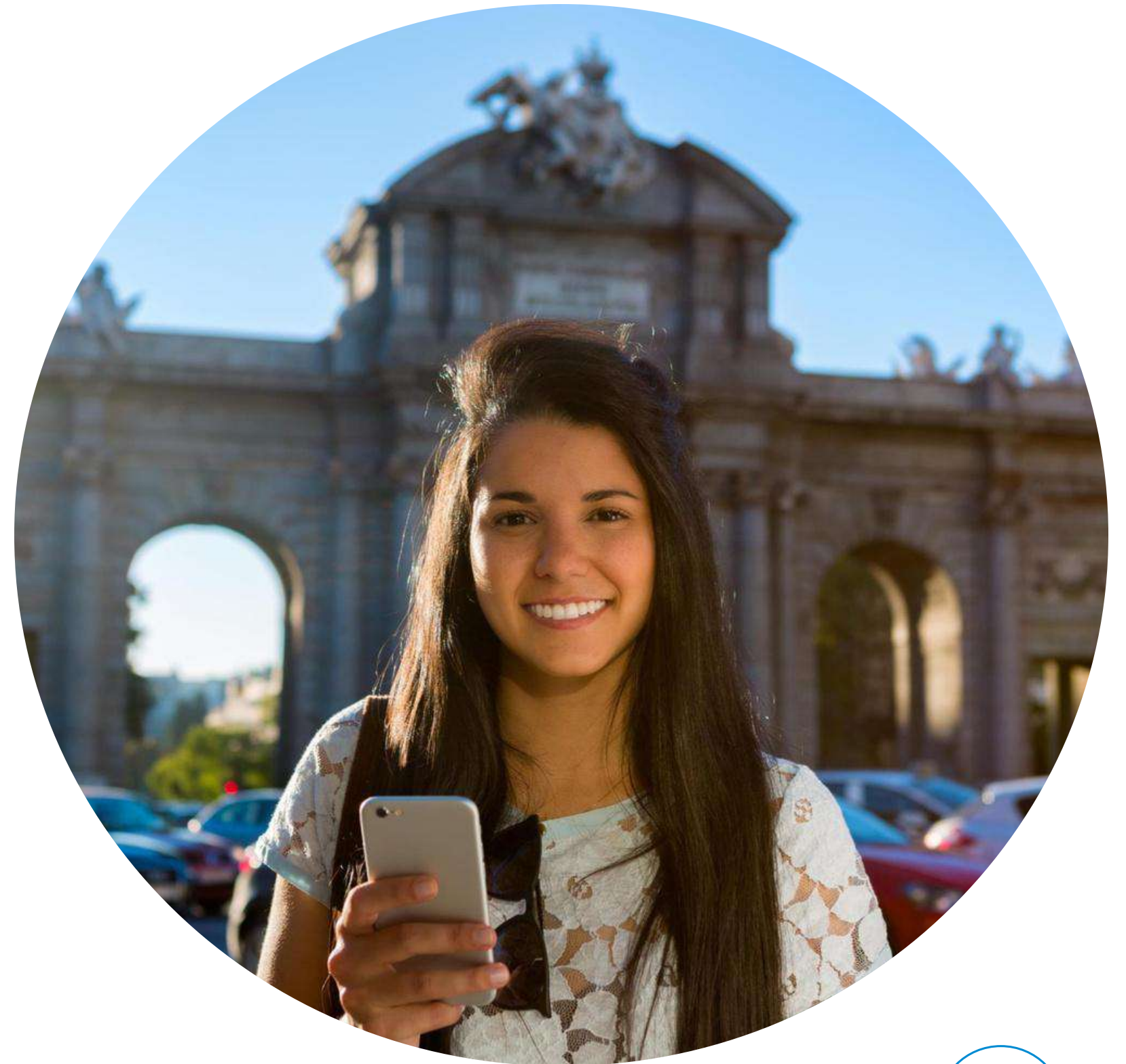
WHO IS IT FOR?

