

SPECIALISED EDUCATION PROGRAMMES IN KEY CAPACITY AREAS

DIGITAL-2024-ADVANCED-DIGITAL-07-KEYCAPACITY

Deadline:	21. November 2024
Available budget:	55 Mio EUR (up to 10 Mio EUR per project)
Type of action:	Lump sum grant
Funding rate:	50% funding rate
Project duration:	48 months



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Objectives

This is already the fourth time that this topic is addressed within the Digital Europe Programme. The primary goal is to support the design and delivery of higher education programmes to contribute to the target set by the Digital Decade¹ of 20 million ICT specialist employed in the EU by 2030 and contribute to closing the digital skills gap.

Scope

Jointly co-design of higher education programmes and self-standing modules between higher education institutions, industry and research partners in the consortium.

This time, the proposal must develop either programmes in one of given key digital areas (virtual worlds, edge computing, quantum computing, photonics, robotics and automatization) **or** interdisciplinary programmes in specific sectors related to the green transition (agriculture, transport, renewable energy, waste management) **or** targeting the government and public sector. A collaboration with [Digital Skills & Jobs Platform](#) is required.

Target group

Minimum of six independent applicants from four different eligible countries. It is highly recommended to include at least three degree awarding higher education institutions from three different eligible countries, which are part of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education ([ECHE](#)) and a minimum of two industry partners whose headquarters are located in two different eligible countries. At least one additional independent research organisation/hub or competence/excellence centre should be included as well.

Funded projects & linked topics

- [DS4Health](#) | [DIGITAL-2021-SKILLS-01-SPECIALISED](#)
- [CyberSecPro](#) | [DIGITAL-2021-SKILLS-01-SPECIALISED](#)
- [GreenChips-EDU](#) | [DIGITAL-2022-SKILLS-03-SPECIALISED-EDU](#)
- [Digital4Security](#) | [DIGITAL-2022-SKILLS-03-SPECIALISED-EDU](#)
- [DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-05-SPECIAL-EDU](#) (results not yet published)
- [DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-05-SPECIAL-PROGEDU](#) (results not yet published)

¹ Digital Decade Policy Programme (DDPP) decision: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/2022/2481/oj>

SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MULTI-COUNTRY PROJECTS (MCPS)

DIGITAL-2024-BESTUSE-07-MULTICOUNTRY

Deadline:	21. November 2024
Available budget:	25 Mio EUR
Type of action:	Simple grant
Funding rate:	50% funding rate
Project duration:	36 months



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Objectives

Multi-Country Projects (MCPs) are large-scale deployment and capacity-building projects, facilitating the achievements of the Digital Decade¹. With this topic, the European Commission aims to support the implementation of MCPs, including European Digital Infrastructure Consortia ([EDIC](#)). The project should represent a high level of engagement from various Member States and a long-term sustainability for the project implemented.

Scope

Deployment of a few MCPs delivering fully functional digital infrastructures or operational services. Projects should prove a clear EU added value through their impact, that no single entity or Member State could achieve on its own and contribute to the targets of the DDPP Decision. The proposal should have a high potential to contribute to digital priorities of the EU. Coordination with existing and future initiatives relevant for the project as well as with other relevant projects funded through the Digital Europe Programme needs to be addressed.

Depending on the need of the proposal, the funding can cover different categories of activities as for example the use of computing and processing capacities as well as data generation, or stakeholder engagement.

Financial support to third parties is allowed for this topic.

Target group

The proposal must be submitted by an EDIC or an EDIC in the process of being established. Any other MCP implementation mechanism listed in the DDPP decision incl. a consortium with at least three independent entities from three different Member States is eligible to submit a proposal.

Any entity capable of contributing to the implementation of MCPs is eligible. Categories of targeted stakeholders will depend on the MCP targeted by the proposal. A stakeholder mapping shall be provided as part of the implementing strategy.

