



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear partners and friends of EIT Digital,

I hope you had a great summer and managed to recharge your batteries! During these past months the Supervisory Board worked intensively on the mid-term strategy for EIT Digital, focussing on EIT Digital being the gateway to European digital innovation. This strategy paves the way for the coming years: EIT Digital as a non-for-profit organisation that delivers through its pan-EU connected regional ecosystems market-driven integrated digital innovation and education propositions and achieves financial sustainability via a balanced public and private financing. With this, EIT Digital is well positioned for a sustainable future.

Part of the mid-term strategic approach are two integrated C-level positions. Diva Tommei has been appointed as Chief Innovation, Education and Marketing Officer and Federico Menna as Chief Finance and Operations Officer. We want to thank our former Chief Research and Innovation Officer Chahab Nastar as well as our former Chief Education Officer Roberto Prieto for their highly appreciated contributions to EIT Digital.

Next to the strategic work, also the activities at EIT Digital continued without interruption during the holiday season. We were particularly busy with the successful execution of our 11 summer schools across Europe. Another focus lay on expanding our ecosystem. Last week, we celebrated the official opening of our

Tallinn office and are progressing with constructive discussions about the establishment of liaison offices in Slovenia, Greece, and Slovakia. EIT Digital also demonstrates its commitment to the EIT community by our strong involvement in the INNOVEIT Weeks series of events.

In the coming weeks, we will also launch the 3rd Cut-off of the Innovation Factory for 2022 and look forward to many promising proposals for venture creation and venture boost. We continue with our series of DeepHacks, conclude this year's edition of the EIT Digital Venture Program, and will select and award the winners of this year's EIT Digital Challenge scaleup competition. Later in October, the new cohort of Master School students will meet in Tallinn for the kick-off of the academic year, and we will welcome in November more than 800 Master School graduates in Madrid for a 'catch up' graduation ceremony for all students that finished their studies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

With that I wish you a successful second half of the year in which we continue the high impact work of EIT Digital!

Willem Jonker  
CEO, EIT Digital



**EIT Digital launches 3rd Innovation Factory 2022 Cut-Off**  
**Submit proposals to launch or boost your deep tech startup!**

Are you planning to launch a digital tech startup for initial impact on the market? Do

you want to accelerate the growth of your early-stage digital tech startup? From now and until 30 November 2022, you can apply for tailored support from EIT Digital!

Our support packages include mentoring & coaching, attracting investors and customers, legal and organisational advice for venture creation, access to EIT Digital's innovation ecosystem of more than 300 partners from across Europe, and financial support.

Check out the [Innovation Factory website](#) and join the [Information Session](#) on October 6 to learn more.



## EIT Digital opens Tallinn office, serving the Baltic region

On 21 September, EIT Digital officially inaugurated its office in Tallinn, Estonia. The office will strengthen EIT Digital's ties with current and future partners across the Baltics and facilitate their access to EIT Digital as gateway to European digital innovation.

The opening featured inspiring interventions by Estonia's Minister of Entrepreneurship and Information Technology Kristjan Järvan, Bolt co-founder Martin Villig, the Dean at TalTech School of Information Technologies Gert Jervan, Head of Startup Estonia Eve Peeterston, and Mantas Vilys, Director of the Lithuanian Innovation Centre.

Check out the photo album



## EIT Digital Challenge 2022 closes application

The [EIT Digital Challenge](#) 2022 closed its application last week, with a remarkable number of highly qualified scaleups submitting their entries for consideration. Soon the EIT Digital Accelerator will announce the list of 20 finalists that will be invited to Brussels for a [Final Event](#) that includes a pitch competition, networking with top tier venture capital firms and a VIP investors dinner.

New in 2022, the EIT Digital Challenge now includes a special prize sponsored by the [Open Edge and HPC Initiative \(OEHI\)](#), a consortium of companies aiming to foster the development of an open and feature-rich ecosystem for high performance computing and digital twins. With a year of complimentary business acceleration services up for grabs it will be hard to select just five winners, but on 27 October the EIT Digital Challenge will do just that. Stay tuned!

