

| TOTAL BUDGET | DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS |
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| €1.080.000 (18 projects will be awarded) | November 9 th 2022 17:00 (Brussels time) |

CALL GOALS

A Digital Innovation Hub (DIH) is a support facility that helps companies to become more competitive by improving their business/production processes as well as products and services by means of digital technology. According to the DIHs Catalogue of the European Commission, there are around 240 DIHs in Europe (out of around 400) specialized in Data mining, Big Data, and database management. These initiatives bring together different stakeholders and services to foster data driven innovation at local and regional level, providing all needed elements to accompany industry on the journey towards data driven digitalization.

The main aim of the EUHubs4Data is to set a European federation of Big Data DIHs, which based on the premise “global catalogue, local offer”, will ensure access to SMEs (including start-ups) in their respective regional ecosystems to a global catalogue of data sources and federated data driven services, making accessible the latest developments on Data Analytics and advanced assets on Big Data to companies all across Europe, and establishing as the reference on innovation and experimentation on Big Data.

BENEFICIARIES AND CONDITIONS

Types of Beneficiaries

The accepted applicants for EUHubs4Data open calls are SME:

- SMEs according to the EC commission definition: Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC, published in the Official Journal of the European Union L 124, p. 36 of 20 May 2003 from any member state or associated country.
- Groups of web entrepreneurs: group of minimum 2 and maximum 4 web entrepreneurs can participate, but with a written commitment to have set up a legally registered SME if reaching “Experiment” phase. The company should be legally established in an eligible country according to section 2.2.3.

Definition of SME

A SME will be considered as such if accomplishing with the Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC and the user guide to the SME definition. As a summary, the criteria which define a SME are:

- Headcount in Annual Work Unit (AWU) less than 250.
- Annual turnover less or equal to €50 million or annual balance sheet total, less or equal to €43 million.

NOTE: start-ups qualify under the SME definition, so they are eligible for the EUHubs4Data Open Calls.

Eligible Countries

Only applicants legally established, and working, in the case of the individuals, in any of the following countries will be eligible:

- The Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU), including their outermost regions.
- The Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) linked to the Member States. Entities from OCTs are eligible for funding under the same conditions as entities from the Member States to which the OCT in question is linked.
- H2020 Associated countries: according to the updated list published by the EC.
- The UK applicants are eligible under the conditions set by the EC for H2020 participation at the time of the deadline of the call.

NOTE: In accordance with the statement of the European Commission, web entrepreneurs with residency in Russia and SMEs established in Russia are not eligible. EUHubs4Data reserves the right to adjust these conditions according to changes in EU laws/directives/regulations.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

The beneficiaries of the selected experiments will receive financial support and technical support.

- **Financial support:** the grant for each experiment (and beneficiary) will be up to **60.000 Euros**.

NOTE: part of the financial support must be used to cover travel costs and attend, at least, an EUHubs4Data event to promote the experiments financed through the open call #3 and the beneficiary companies.

The payment of the financial support will be broken down into two evaluation periods:

- Intermediate review: up to 30.000 Euros. [M05 after starting the experiments].
- Final evaluation once the experiment is finished: final payment up to 60.000 Euros. [M10 after starting the experiment].

Each experiment selected for funding will receive the funds at each evaluation period after properly justifying (with at least one deliverable) and in proportion to the accomplishment of the expected results, including a set of expected milestones that will help to monitor the progress of the experiment. The beneficiary will prepare the technical justification, while the DIHs involved in the experiment will support and review it. A positive assessment of DIHs is needed for the payment in each period.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Applications will be submitted online via <https://euh4d.digitalsme.eu/form/>
- Further information: [EUHubs4Data - Guidelines for Applicants](#)