



# Digital Innovation Hubs



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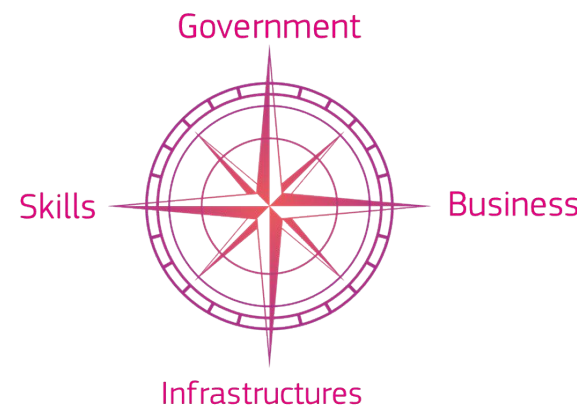
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# Capability Shift by Digital Europe

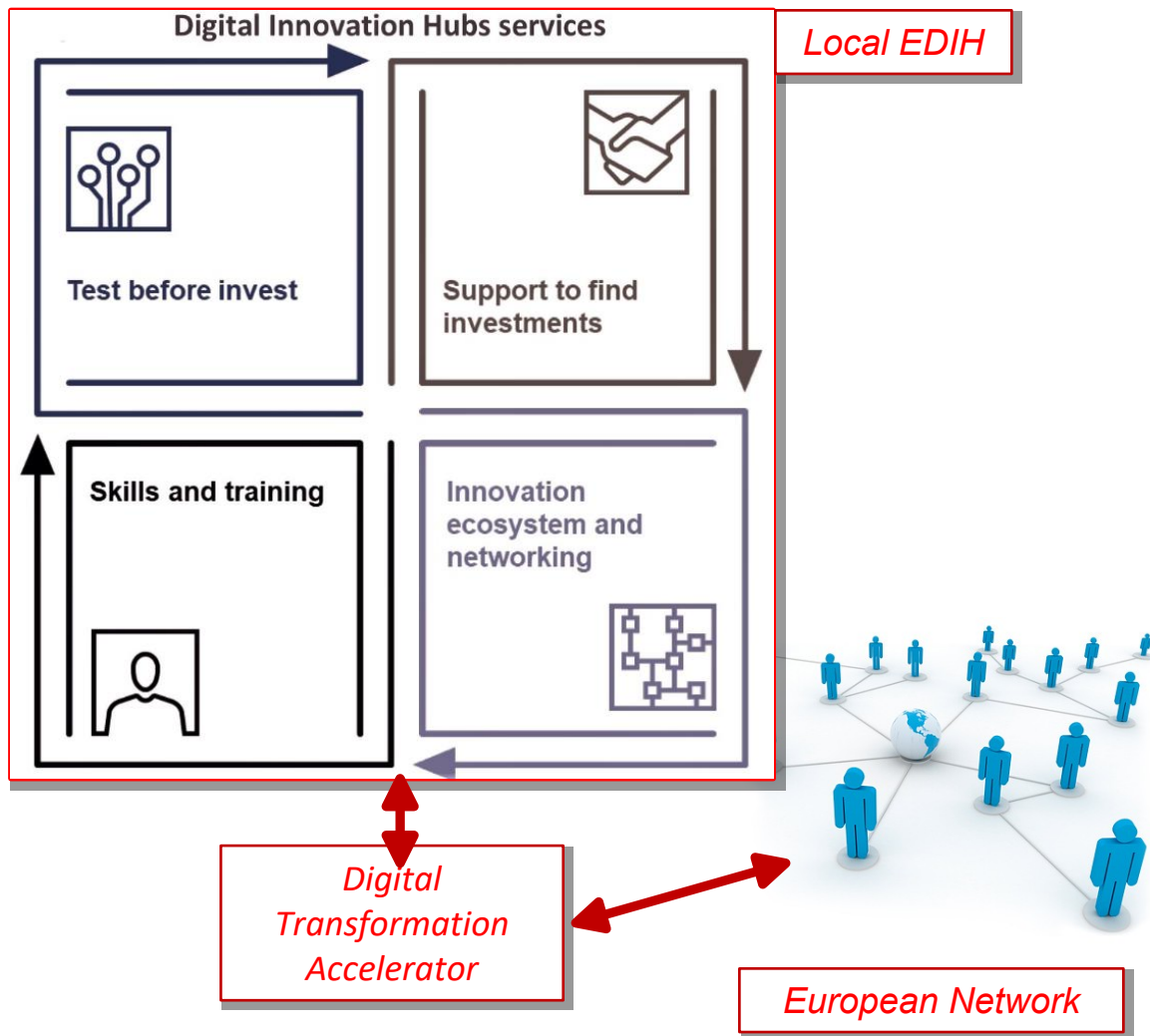
- Focus is on delivery actual results. It will make use of the most recent research results, but it will not support research.
- For example, the programmes will support:
  - The acquisition of HPC machines
  - The set-up of sectorial data spaces, eg manufacturing
  - The building or reinforcing of Testing and Experimentation Facilities
  - The set up and delivery of Master courses in key advanced digital technologies
  - The set-up, interoperability, operations and maintenance of a number of services in the eGov area





