

## Digitising European Industry: A key role for Europe's digital competence centres

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# DIGITISING EUROPEAN INDUSTRY European Commission proposal

## What is this about?

Measures that enable all sectors to benefit from digital innovation:

For higher value products with "digital inside"
Increased efficiency of processes
Adapted and reshaped business models including relevant services

### These measures benefit from:

A true Digital Single Market World class broadband, cloud and data infrastructures

Access to sources of financing

Coordination of various initiatives - MS, regional, EU

Pool resources, avoid fragmentation and support DSM





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## What is at stake?

 + €110bn annual revenue over next 5 years

40% of value added of cars comes from digital innovations

- €600 Bill. annually if we don't act

If Europe is slow in in digital transformation

+10 % in industry Added Value



## Technologies driving the change

## **IOT** (physical meets digital)

Embedded software, sensors, connectivity, actuators, low power ICT, ...



## Big data (value from knowledge)

Analytics, storage, Cloud HPC,..



## **AI** (autonomus systems)

Robotics, automation, machine learning, self-driving,..



**Background** 

## Why do we need this?

For a smooth transition to a smart economy

To prepare the next generation of products & services

To boost innovation capacity across industry

To increase EU GDP by €110bn/year

## **European Industrial Strengths**

### EU companies are world leaders in















Manufacturing

Electronics for automotive & aerospace

Electronics for security & energy

Robotics

Telecom equipment

Business & professional software

Laser & sensor technologies

They can all benefit from Digital opportunities

## World-class Research & Technology institutions



#### **Traditional sectors & SMEs**



Construction



Food & beverage



**Textiles** 



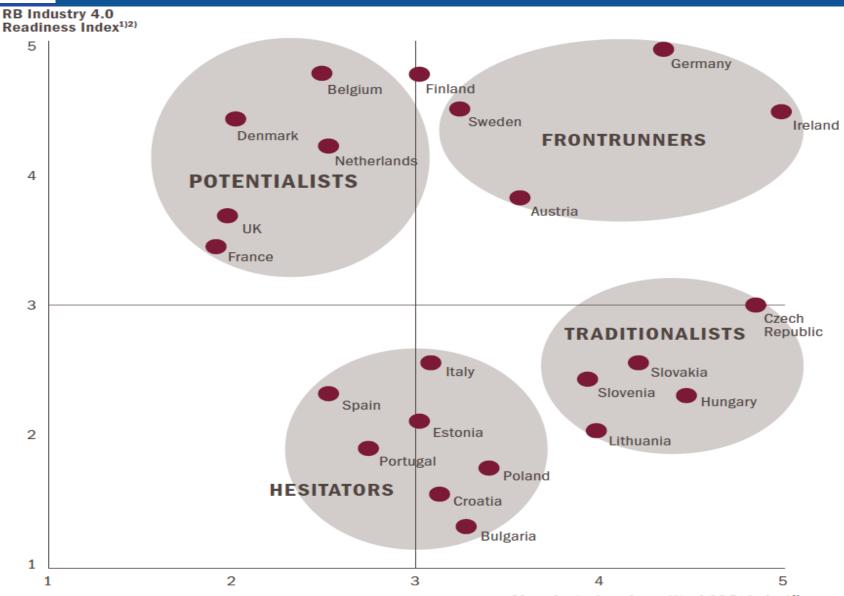
Publishing & printing



Craft industries



## Digitisation readiness: disparities in Europe





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Challenges & opportunities of the

Internet

of Things

#### Strengthening leadership in digital technologies

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- · Industrial platforms
- · Large scale pilots & test beds

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Quantum

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- 5G
- · Cloud Computing
- Internet of Things
- Data Technologies
- Cybersecurity

#### **Preparing People** for the digital age: Skills & Training

#### Regulatory framework:

- · Free flow of data & data ownership
- · Safety & liability of autonomous systems & Internet of Things

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- New Digital Single Gateway
- · eJustice Portal
- · "Once-only" principle in Administrations
- Cross-border Health services
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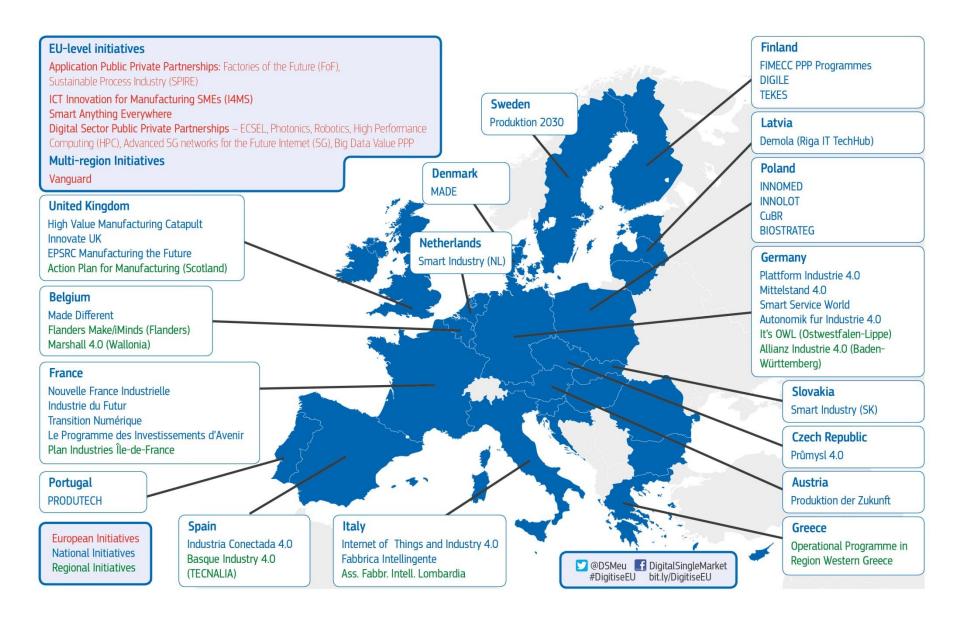


