EIP-AGRI Seminar

Digital Innovation Hubs: mainstreaming digital agriculture'

1-2 June 2017 - Killkenny, Ireland







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Day 1 – Thursday, 1 June 2017

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.30 Welcome and introduction

Opening speech

Phil Hogan, EU Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development

Digitisation of European agriculture in the political agenda

Paolo De Castro MEP, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural

Development

Introduction to the objectives of the seminar

European Commission - DG AGRI

Session 1: Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs) and their contribution to mainstream digital innovation in agriculture

9.30 – 10.00 The policy framework: Digitising the EU Industry and Digital Innovation Hubs

Ronan Burgess, European Commission - DG CNECT

Building effective innovative ecosystems: an example of Digital Innovation Hub

Cato Bechtold, Ministry of Economic Affairs - The Netherlands

10.00 – 11.15 The main building blocks of a DIH in agriculture

- Peter Liggesmeyer, Fraunhofer DE
- Tom Kelly, EUFRAS/TEAGASC IE
- Mihai & Stefan Stanescu, AGRISO RO
- Hubert Cottogni, EIF
- Alfonso Ribas Álvarez (INGACAL) & Luis Pérez Freire, (Gradiant) ES
- Daniel Azevedo, COPA-COGECA

11.15 – 11.40 Coffee break





Digitising European Industry And Digital Innovation Hubs



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Three dimensions of Value Creation from Digitisation



"Digital inside": Innovations in products (all types)



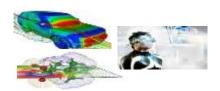






Digital transformations of <u>processes</u>







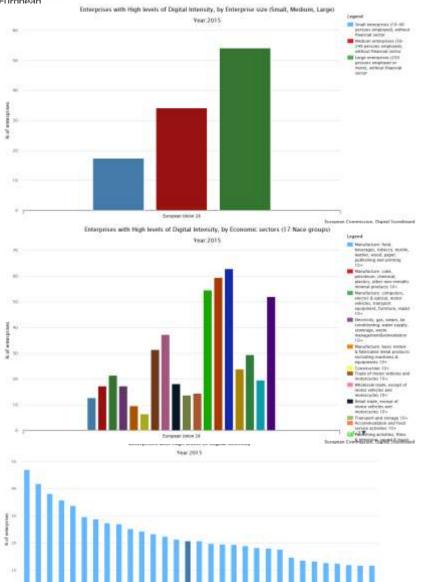


Radical/disruptive changes in <u>business models</u>





Level of digitisation differs according to size of company, sector and region



54% of large companies is highly digitised in the EU vs 17% of SMEs

>50% of companies in ICT, telecommunications and media are highly digitised.

Only around 10% of companies in construction, metal manufacturing and food processing are highly digitised

47% of Danish companies are highly digitised vs 12% in Greece



Mainstreaming digital innovations across all sectors

Target: Access to digital technologies and expertise

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

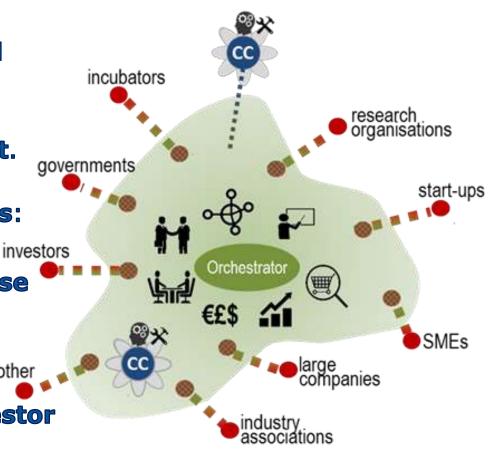
How:

- □ "Digital Innovation Hubs" across Europe:
 - Provide industry with access to technology, expertise, testing,...
 based on world-class specialised competence centre
 - In line with smart specialisation strategy

What is a Digital Innovation Hub?

A one-stop-shop providing services to companies in the region through a multipartner cooperation:

- Awareness Creation around Digital Technologies
- Innovation Scouting
- Digital Maturity Assessment.
- Visioning and Strategy
 Development for Businesses:
- Brokering/matchmaking
- Access to Specialist Expertise and Infrastructure
- Mentoring
- Training
- Access to Funding and Investor Readiness Services
- Collaborative Research





Regions/MSs

- Establish/reinforce competence centres and DIHs
 - 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

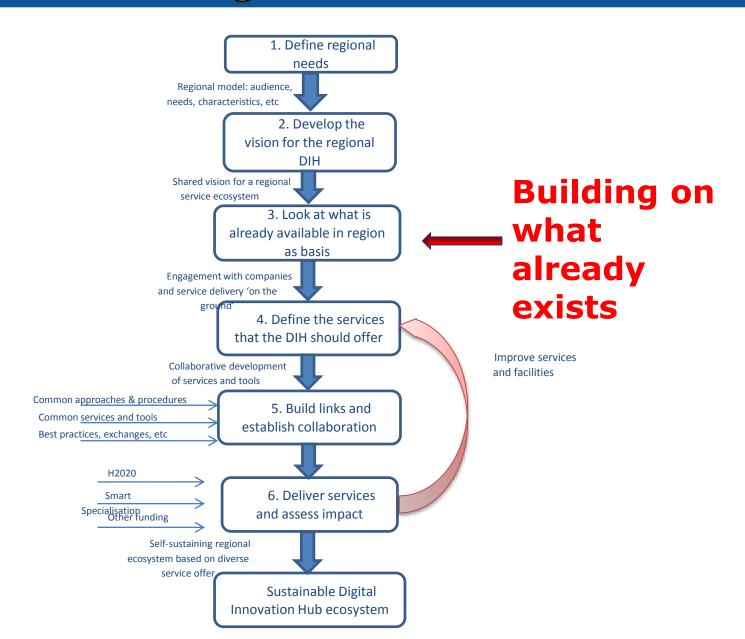
- ☐ Support pan-European networking of Digital Innovation Hubs
 - Share best practices, success stories, training
 - Develop catalogue of Hubs, competences, etc
- 200 M€ in the H2020 work programme 2016-2017
- 300 M€ in the new H2020 work programme 2018-2020.

Industry (includes agriculture and service sectors)

☐ Engage with DIHs, help set priorities,...



How to set up a Digital Innovation Hub





Digital Innovation Hubs for Agriculture

- □ Very strategic sector for Europe.
- Low deployment of digital technology but huge potential for improving productivity and sustainability.
- □ Additional challenges due to large number of players, diversity of sector and diversity of rural environments.
- ☐ Very active outreach essential and linking to local clusters, such as farmers collectives etc.
- Need for strong collaboration between regions.