# Accelerating the best use of digital technologies

## Network of 200 European Digital Innovation Hubs



- Offer support for digital transformation which is adapted to local needs, based on a specialisation
- Build regional ecosystems of users and suppliers, strengthening local innovation environment
- Connect to the whole of Europe through the network:
  - Share best practices with other hubs
  - Connect local SMEs to SMEs outside the region, building new value chains in Europe
  - Disseminate digital capacities of Digital Europe Programme to local community



# Network of European Digital Innovation Hubs

SME/public entity



Local EDIH

DTA

Digital Transformation Accelerator



European Network

325 candidates preselected by countries



283 proposals submitted to EC call



136 EDIHs invited to prepare a grant



As of Sept/Oct they become operational



Around 70 "synergy" grants (ERDF – RRF)

Call 2, dl 16 Nov 2022



Selection of 17 additional EDIHs



Will become operational before summer 2023

82 EDIHs with Seal of Excellence



MS/regions could fund them with RRF/ERDF

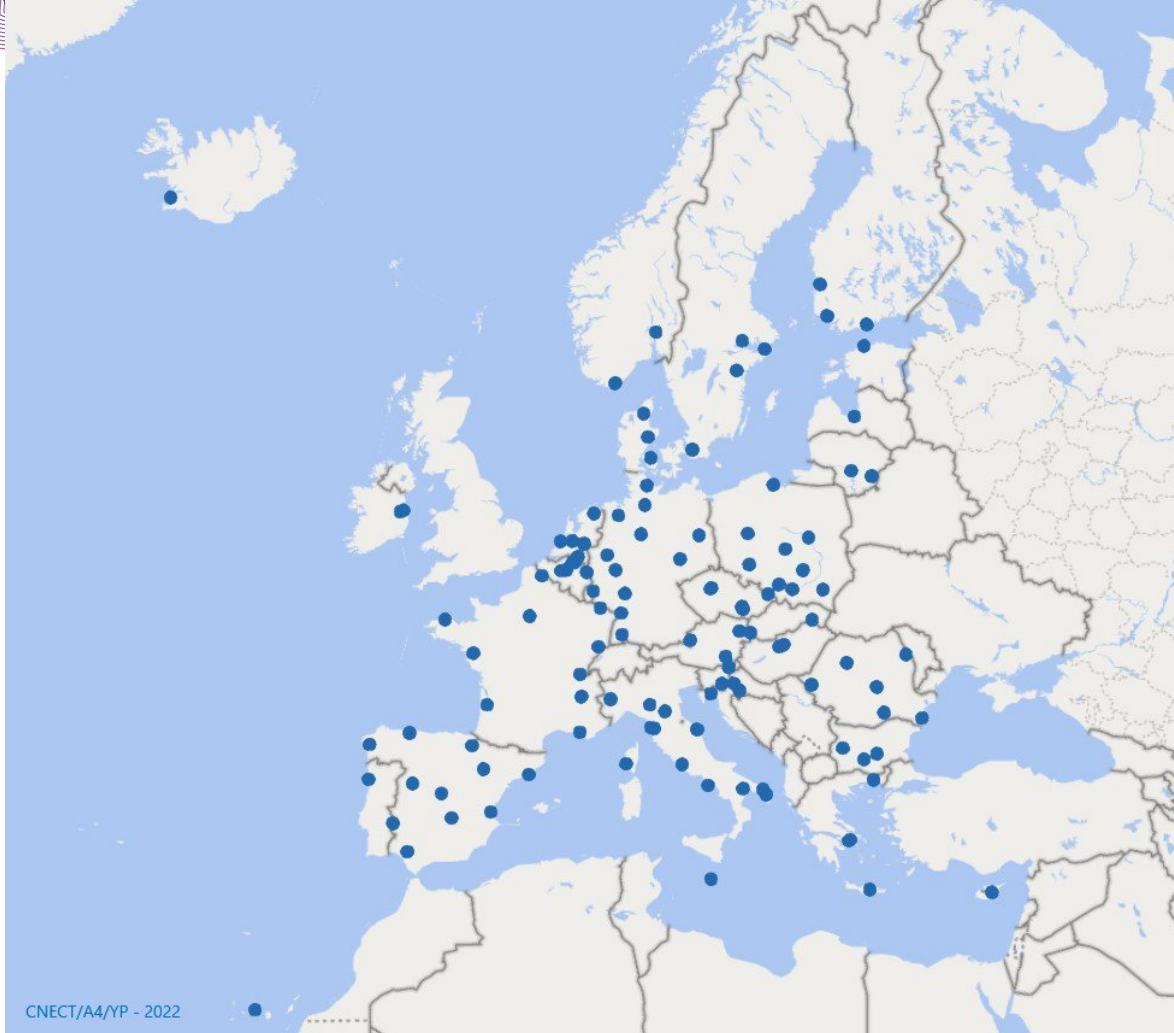


May become full member of the network

Expected size of the network in 2023: 180-200 EDIHs



# Progress

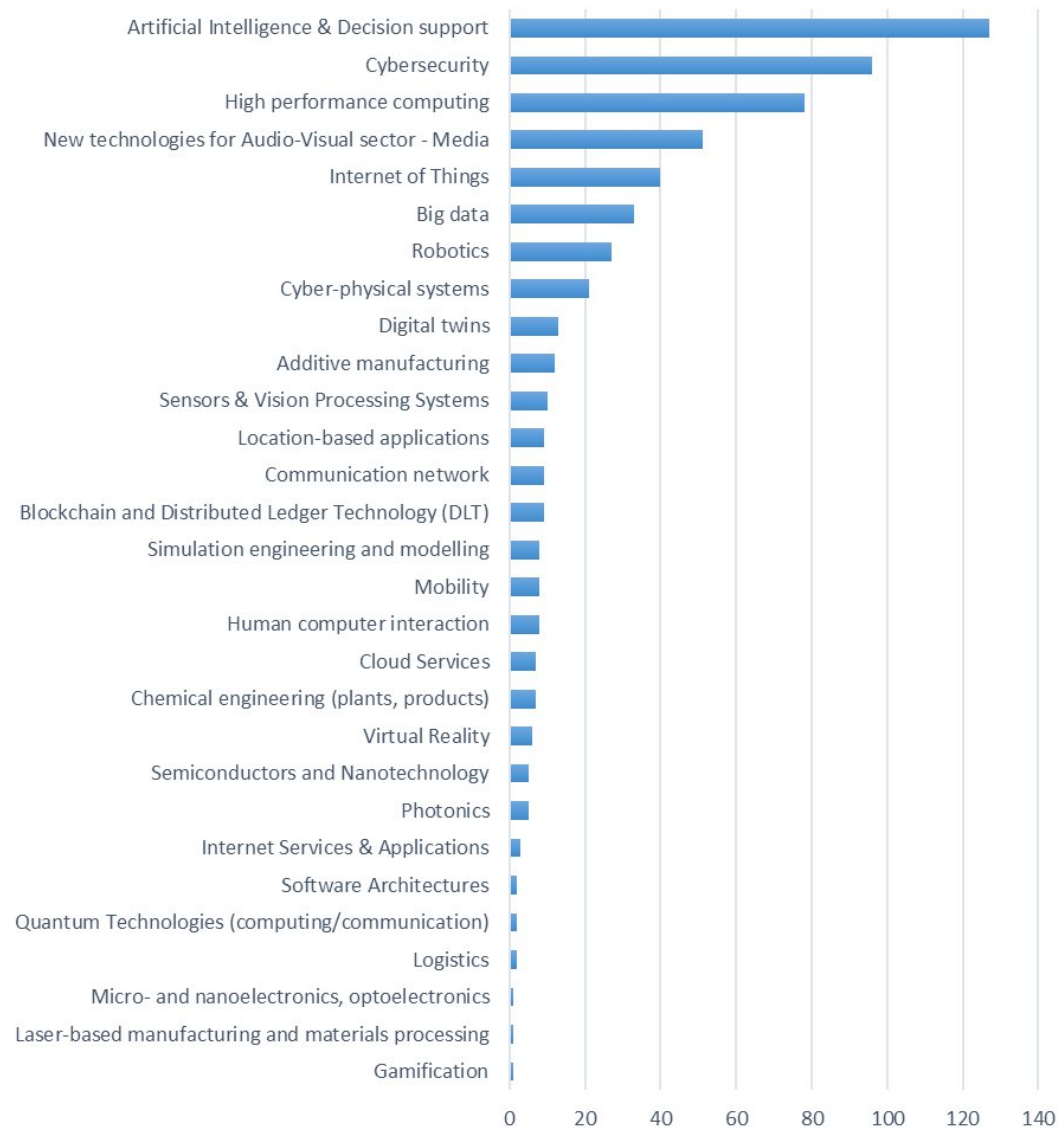


- 136 EDIH grant agreements are progressing well
- Main start dates being 1<sup>st</sup> of October, November, and January
- First grant agreements reached signature stage by EDIHs