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## **European Initiatives on Digitising Industry**





## Linking up and coordinating EU, national and regional initiatives

## Target: Establish a coordination framework to

- ☐ facilitate the coordination of EU, natl and regl initiatives
- mobilise stakeholders and resources across the value chain
- exchange best practices

## **How:** Light governance framework

- ☐ High-level roundtables
- Annual stakeholder forum
- ☐ Specific working groups
- Catalogue of national and regional initiatives and priorities



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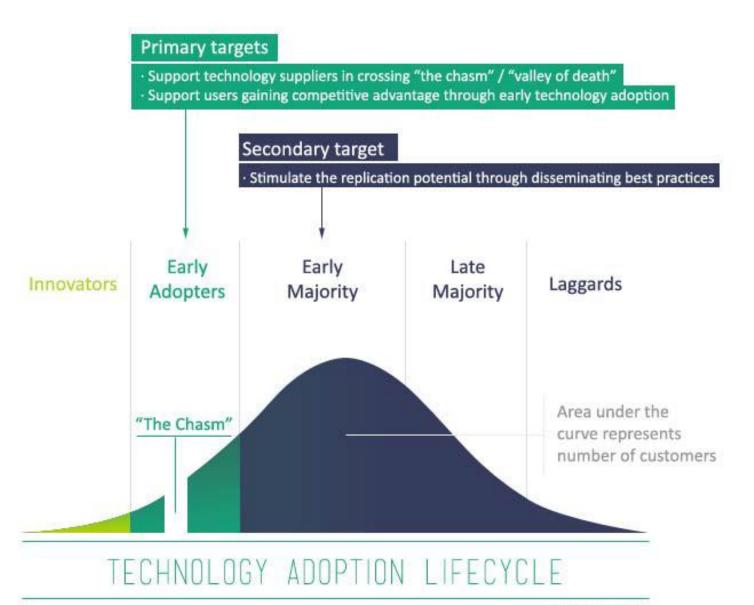


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## What is this all about?



Source: Wikipedia



## Access to digital technologies spurring bottom up innovation

# Target: Access to digital technologies and expertise

- within "working distance"
- ☐ for any industry in Europe
- ☐ with a focus on: SMEs, mid-caps, non-tech

## How:

- ☐ "Digital Innovation Hubs" across Europe:
  - provide industry with access to technology, expertise, testing,...
     based on world-class specialised competence centre
- ☐ Networking DIH to ensure a one-stop-shop for industry
- Public procurement of innovations
- ☐ Thematic smart specialisation platform
  - industrial modernisation (June 2016)



# Competence centres are the core of Digital Innovation hubs

Competence Centre	Digital Innovation Hub
Competences in Digital Technologies  • Supporting experimentation and testing with new	Organised to provide services to industry  • Ability to deal with industry • access to competence centres
<ul> <li>technologies</li> <li>Supporting fabrication of new products</li> <li>Showcasing technologies in pilot factories</li> <li>Fab-labs, etc</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>and expertise</li> <li>mentoring services</li> <li>Advice on sources of finance</li> <li>Coaching on skills acquisition and pointing to education/training centres</li> </ul>



## Regions/MSs

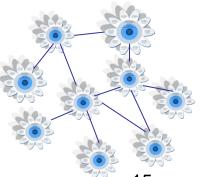
- ☐ Establish/reinforce competence centres
  - Across Europe specific support for regions without DIH
  - Implement relevant activities if needed (incentives, ...)
- □ Collaborate with digital innovation hubs of other regions
  - to fill gaps and facilitate specialisation and excellence

## **Commission**

- ☐ Support pan-European networking of Digital Innovation Hubs
  - Share best practices, success stories, training
  - Develop catalogue of Hubs, competences, etc
- ☐ Promote use of EU and other funds (ESIF, EFSI)

## **Industry**

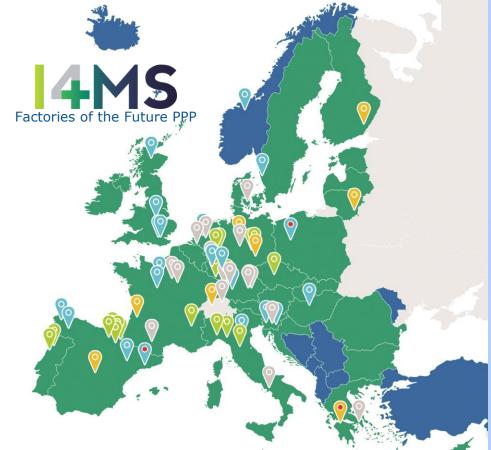
Engage with competence centres, help set priorities,...