Funded projects & linked topics

- [DSSC](#) Data Spaces Support Centre | [DIGITAL-2021-CLOUD-AI-01-SUPPCENTRE](#)

¹ Digital Decade Policy Programme (DDPP) decision: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/2022/2481/oj>

EUROPEAN DIGITAL MEDIA OBSERVATORY

DIGITAL-2024-BESTUSE-TECH-07-EDMO

Deadline:	21. November 2024
Available budget:	8 Mio EUR (1-1.3 Mio EUR per project)
Type of action:	SME support action
Funding rate:	50% or 75% for SME
Project duration:	30-36 months



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Objectives

Since 2021 the aim of the [European Digital Media Observatory](#) (EDMO) is to foster an independent multidisciplinary community by fighting disinformation. EDMO consists of national and regional hubs as well as of a central platform and governance structure to support and coordinate the hubs and their individual activities. Currently, 14 independent hubs cover all EU Member States as well as Norway. This call topic aims to support the work of independent national and multinational hubs operating in geographical areas covered by previous actions for which the funding is ending until 2025.¹

Scope

EDMO hubs should actively contribute to and participate in existing EDMO network activities and the proposal needs to build on previous work done by existing hubs. This includes detection, fact checking and disclosure of harmful disinformation campaigns at national, multinational and EU level. Other relevant activities are community building, communication activities and the analysis of harmful disinformation campaigns and their impact on society as well as the conduct and support of tailor-made and media literacy campaigns. The hubs need to be ready to react and adapt their activities accordingly whenever new needs and crisis arise. Additionally to the previous call, clear processes and safeguards to preserve the independence of the hub are required.

Target group

Minimum of two independent applicants, the coordinator must be established in an EU Member State to be covered by the hub. European fact-checkers, preferably recognised by reputable fact-checking networks (e.g. EFCNS, IFCN). Media practitioners, media literacy specialists, experts and researchers working on disinformation. A data scientist, as well as a communication specialist with expertise in collaborating with professional media outlets and in communication activities carried out through social media should be involved.

Funded projects & linked topics

- German-Austrian Digital Media Observatory: [GADMO](#)

¹ i.e.: Bulgaria, Germany, Estonia, Greece, Croatia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Austria, Romania and Slovenia.

TOWARDS NETWORKED LOCAL DIGITAL TWINS IN THE EU

[DIGITAL-2024-CLOUD-DATA-AI-07-DIGITALTWIN](#)

Deadline:	21. November 2024
Available budget:	20 Mio EUR (1 project)
Type of action:	Grant for financial support
Funding rate:	100% consortium, 50% third party
Project duration:	42 months



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Objectives

With this topic existing activities and results of Local Digital Twin (LDT) will be consolidated and moved towards an ecosystem of mature LDT-based infrastructure and services. Cities and communities across the EU will be supported to achieve economies of scale in order to access and deploy data platform and LDT-based services. The activities under this topic will contribute to the effective implementation of the European Digital Infrastructure Consortium ([EDIC](#)) “Networked Local Digital Twins towards the CitiVerse”.

Scope

The project will provide cascade funding to third parties (minimum 85% of the budget) and manage the selected projects. Three main work strands (WS) defining the scope of the project:

WS 1: Federation of existing urban data platforms and LDTs-based infrastructures. Projects should align with the smart cloud-to-edge middleware platform [SIMPL](#). Outcome should be an ecosystem of interoperable LDTs sharing a common blueprint.

WS 2: Customizing advanced Digital Twin services by developing and piloting solutions, which should be tested in real-life conditions and expand the EU LDT ecosystem.

WS 3: Adding new advanced AI-based tools and components to the forthcoming EU LDT toolbox for predictive modelling and immersive services – leading to CitiVerse.

Target group

Minimum of three independent beneficiaries from three eligible countries. Public administrations (national, regional, and local level), the EDIC “Networked Local Digital Twins towards the CitiVerse”, technology developers and suppliers, research and academia.

Note: Members of a potential consortium cannot be recipients of the cascading funds!

Funded projects & Linked topics

- [DS4SSCC](#) | [DIGITAL-2021-CLOUD-AI-01-PREP-SMART-COMM](#)
- [DS4SSCC-DEP](#) | [DIGITAL-2022-CLOUD-AI-03-DS-SMART](#)
- [CitCom.ai](#) | [DIGITAL-2022-CLOUD-AI-02-TEF-SMART](#)
- [DIGITAL-2023-CLOUD-AI-04-DEVELOPCITI](#) (results not yet published)
- [Procurement for the development of the Local Digital Twins toolbox](#)