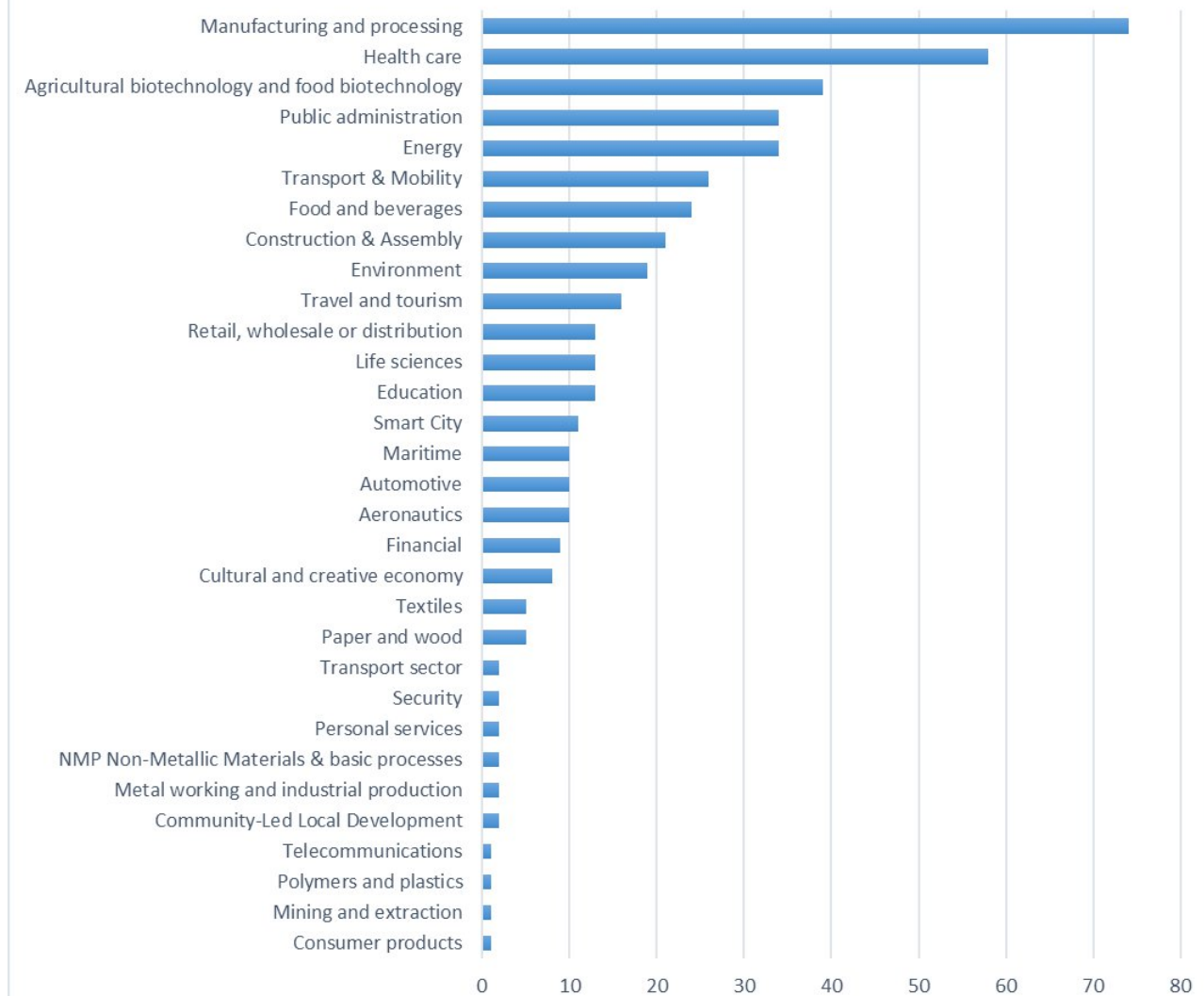


# Funded proposals

## Technological coverage



## Sectoral coverage



## EDIHs Call 1

EDIH by technology (top 3)

- Artificial Intelligence & Decision support (Sum)
- High performance computing (Sum)
- Cybersecurity (Sum)

