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Europe's Network of Digital Innovation Hubs

# DIHNET community and connection with other initiatives

Final Event

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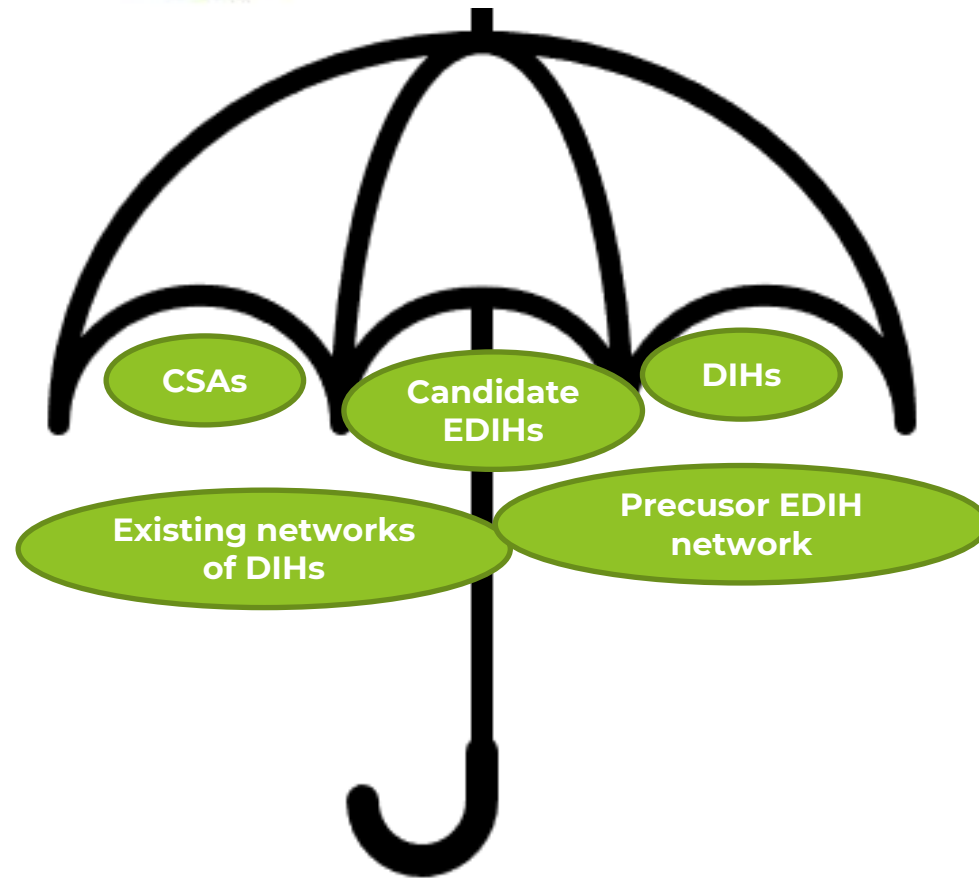
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# Challenges

- A lot of information for DIHs in different places
  - Some lack of connection among DIHs/regions with EC
  - The Catalogue of DIHs was useful but static
  - Missing a place where to reflect about topics of interest for DIHs
  - Lack of access to international networks
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- COVID crisis, lack of networking opportunities