- Public officers/city
- experts
Smart city solutions
- providers
NGO
- Academic
- Citizen
- ns



WHAT DO WE OFFER?

- ✓ Online educational opportunities Skills
- ✓ development Knowledge sharing Connections
- ✓ with experts in each field Continuous updates
- ✓ on an ever-changing
- ✓ ecosystem
- Opportunities to accelerate deployment of
- ✓ new
- solutions



WHAT ARE THE ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS?

- Access our events and shape our content Identify
- the needs of your municipality (knowledge-
and technology-wise)
- Learn how to tackle challenges using technology
- Expand your network, connect with experts
- Contribute to digital transformation, in your city
and
ot hers
- See the change in your city. Be a part of it





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FINANCIAL WORKING GROUP





WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

- Available EU funding instruments and
- programmes
Joint investment
- plans
Synergies between EU, national and local
- funds
Reinforcement of
- investments
Common public procurement
practices



WHO SHOULD JOIN?



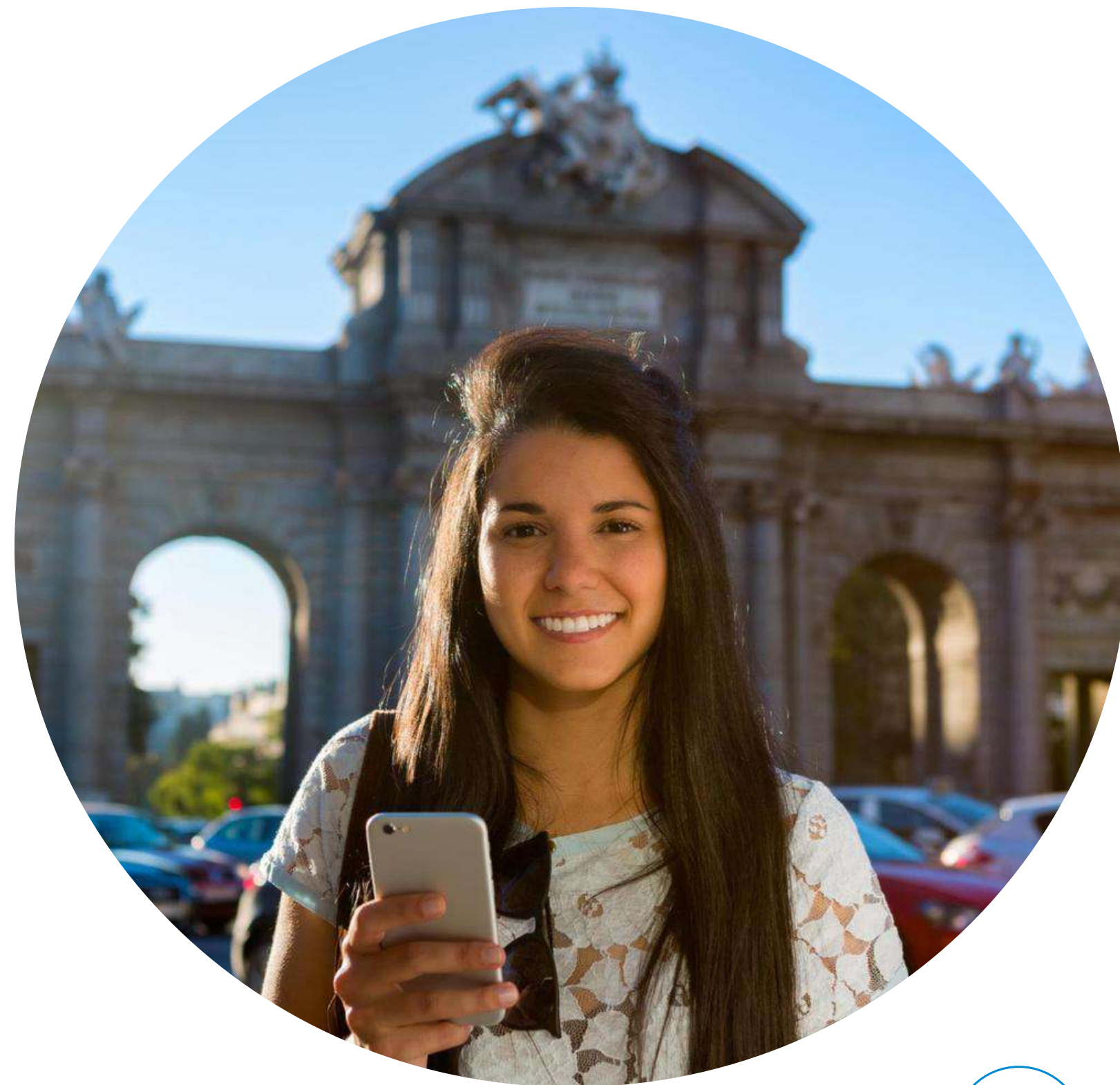
Are you an expert from the city or regional administration?



