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Dear partners and friends of EIT Digital,

The impact of COVID-19 on our business is still challenging. We have extended office closures at certain Nodes and continue to recommend distance working for all staff. All events have moved online, including this year's kick-off of our Master School and our 10th Anniversary event.

But challenges are there to be answered by creative solutions and progress!

The European Innovation Council and the first wave EIT-KICs - Climate, Digital and Energy - signed a Letter of Intent with the ambition to cooperate both operationally and financially and to ensure that innovators in the Climate, Energy and Digital thematic areas get the complementary full range of added value services they need from both parties.

We successfully moved our pre-acceleration Venture Program and the EIT Digital Challenge scaleup competition online. The overwhelming interest in both instruments confirms our increased focus on tech venture creation and growth.

Our LMAD Innovation Activity successfully ran a pilot for automated grocery delivery and we were quick to establish an activity supporting the commercialisation of a great - and timely - innovation by EIT Digital Master School students: a 3D-printed remote monitoring device, that measures corona patients' vital signs and helps healthcare staff do their important work.

Finally, we are approaching with large footsteps our 10th anniversary event on 29 October with a great line-up of speakers. I am sure we will enjoy an hour of inspiring debates and a celebration worthwhile the

occasion.

I look forward to seeing you there and invite you to bring along your peers and friends to share this joyous moment with us!

Willem Jonker
CEO, EIT Digital

Great speaker line-up for EIT Digital Anniversary on 29 October!



EIT Digital's online event 'Celebrate Innovation' on 29 October features an exciting speaker line-up! EU policy shapers **Despina Spanou**, European Commission, and MEP **Maria da Graça Carvalho** outline regulatory considerations for a strong digital Europe. **Pia Sandvik**, CEO of RISE Research Institutes of Sweden and Ferrovial CIIO **Dimitris Bountolos** will talk about the benefits of working in a pan-European community of innovators. And F-Secure's **Risto Siilasmaa**, startup founders **Dora Palfi** and **Abdelhadi Azzouni** will resonate about the ingredients for successful venture creation and growth.

Register now and invite your peers!

EIC and first wave EIT KICs sign Letter of Intent



On 24 September, the European Innovation Council and the first wave EIT-KICs – Climate, Digital and Energy – signed a [Letter of Intent](#) to maximise EU support for game-changing innovators and entrepreneurs across Europe.

The letter comes in advance of next year's launch of the new EU research and innovation framework programme Horizon Europe. Pillar

III of the programme establishes a series of ambitious measures to stimulate market-driven innovation and support ecosystems fostering innovation.

Building on their mutual strengths, potential and complementarities, the EIC and the 3 first wave EIT-KICs launched earlier this year a pilot to test different new collaboration mechanisms in support of the European Commission's Green Deal and its strategy for a Europe Fit for the Digital Age.

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EIT Digital puts increased focus on venture creation and scaling



In digital, the pace of innovation is incredibly high. Bringing innovations quickly out of the labs and into the market is therefore a critical element to remain competitive. Find out from EIT Digital CIO Chahab Nastar about our successful answer to these rapid innovation cycles.

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28 new startups created within the EIT Digital Venture Program



The early-stage program empowered 28 teams from Central and Eastern Europe, the Baltics and Southern Europe to go from idea to incorporation within a 2-months online pre-acceleration program. They received business mentorship and a total of over €500,000 in investment from EIT Digital. Polish payment startup Restpay stands out with a Business Angel investment received directly at the end of the program.

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20 outstanding deep tech scaleups reach finals of EIT Digital Challenge 2020



10th EIT Digital
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EIT DIGITAL CHALLENGE FINALISTS 2020

20 OUTSTANDING DEEP TECH SCALEUPS

CitySwift FNA icometrix PXL VISION Roboze Runecast scantzst.
Building Radar squirro SwipeGuide. TakeTask deepomatic. INXPECT
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Finalists statistics

AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	31	AVERAGE FUNDING RAISED	€5.6M	AVERAGE REVENUE IN 2019	€1.5M	COUNTRIES REPRESENTED	11
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More than 400 applicants from 11 European countries competed for the 20 spots on the finals of the 2020 EIT Digital Challenge, the seventh edition of Europe's leading deep tech scaleup competition. The finalists will pitch on November 12 online in front of a jury of experts and compete for prizes worth €350,000.

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Automated grocery delivery by LMAD on Aalto Campus



EIT Digital-supported innovation activity Last Mile Autonomous Delivery (LMAD) successfully teamed up with a local supermarket and ran a pilot on the Aalto University Campus near Helsinki. Customers could order groceries online and had them delivered by LMAD's autonomous delivery robot.

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COVID-19 solution of EIT Digital Master School students gets €500,000 funding



Earlier this year, 5 EIT Digital Master School students teamed up with a motion graphic designer to compete in the EUvsVirus challenge - and won! Their solution, a 3D printed remote monitoring device, can measure vital signs of corona patients which enables nurses to safely monitor multiple patients at the same time. Under the umbrella of "DATA against COVID-19" and with the support of EIT Digital co-investment and partners, the team is now working on bringing their solution to market.

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Upcoming Events

[Seminar: Business Modelling](#)

26-30 October, 2020

[EIT Digital 'Celebrate Innovation'](#)

29 October, 2020

[Annual EIT Digital Master School Kick-Off](#)

30 October, 2020

[DeepHack: Data for Urban Logistics](#)

6 November, 2020

[Seminar: Business Change](#)

9-13 November, 2020

[Masterclass: Product Lifecycle Management](#)

12 November, 2020

[Seminar: Research to Value](#)

16-20 November, 2020

[Masterclass: Applied Data Science](#)

19-20 and 26-27 November, 2020

[Seminar: Business Development](#)

23-27 November, 2020

[DeepHack: Open BIM](#)

27-29 November, 2020

[Masterclass: Digitalisation and Industry 4.0 in Food Processing](#)

3-4 December, 2020

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