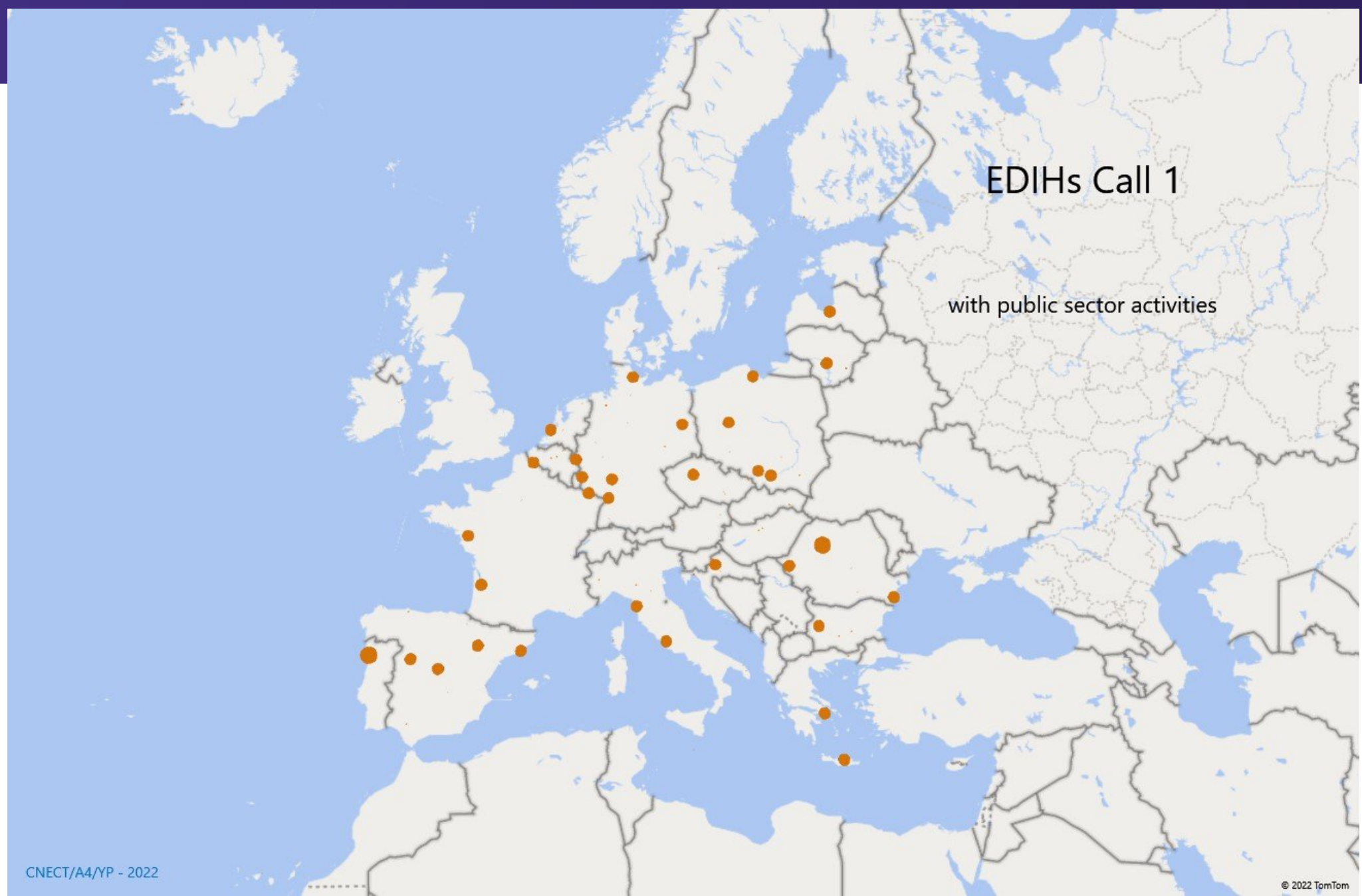


## EDIHs Call 1

### EDIH by sector (top 3)

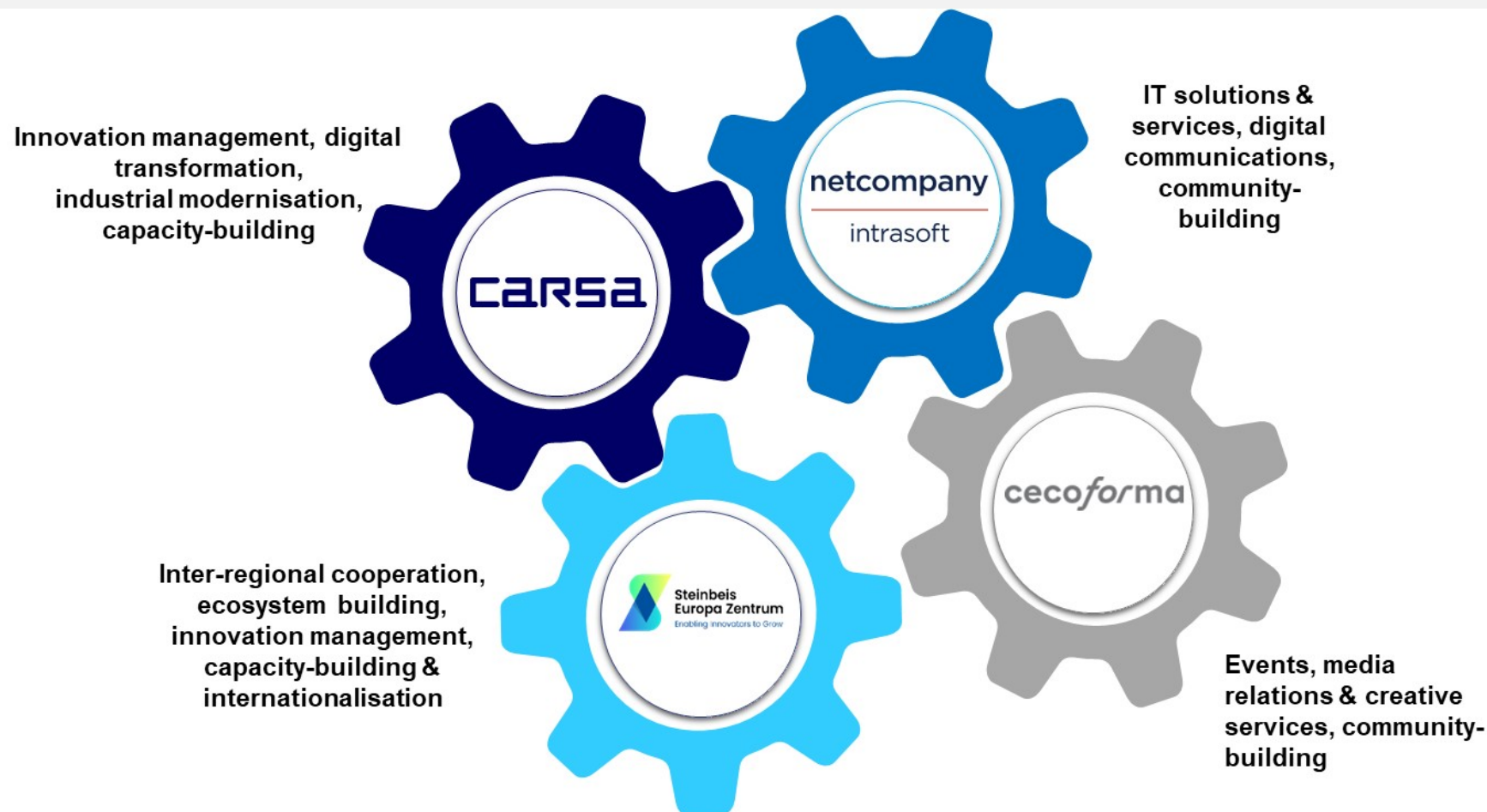
- Manufacturing and processing (Sum)
- Health care (Sum)
- Agricultural biotechnology and food biotechnology (Sum)