Are you interested in the topics we just mentioned?



Do you want to contribute to Europe's digital and sustainable urban development?





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WHAT ARE THE ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS?

- Information and guidance on EU funding opportunities and instruments
- Knowledge on financial needs for local digital transformation
- Analysis of the financial means of communities

European Digital Infrastructure Consortium



MONITORING AND MEASURING WORKING GROUP



I PARTICIPATE



WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

- Bringing together cities, regions, and communities to develop a solid and unique framework for measuring and monitoring sustainable digital transformation
- Validate local and regional key performance indicators and data collection procedures for common and transparent
- Monitoring the digitalisation landscape to promote digital transformation and the scaling up of digital innovation in cities, regions and communities



WHO SHOULD JOIN?

If you are a city or regional

representative contributing to digital transformation

✓ and exchanging with peers on measurement tools and strategies

✓ Seeking to enhance their ability to measure transformation through a

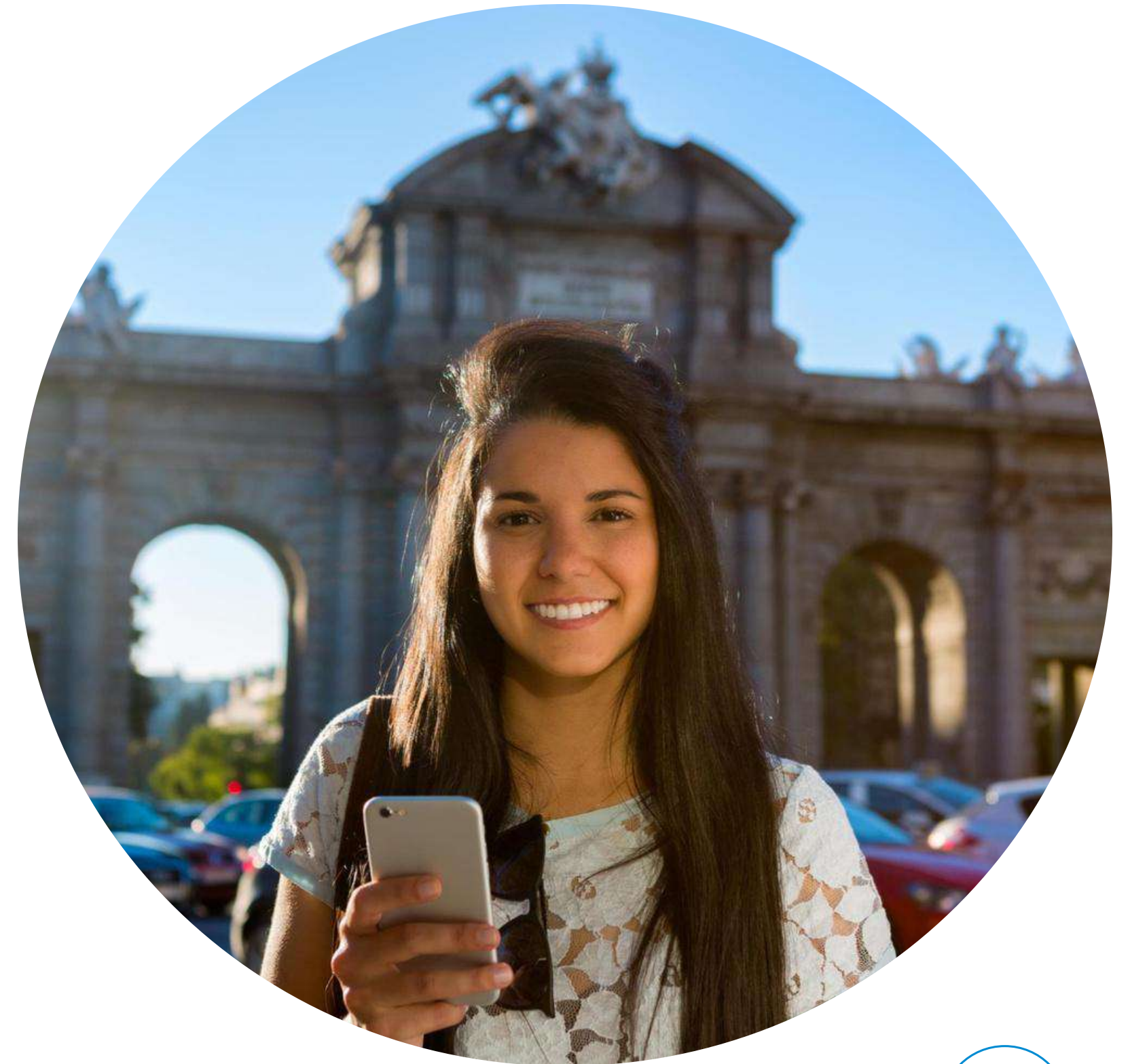
✓ overview digital comprehensive defining a framework for interested in

✓ measuring digital transformation across European cities and regions

In charge of measuring and reporting progress

on digital transformation at local and regional levels,

including with the LORDIMAS tool



WHAT ARE THE ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS?

- The LORDI (Local and Regional Digital Indicators) framework, which aims to support digital transformation efforts across Europe by providing the necessary evidence on what is happening on the local and regional levels.
- The LORDIMAS (Local and Regional Digital Maturity Assessment tool), an annual self-assessment exercise and a tool designed for local, metropolitan and regional governments.