## Building on and expanding successful actions

(examples)



- 110 M€ of EU funding 11 large projects
- ☐ 70 competence centres
- **280** experiments: 75% cross-border dimension
- **□** 480 contractors. Out of which 340 industrial:
  - 75% SMEs and mid caps, 50% users,
  - 65% new in EU R&I Programmes
- 29 Members States and Ass. Countries



- 32 M€ of EU funding 7 projects
- 93 competence centres
- ☐ 160 experiments
- ☐ 183 partners. Out of which 155 from industry
  - 19 Members States and Ass. Countries



## Implementation modalities

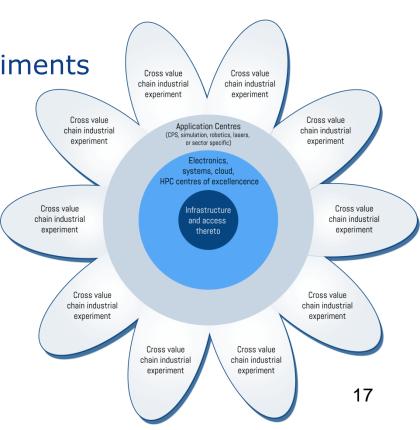
- Implemented largely through Innovation Actions in H2020
   some through support actions
- Centred around networks of complementary competence centres

Focus on leading edge innovation

Frequent open calls for new experiments

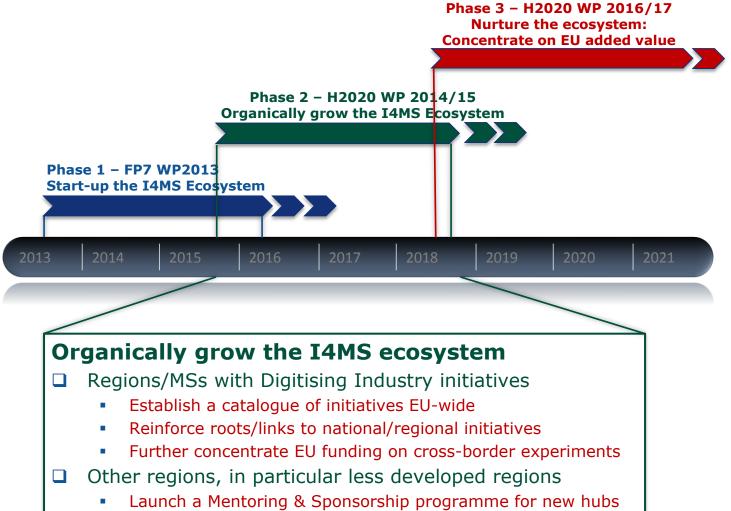
or services

 Competence centres cascade funds to third parties like SMEs to simplify contractual and financial arrangements





## Evolution: Example 4MS



Co-fund innovation hubs thru EFSI, ESIF, innovation vouchers



## I4MS Mentoring and Sponsorship Progamme

**1.2 Mn EUR** allocated in I4MS for most promising regional competence centres for developing their case for becoming a digital innovation hub



36 proposals under evaluation - around 25 to be selected

Selection to be announced 24 June at I4MS Amsterdam

Technology focus (proposals):

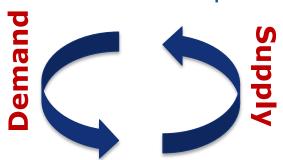
- CPS/IoT: 22
- HPC cloud modelling and simulation: 6
- Industrial Robotics: 7
- Advanced Laser solutions: 1

New round planned for end 2016 focusing on Central and Eastern Europe (EU13)



## Fostering a virtuous circle

**Digital transformation of all industry** in Europe
requires a **strong digital sector** in Europe



Broad digital transformation of all industry offers a unique opportunity to strengthen Europe's digital sector



## Conclusions



## Agenda of the Day:

- Take stock of achievements of Smart Anything Everywhere
- Discuss next phase under H2020 WP 2016/17
- Brainstorm on future directions: WP 2018-2010 and beyond

## Some issues for reflection:

- How to better root EU supported hubs in national and regional infrastructures? How to use EU funds to better network them?
- How to pool resources from different funding programmes?
  - EU: H2020, COSME, ESIF, EFSI, national and regional programmes
- How to bring industry labs into the picture?
- Do we need branding?
  - e.g. associated to / partner in I4MS/SAE
- How to make the EU models sustainable?

## **THANK YOU**

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