## DTA consortium

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## Services to be provided

### Guidance and advice

- Training/educational materials
- Guidance content, Webinars
- Virtual helpdesk

### Training

- Online train the trainer courses, sessions and events

### Matchmaking and networking

- Online events to facilitate interactions
- Online matchmaking tools
- EDIH catalogue

### IT services, software platform

- Multiple IT tools to facilitate online interactions, exchanges, online collaborations

### Media relations, communications, branding

- Social media
- Press toolkit, press releases
- Visual identity/unified brand
- Newsletters

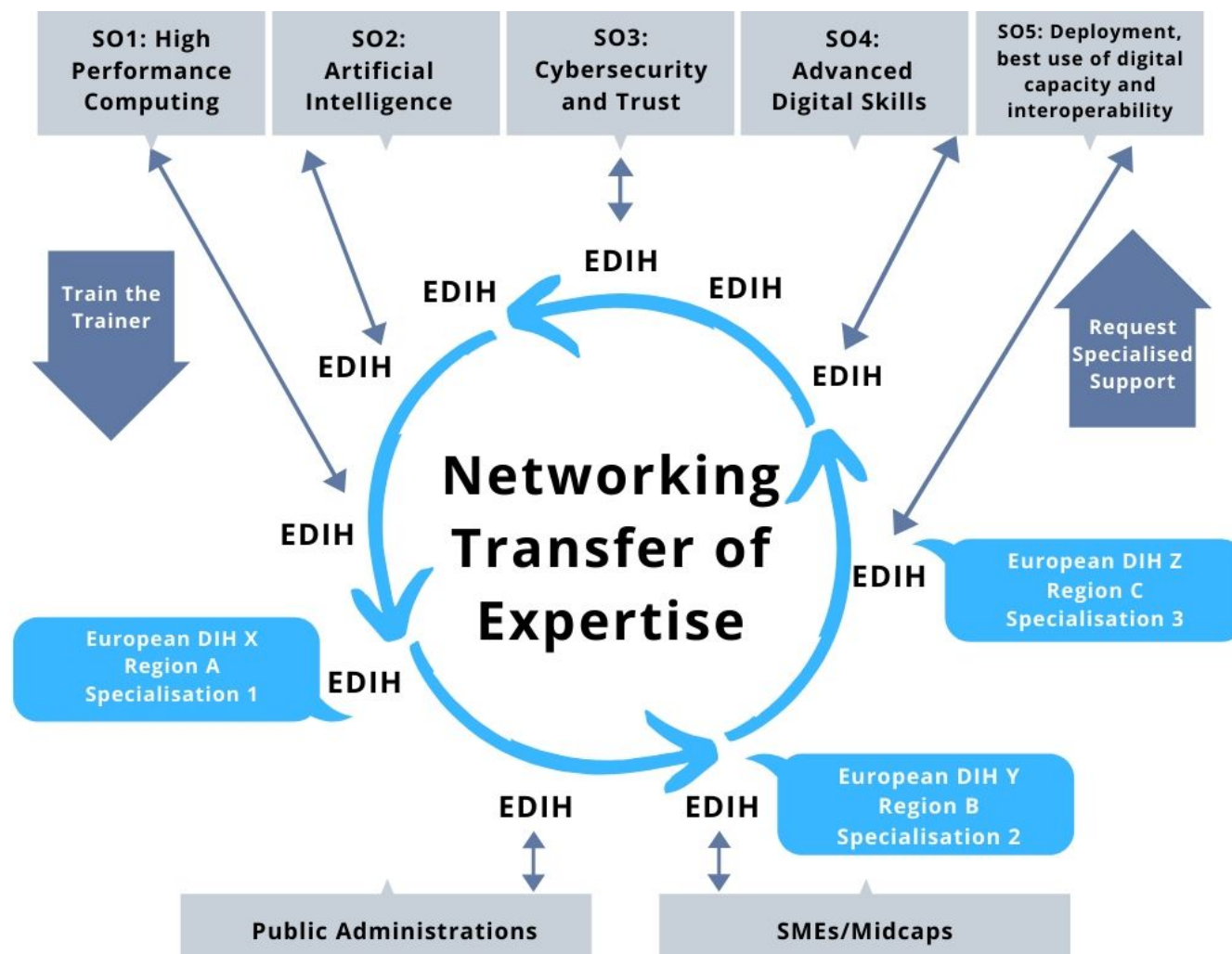
### Impact assessment, data collection and analysis, road mapping