LEGAL WORKING GROUP





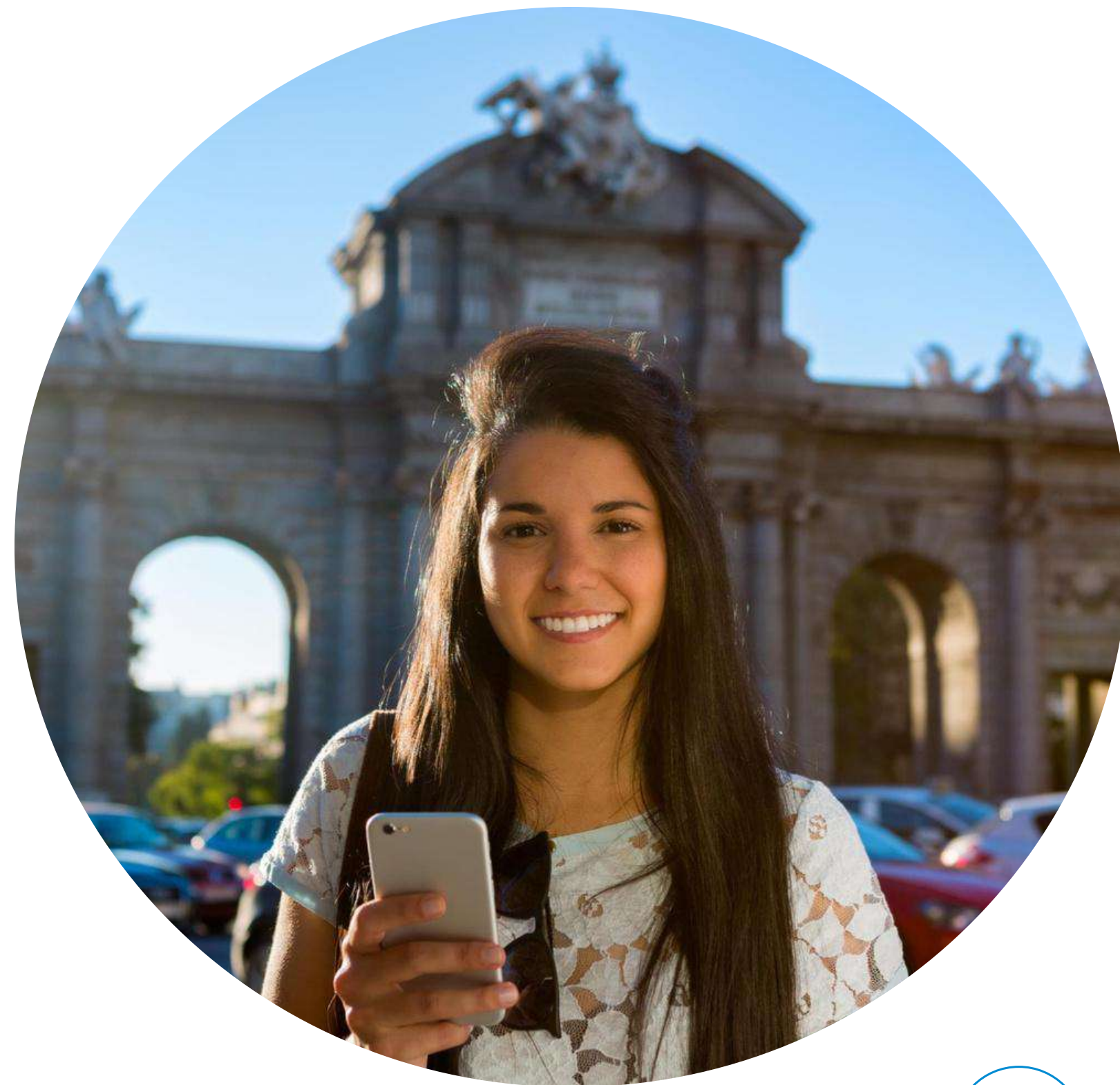
WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

- Explanations of policy legislations and programmes at the
- level
Guidance on upcoming policy
- programmes
Definition of procurement clauses for tendering
