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Innovation vouchers in an interregional collaborative scheme

The process of creating a hub....

- The BDIH is currently composed by a network of technology oriented nodes that digitally links assets from Basque research organisations



ADDITIVE
MANUFACTURING



CYBERSECURITY



FLEXIBLE AND
COLLABORATIVE
ROBOTICS

operative



NEW
MATERIALS



SMART AND
CONNECTED
MACHINES



BIG DATA
ANALYTICS

in design
phase

BDIH as an integration of partners...

- BDIH ambition is to incorporate other sectorial, public and private Basque competence centers that share the objective of providing companies, specially SMEs, with facilities to experiment advanced manufacturing and digital innovations
- Nevertheless, the BDIH will not be able to count locally on all needed facilities to address all advanced manufacturing and digital innovations, therefore links and joint initiatives together with other DIHs will be very welcome
- Joint strategies and initiatives are needed

Big challenges

- Governance, sustainability, demand activation.....
 - More than 70 assets from 10 different owners so far...
 - Not a legal entity, cooperation between organisations with a MoU
 - IPR?
 - No extra funding for investments
 - Service as only source of income.
 - Risk of creating a company focus instead of societal mission focus when opening to for profit organisations
 - No market distortion
 - What are SMEs willing to pay for?
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Digital Innovation Voucher Scheme

We are defining an interregional collaboration support mechanism with the following objectives:

- Linkage creation between BDIH and other European DIHs
- Open access of the BDIH to European SMEs
- Open access for Basque SMEs to European DIHs

Digital Innovation Voucher Scheme

Challenges:

- To dedicate regional funding to interregional beneficiaries. Article 70 of ERDF is being studied (S34GROWTH Interreg Project) but no real experiences are known
- To give support to potential competitors of regional companies. Different conditions for foreign companies??
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Any ideas, experiences, interest VERY WELCOME



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