- Centralised data collection
- Data analytics to derive insights
- Annual impact assess reports, and road maps to defines future actions



# Networking – ensure the best use of DIGITAL capacities

- EDIHs will act as a **multiplier** and **widely diffuse** the use of all the digital capacities built up under the different specific objectives of DIGITAL.
- Networking is organised by the Digital Transformation Accelerator





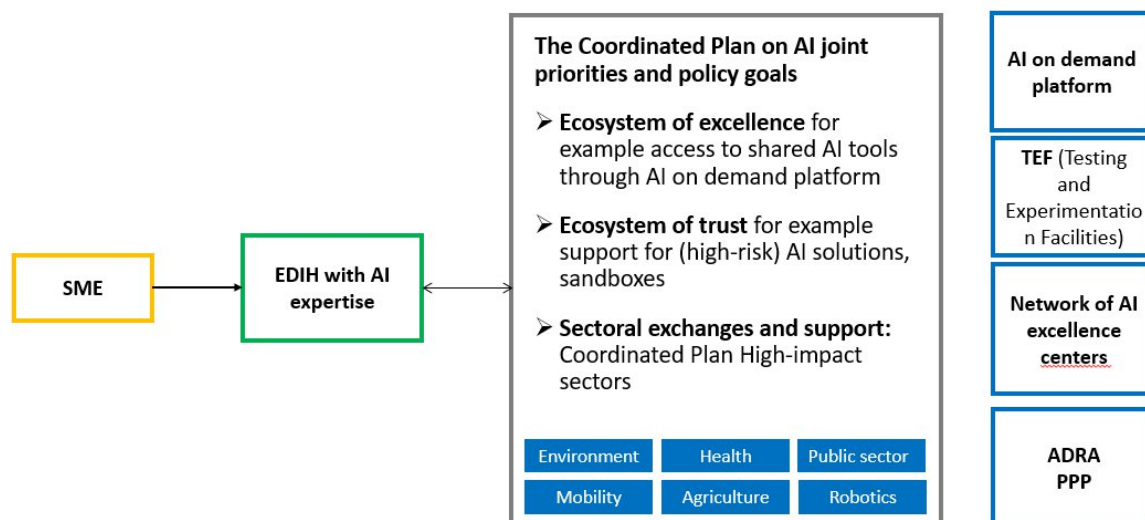


# Collaboration AI European ecosystems - EDIH

In order to reach out to all SMEs that can benefit from AI

## AI European ecosystems

- AI-on-demand platform, Network of Excellence, R&I projects, AI Act, possible national sandbox, ...
- Testing & Experimentation Facilities on AI: *soon (early 23)*
- Make available tools, solutions, services, infrastructures ... to researchers, innovators, startups mainly



## EDIHs

- Mix of generalists and AI specialists (technology/sector)
- One stop shop for digital transformation at regional level
- Mix of services, from basic training to advanced technology deployment
- “At least one EDIH per country with AI expertise”
  - ➔ Selection and task list for presentation/discussion at the high-level meeting of the group of MS early December



# Keep in touch

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