ies



WHO SHOULD JOIN?

Experts from cities, regions, and national authorities that would like to explore the legal aspects of digital transformation

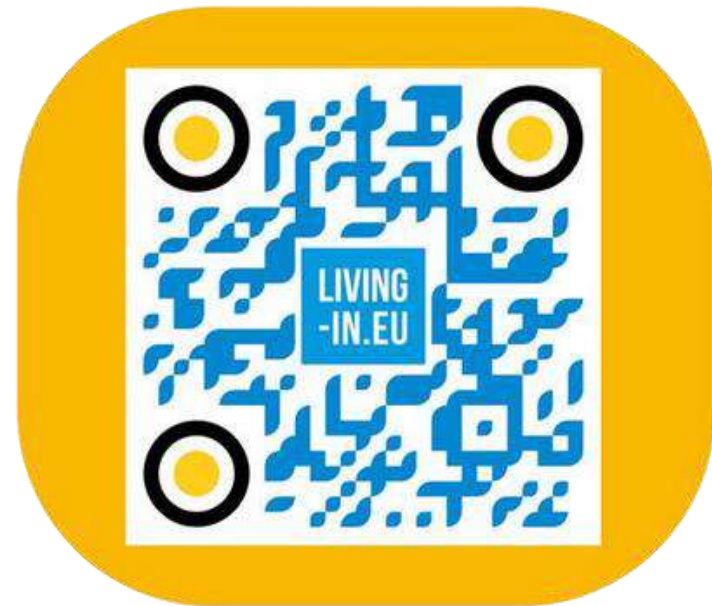


WHAT ARE THE ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS?

