

## Digitising European Industry: A key role for Digital Innovation Hubs in the regions



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### DIGITISING EUROPEAN INDUSTRY European Commission proposal

#### What is this about?

Measures that enable all sectors to benefit from digital innovation

#### **Foreseen Activities:**

- Mainstreaming digital innovations across all sectors
- Strengthening leadership in digital technologies
- Preparing people for the digital age
- **Regulatory framework**

## Coordination of various initiatives - MS, regional, EU

Pool resources, avoid fragmentation, support DSM

Europe will only be able to maintain its leading role if the digitisation of its industry is successful and reached fast.

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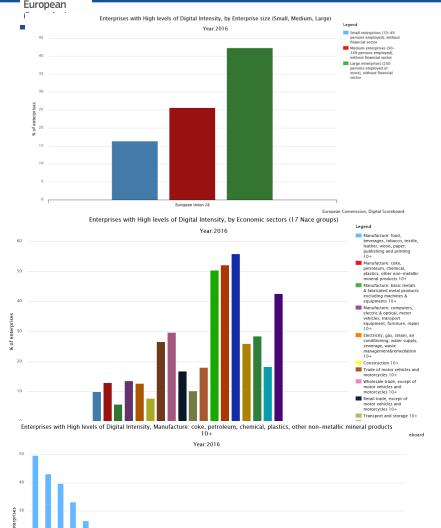
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http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/digitising-europeanindustry

## Level of digitisation differs according to size of company, sector and region



42% of large companies is highly digitised in the EU vs 16% of SMEs

>55% of companies in computer programming, consultancy and information services are highly digitised.
Only around 13% of companies in coke, petroleum and chemical are highly digitised

49% of Finnish companies in coke, petroleum and chemical are highly digitised vs 1% in Cyprus

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## Target: Access to digital technologies and expertise

- within "working distance"
- for any industry in Europe
- □ with a focus on: SMEs, mid-caps, non-tech

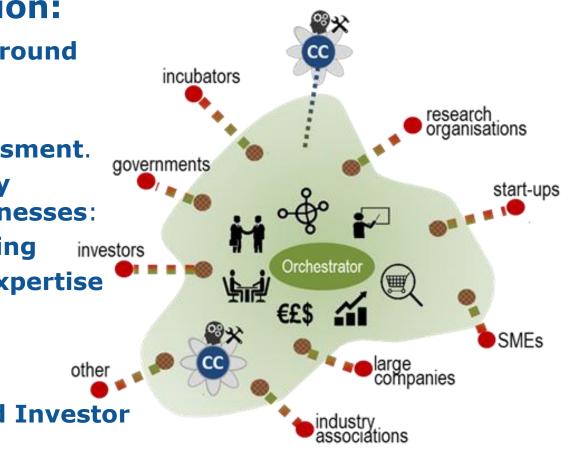
## How:

- □ "Digital Innovation Hubs" across Europe :
  - Provide industry with access to technology, expertise, testing,... based on world-class specialised competence centre
  - In line with smart specialisation strategy
- Thematic smart specialisation platform on industrial modernisation
  - Support new partnerships for interregional joint demonstration
- Public procurement of innovations

#### European Commission

# A one-stop-shop providing services to companies in the region through a multipartner cooperation:

- Awareness Creation around Digital Technologies
- Innovation Scouting
- Digital Maturity Assessment.
- Visioning and Strategy Development for Businesses:
- Brokering/matchmaking investors
- Access to Specialist Expertise and Infrastructure
- Mentoring
- Training
- Access to Funding and Investor Readiness Services
- Collaborative Research





## **Regions/MSs**

#### Establish/reinforce competence centres and DIHs

- 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
- Smart specialisation platform for industrial modernisation will provide tailored support to develop joint investment projects.

## Industry

□ Engage with DIHs, help set priorities,..

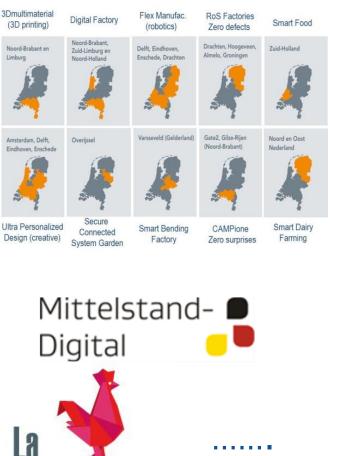


**European Factories** 

of the Future PPP

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#### **Netherlands Field Labs**



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- As far as we know, no digital innovation hubs in the chemical industry. Something for chemical industry/SPIRE to consider?
- Working group on Digital Innovation Hubs

Draft report: <u>https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/content/report-wg1-digital-</u> <u>innovation-hubs-mainstreaming-digital-innovation-across-all-</u> <u>sectors-0</u>

- Catalogue of Digital Innovation Hubs
- Workprogramme 2018 2020: DIHs in the focus area on digitisation