Digitising European Industry WG 1

Mainstreaming Digital Innovation across all Sectors

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Overall aim of this working group


  - A first draft of this report should be ready before the end of December 2016.
  - Revised draft for stakeholder forum (end of January 2017)
What is next - today?

1. Discussion about three different topics
   - Networking DIH
   - Needs of the industry
   - Investments

2. Breakout in small discussion groups (8-10 persons)
   - Each group assigns a leader, who will report on the results
   - Flipchart for recording outcomes

3. Feedback
   - Short feedback of each discussion group in plenary (1 minute)
What is next – after today?

• 1. Leaders provide a short report about the discussions to rapporteur Mike Sharpe

• 2. Mike Sharpe will make overall report

• 3. Teleconference per discussion theme, every two weeks, to further develop report
   • Let us know in which topics you are interested
   • We need one leader per topic

• 4. Next meeting in Brussels on 8 December
Introduction to Discussion 1

• How can we build a network of Digital Innovation Hubs that can serve companies from all over Europe at "working" distance?
Building on, and expanding successful actions

- Competence Centers usually found in networks.
- Complementary expertise.
- Regional specialisation but full value chain crossing regions.
Competence Centres vs Innovation Hubs

Competence Centres are the core of Digital Innovation Hubs

Organised to provide services to industry

- Access to competence centres
- Development of innovation ecosystem
- Brokerage
- Access to finance
- Market intelligence
- Training and education
- Incubator/mentoring services

Competences in Digital Technologies

- Provide access to infrastructure and technology platforms
- Provide digitisation and application expertise
- Support experimentation in real-life environments
- Support fabrication of new products
- Demonstrate best practices
- Showcase technologies in pilot factories, fab-labs
**1.2 Mn EUR** allocated in I4MS for regional competence centres for developing their case for becoming a digital innovation hub

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

- Transferring best practice
- Development of business case for investments by the region
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,..