- Understanding EU legislative measures and proposals
- Exchanging best practices
- Workshops with technology lawyers
- Definition of Procurement Clauses of AI,
freely
and openly available



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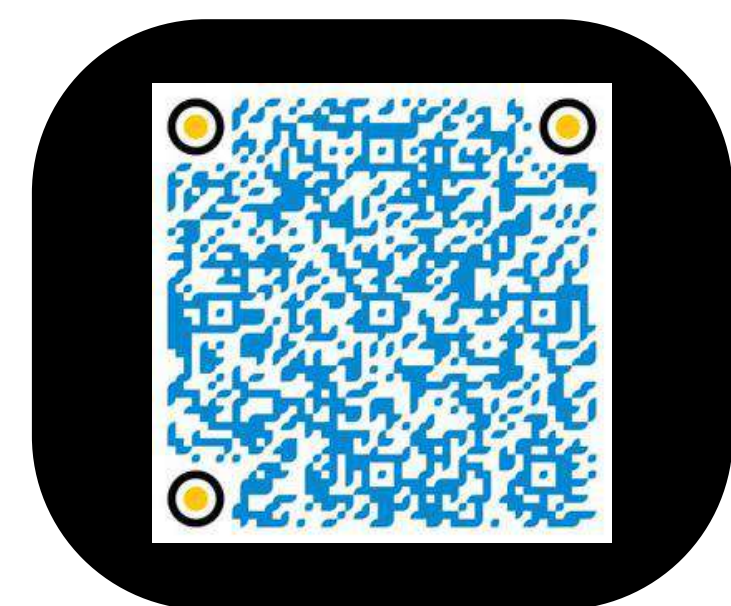
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Monitoring and Measuring “State of play and the use of DIMAS tool”
([Registro](#))



Working Group Chair
Hasta 31 diciembre 2024

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



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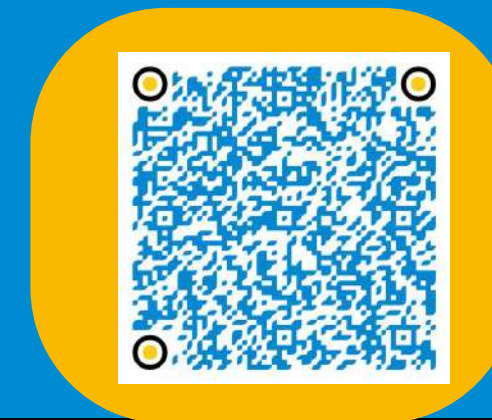
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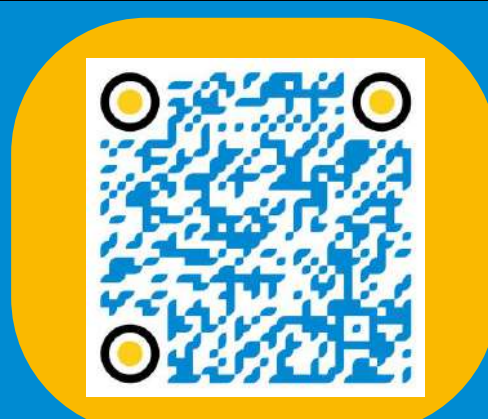
**Evaluate your digital
maturity with LORDIMAS**

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**Discover the MIMs Plus to
start building your Open
Data Architecture
Framework**

5



**Apply to the EU Mission
Cities: Twin Cities
Programme**

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**Express your interest to
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