

Working Group Finance and Funding opportunities

DIHNET.EU aims at developing a set of tools and boosting the collaboration of the different Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs), DIH networks and other key DIH stakeholders in Europe. The DIHNET Working Groups (WG) will identify and target challenges that require the input from the DIH community and the different stakeholders in four main topics: “Finance and Funding opportunities”, “Collaboration activities and mechanisms”, “Connection with policies and strategies” and “Business Models and Sustainability”.

Objectives

The Working Group on Finance and Funding opportunities focuses on exploring new funding sources that contribute to establishing cooperation among DIHs. This group works on new strategies to raise interest from private investors, banks and corporates and looks for synergies with national and regional funding schemes. It also contributes to identify different funding sources and opportunities to facilitate the uptake of digital innovations by SMEs.

What are the challenges?

- Attracting private investments.
- Finding EU funding opportunities (H2020 & Horizon Europe) to enhance cooperation among DIHs.
- Accessing to best practices.
- Discovering synergies among different funding schemes & link to Smart Specialisation Strategies.
- Linking funding instruments to policy implementation.
- Funding DIHs collaboration (other than H2020).
- Financing DIH's operations.

How the DIH community is going to address these challenges will be discussed in the working group.

How to get engaged with the WG

You can join the DIHNET.EU Community platform at www.dihnet.eu or contact the WG coordinator.

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