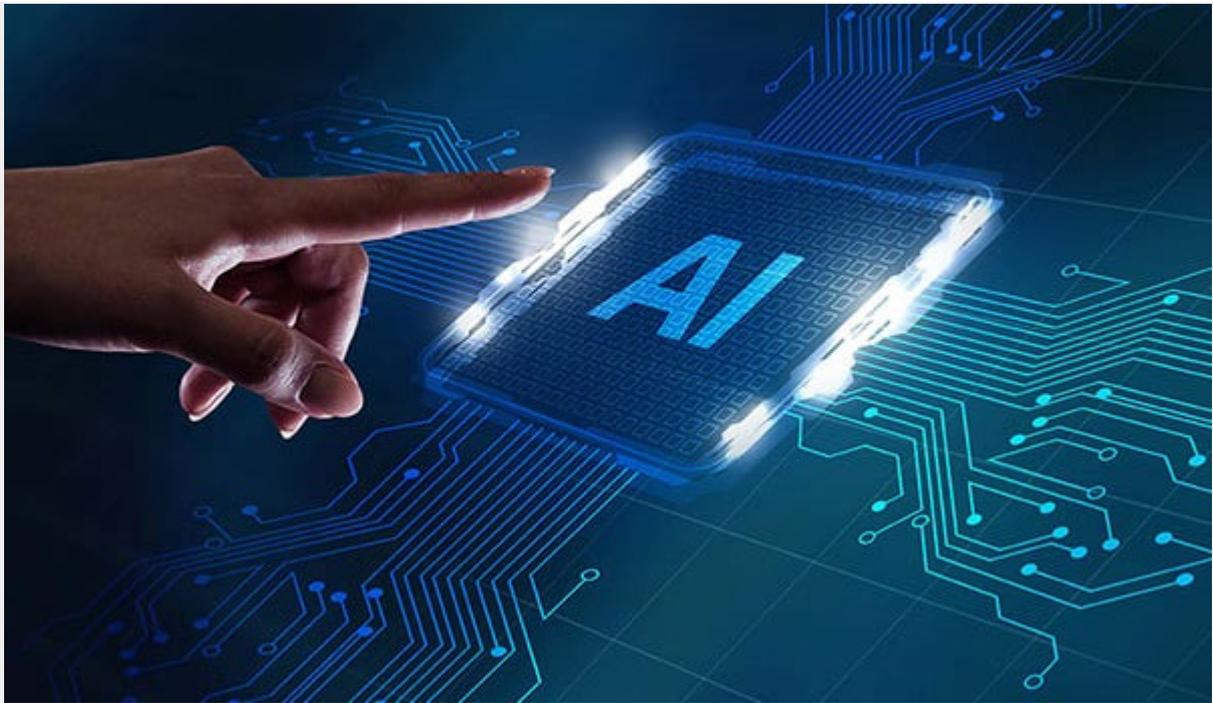


## 10 winners of EIC-EIT Digital Venture Acceleration Programme announced

EIT Digital congratulates the 10 outstanding deep tech companies that were admitted to the [EIC-EIT Digital Venture Acceleration Programme](#). The selected scaleups - all EIC Accelerator companies and Seal-of-Excellence holders - have been granted 12-month Access to Finance and Access to Market services by the EIT Digital Accelerator, worth €50,000.

The 10 awardees are: Activity Stream (Denmark), Atlant 3D (Denmark), ExactCure (France), FutureOn (Norway), GrayMatters Health (Israel), Mitiga (Spain), RoBoTEC (Germany), ScanTrust (Switzerland), Sensoneo (Slovakia), and Velco (France).

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## EIT Digital supports EU AI-on-demand platform in two winning projects

EIT Digital successfully joined the winning bids for two EU calls in the area of Artificial Intelligence. Until the end of 2025, the project [AlforEurope](#) will support and facilitate a sustainable digital platform and experimentation environment through the creation of open research channels and mechanisms that foster the European academic and industrial AI research ecosystem, maximise its academic, social, and industrial impact, and seamlessly integrates other projects, platforms, and solutions. EIT Digital will support governance processes, sustainability and participatory engagement.

EIT Digital also joined the consortium running the nine-month Pre-PAI project. Pre-PAI will produce a blueprint for the further development, deployment, and operation of the European AI-on-demand platform with the aim to include a broader stakeholder audience, such as SMEs, industrial sectors, and public administrations.

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## 31 entrepreneurial teams complete EIT Digital Venture Program 2022

At the end of September, the 31 teams from Southern Europe, Central and Eastern Europe and the Baltics that successfully completed the eight-week pre-acceleration [Venture Program](#) and incorporated their startup, were rewarded with a cash prize of €10,000 each.

Participants learned how to develop and finalise their Minimum Viable Product (MVP), establish their startup company, and raise funding. The first ten ventures to raise at least €50,000 in funding from private investors by November 27, will be entitled to an additional prize of €10,000.

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## EIT Digital Summer School opens new horizons for young professionals

The 2022 edition of the EIT Digital Summer School was a huge success! Held in attractive locations across Europe, this year's 11 courses were joined by a well-balanced mix of 300 EIT Digital Master School students and 200 young professionals, who took part in high-level lectures, solved problems in multi-disciplinary teams, and of course enjoyed the social programme.

Being confronted with 'real-life' company cases and working on solutions for their challenges is a special trigger for participants that already have professional experience but want to dig deeper into the secrets of innovative and entrepreneurial mindsets.

Two of them, [Chadouli Rizos-Theodoros](#) and [Falko Blumenthal](#) shared their experience with us - and you!



## **EIT Digital presents new report on the Future of Education for Digital Skills**

In its latest Makers & Shapers report, EIT Digital tackles the demand for general digital skills and digital specialism through analysis of the supply of broadly defined education and training presented by both public and private institutions. We identify the main gaps in the status quo, extract from these foresight scenarios, and provide three core recommendations to achieve the scenario most favourable for Europe:

To close the digital skills gap, Europe must modernize its outdated public digital education programmes, integrate and streamline private digital education initiatives, and better coordinate pan-European digital skills initiatives, networks and ecosystems.

**[Read more and download the full report](#)**



## Upskill with EIT Digital Professional School

With topics such as blockchain, AI, Big Data, corporate sustainability, EIT Digital's portfolio of professional classes is designed to provide professionals with the skills they need to drive digital transformation. Visit the portfolio website and register for the course of your interest!

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## Upcoming Events

October 11-14

[Executive Course: Blockchain for Digital Manufacturing and Logistics](#)

November 3, 8 and 15

[Innovation Factory 2022 Brokerage Event](#)

November 8-11

[Executive Course: Blockchain for the Decision Maker](#)

November 16-18

[Executive Course: Business Strategy and Artificial Intelligence](#)

## Working at EIT Digital

Interested in working for us?

[Check out our open vacancies!](#)



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