**Central place of information, connection and collaboration for all members of the DIH's ecosystem in Europe**

# STRATEGY



**1. On line Community**



**2. Events**



**3. Throught Leadership**

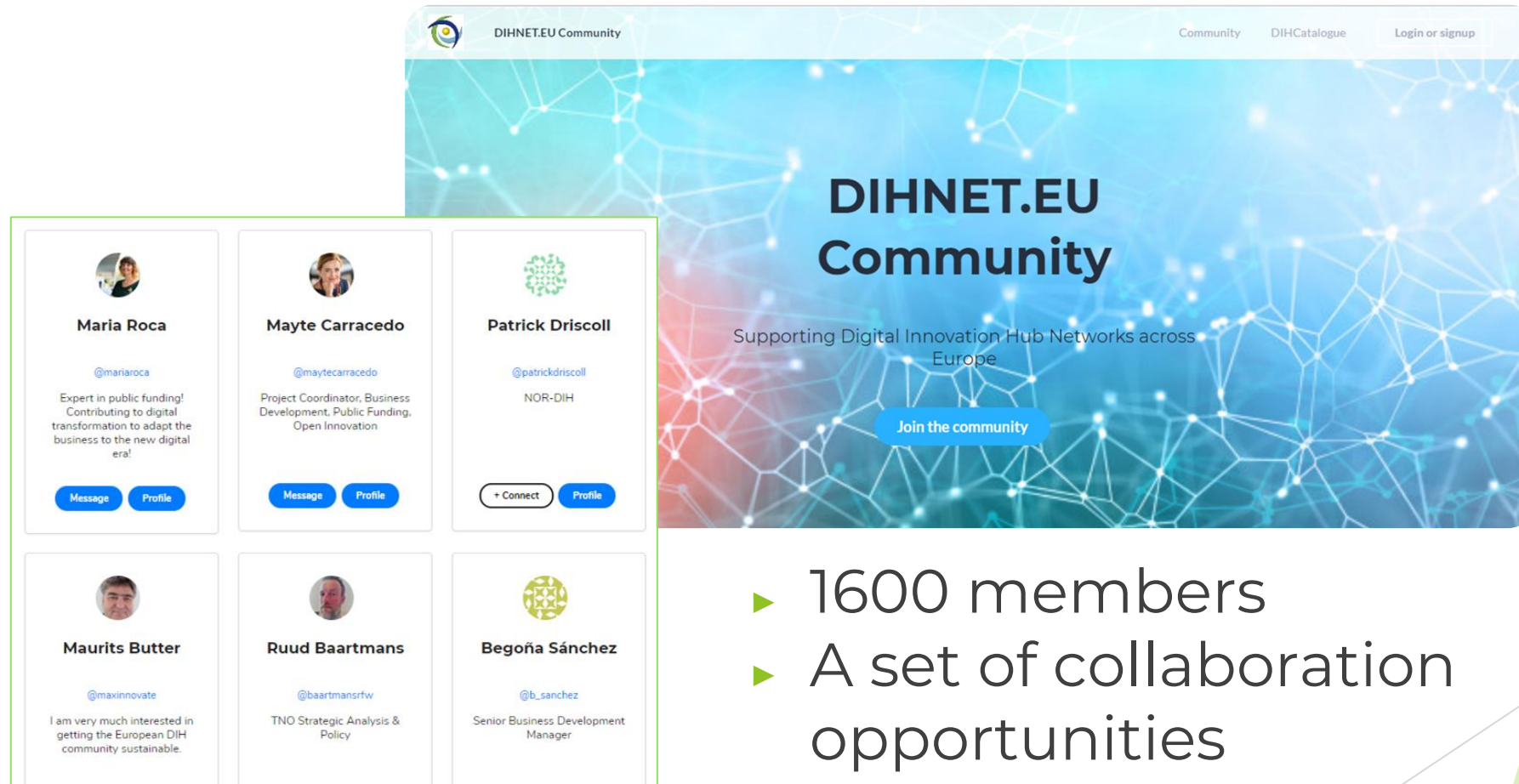


**4. Collaboration with other initiatives**



**5.2 Champion Challenges**

# 1. THE ON LINE COMMUNITY



- ▶ 1600 members
- ▶ A set of collaboration opportunities

## 2. EVENTS: Gearing-up towards EDIHs Event



# 3. Thought Leadership: PRECURSOR NETWORK

**Objective:** initiate the collaboration between candidate EDIHs as a preparation before the DTA's launch.

**Working Groups:**

- WG1 - Business models: understanding sustainable collaboration
- WG2 – Activities for the EDIH network
- WG3 – Organisation and governance of the network
- WG4 – The “sandbox”, testing interregional collaborations»

**Number of participants:** 66 candidate EDIHs and more than 110 DIHs' agents

# 4. Collaboration opportunities for CSAs, networks and related initiatives



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Opening	Deadline	Status	Project	Technology Area	Link
01/03/2020	01/09/2020	Closed	Agrobofood	1st open call. Agricultural Robotics for Crop Production: Robotic solutions and application areas	<a href="#">More info</a>
01/03/2021	31/05/2021	Open	Agrobofood	2nd open call. Agricultural Robotics for Crop Production: Robotic solutions and application areas.	<a href="#">More info</a>
20/10/2020	20/01/2021	Closed	Agrobofood	Industrial Challenges Open Call	<a href="#">More info</a>
01/09/2021			AI REGIO	Open call #1. AI-driven digital transformation. Opens september 2021	<a href="#">More info</a>

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## Opportunities and services provided by CSAs to support DIHs and EDIHs

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## Sectorial spaces

DIH Health Network

IoT DIH Network

Tourism: Pan-European Travel & Industry and Tourism DIH Network (PETIT DIH Network)

Smart Energy Baltic DIHs

## 4. Collaboration opportunities for CSAs, networks and related initiatives (2)



# 5. Champions challenges

## Winner of the 2019 edition:

- **Digital Hub Logistics Dortmund,** Germany

## Winners of the 2020 edition:

- **am-LAB,** Hungary
- **Basque Digital Innovation Hub,** Spain

**Objectives:** identifying, showcasing and supporting success stories of mature Digital Innovation Hubs that can inspire and guide others.



