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Dear partners and friends of EIT Digital,

I hope you are all in good health! Fortunately, across Europe, the pandemic seems on retreat and countries are starting to loosen measures. EIT Digital has so far been able to deal with the COVID-19 fairly well by moving a lot of our operations online. Nevertheless, the crisis impacts our activities and we will continue and expand our contingency measures.

Now things are improving, we also want to take some time to address the fact that 2020 is our 10th anniversary year. In this newsletter you see the 10-year anniversary logo that we will use to highlight our anniversary. Also, we are preparing a special on-line 10-year anniversary event later this year. The first activity that falls under our 10-year anniversary celebrations is the launch next week of our Makers & Shapers video journey, a collection of interviews with top decisionmakers in European digital industry and authorities. You can follow the series via social media and our dedicated webpage that will go live Friday, June 12. Stay tuned for more information on our 10-year anniversary celebration!

Despite lifted restrictions, international travel is still hampered and remote work common practice. Where circumstances allow, we started preparations to gradually open our offices as of mid-June. Hopefully in September we can go back to organising small-scale on-site activities.

Recently, we have been busy with our annual calendar of business plan construction, Master School recruitment, and the launch of the EIT Digital Challenge. On top of that and as part of the EIT crisis response initiative, we work on providing targeted support to ventures as well as supporting specific activities under the umbrella of 'DATA against COVID-19', on which we will report in the next newsletter edition.

Despite the difficult circumstances, we saw a successful 'EIT Digital

2021' construction of activities. We brought brokerage events online, increased the number of submissions compared to last year, and saw a strong increase in proposals for venture creation. A positive development that is in line with one of our sustainability targets to build a venture portfolio. In addition, the EIT Digital Challenge is ongoing and an important occasion both to promote the Accelerator and to recruit new deep tech scaleups.

The recruitment to our Master School is in progress. Unfortunately, travel restrictions will indeed impact enrollment of non-European students. At the same time I am pleased that, together with our partners, we have been able to move almost all of our Summer Schools on-line and thus can offer the full portfolio of Summer School courses on-line in August.

Finally, I am happy that today we published the report on 'European Digital Infrastructure and Data Sovereignty' in our policy perspective series. The importance of European digital sovereignty is increasingly recognized due to the growing importance of digital technology in society and economy. The current COVID-19 crisis only amplifies the awareness. I hope you will enjoy reading it.

With that, stay safe and take care!

Willem Jonker
CEO, EIT Digital

European Digital Infrastructure and Data Sovereignty



EIT Digital's latest Policy Perspective report provides an overview of policy motivations, trends, instruments and the role of various actors that jointly create the digital reality. The study supports the development of policies that strengthen European sovereignty in digital infrastructures and handling of data. It does this by presenting regulators with a scenario-based framework of policy choices that allows the assessment of these scenarios with respect to policy objectives.

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High turnout of 'EIT Digital 2021'



Despite a challenging environment caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the 'EIT Digital 2021' construction of activities was a great success! Almost 180 proposals were submitted to the Innovation Factory; 17% more than last year. 95 submissions proposed the launch of a startup - an increase of 118%! And 114 proposals involve new Partners (+24%). With 53 submitted proposals, also the EIT Digital Academy was able to sustain a comparable level to last year.

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Apply until 7 June for EIT Digital Challenge 2020!



Fast-growing European deep-tech companies have two more days to apply for this year's edition of Europe's leading scaleup competition. The best 5 companies will receive prizes totalling €350,000 in cash and in kind to boost their international growth.

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EIT Digital Summer Schools go online! Apply until 7 June!



Due to current circumstances, all EIT Digital Summer Schools will be held completely online in August 2020. Aside EIT Digital Master School students, the two-week courses are open to researchers, industry professionals, master and PhD students. Through virtual lectures, coaching, group work and company visits, participants learn how to turn technology into business.

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Shaking up the construction industry



They did not win the 'Crack the Crisis' competition, but reaching the finals opened new business opportunities to EIT Digital Master School student Tim Brinkman and his startup Construkt.eu. Read more about their mission to make the building industry more sustainable.

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Interested in working for us?

[Check out our open vacancies!](#)

Events

[Upskilling Studio: How to upskill in response to a rapidly changing environment?](#) - June 11, 2020

[Symposium: From Farm to Fork](#) - June 18, 2020

[Seminar: Business Development \(Rennes\)](#) - September, 2020

[Seminar: Business Growth \(Trento\)](#) - September, 2020

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