# Lessons learned

## Community building platform

- We have kept the feeling of “community” online, even without meeting in Brussels
- Key on line events have been very important for this
- Events is the most successful collection
- EC endorsement is very important (increase number of views)
- Monthly digest very useful tool
- Working groups activity asseessment
- Just a tool is never enough but is the central point of everything



# Lessons learned

## Community building in general

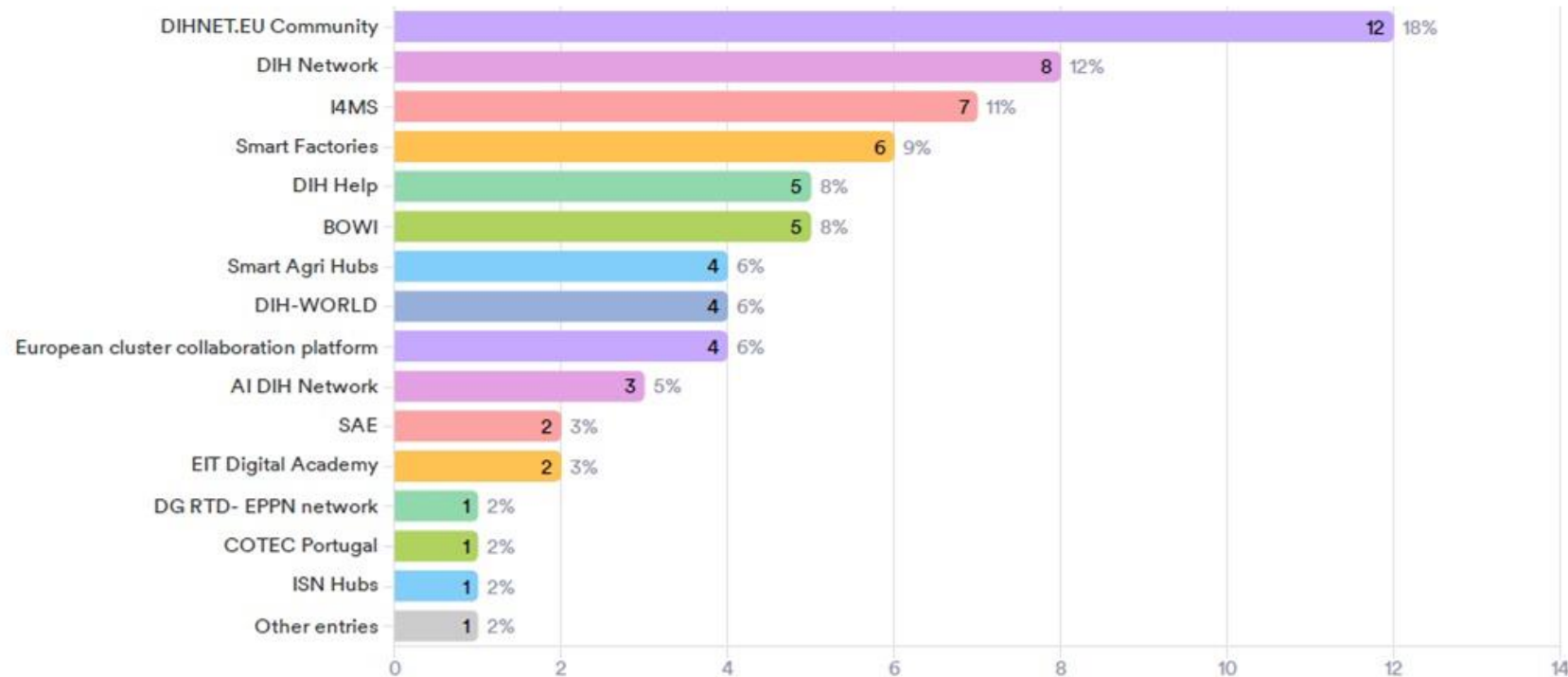
- We have not only connected with the ecosystem, we have been precursors in launching topics to reflect on, offering a vision
- Key leadership on those topics and showing a good connection with the EC for transferring the results is key
- Connection with related initiatives was very important and they provided us with a lot of content.
- The importance of investing in a recognised brand



# Ecosystem perception

12.1 If your answer is yes, from which one you received support?

66 Responses- 16 Empty



# Summary of the main highlights at DIHNET community

# Legacy of DIHNET





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# Thank you

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