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For Large Scale adoption of
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Results of open call (call ID ref DigiFed01 call) for recipients of financial support

Project acronym	DigiFed
Project grant agreement number	864266
Project full name	Digital Innovation Hubs federation for Large Scale Adoption of Digital Technologies by European SMEs

The Project DigiFed, co-funded from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 864266, launched an open call for recipients of financial support on April 15, 2020. The call closed on June 9, 2020.

A total of 74 proposals were received fully finalized for this call. 14 proposals will receive funding for a total amount of 1.1 million EUR.

The evaluation and selection has been completed. All proposers have been informed about the evaluation results for their proposal for financial support.

Call information

The call was published on DigiFed website (<https://digifed.org/>) and on the Horizon 2020 Participants Portal. Full call details were published at: <https://digifed.org/explore/open-calls/>.

Response to the call in details

	Number of proposals	Funding requested
Proposals received	75	-
Eligible proposals	72	5 128 866,53 €
Proposals above threshold	42	2 975 610,98 €
Selected proposals	14	1 150 224,79 €

Organisation	Country	Funding awarded
CYSEX	Switzerland	55 000 €
PI-ER Technical Fiberty	Hungary Estonia	109 113 €
Energica Motor Company Virtual Open Systems	Italy France	95 000 €
Ovon Technology Ltd	UK	54 967 €
Sentinel NV ORBEA S.Coop	Belgium Spain	110 000 €
Sleep Advice Technologies Detector S.A	Italy Spain	98 001,46 €
BEEEXLAB Srl	Italy	55 000 €

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PRECIFIELD	France	110 000 €
VITO	Belgium	
eRTSOgener	France	54 643,75 €
Madesign	Bulgaria	81 375 €
Centexbel	Belgium	
DatenBerg	Germany	53 375 €
Altar	France	109 936,58 €
BioSistemika	Slovenia	
Altar ltd.	UK	53 813 €
OffPAD	Norway	110 000 €
One Wave	France	

Executive summary

DigiFed first open call results: 14 projects and 22 European companies receive a total of over 1.1 million euro for their digital innovation ambitions

The EU funded project “Digital Innovation Hubs Federation For Large Scale adoption of digital technologies by European SMEs” announces the results of its first call for applications: 14 applicants of the 72 eligible proposals will receive a total of over 1.1 million euro to develop their smart applications.



In a first effort to engage European SMEs and midcaps in its innovation programme, DigiFed is pleased to announce the results of the project’s 1st Open Call launched on the 17th of March 2020.

Out of the over 72 eligible proposals which involved 94 European companies included start-ups, SMEs and mid-caps (see Figure 1) from across Europe (see Figure 2), 22 European companies have been selected to receive financial, technical and innovation management support for the creation of smart applications to help digitise European Industry. The distribution percentage of funding per company size can be seen in Figure 3.

The first call was specifically aimed towards “Application Experiments”, meaning that the applying companies have a good idea of an innovation, a clear market vision and needs technical and/or business innovation expertise to validate their concept.

48 companies applied for “single application experiments” meaning that a single applying

Eligible proposals per Company size

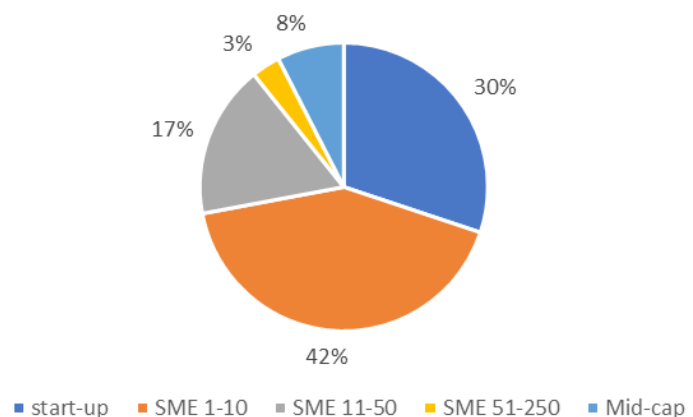
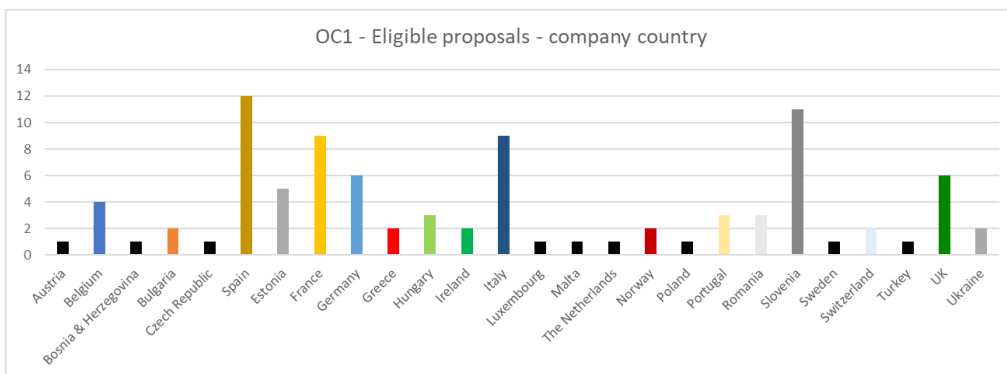


Figure 1 : Open Call 1 – 72 Eligible proposals – 94 Companies

company will receive, alongside Cascade funding up to 55k€, technical and business expertise from DigiFed to support their project.

46 companies applied for “Twin application experiments” meaning that two partners companies from two different countries applied together and will each receive up to 55 k€ Cascade funding for supporting their project, while DigiFed will support with business innovation expertise.

Figure 2 : Open Call 1 – 72 Eligible proposals - 94 applicants’ company country of origin



All proposals were evaluated in a first phase by the independent experts and in a second phase by DigiFed team. The winning 14 projects to be carried out by the 22 selected companies are scheduled to start in October 2020.

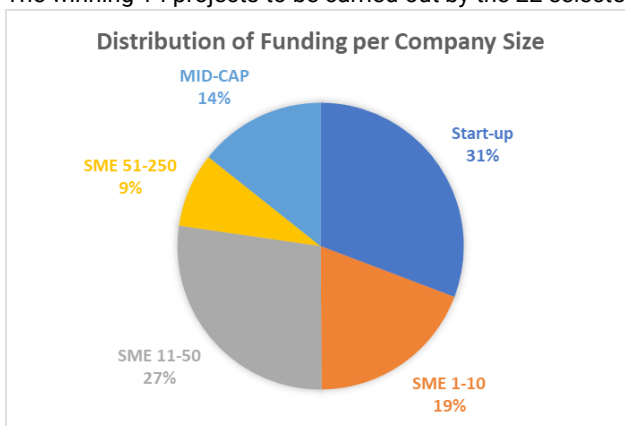


Figure 3 Distribution of Funding per Company Size

So far, the overall budget distributed for the first DigiFed open call is 1 150 224,79 € out of a total available budget of 3,5M€ cascade funding across 3 Open Calls. In the first call the largest share went to companies based in France, followed by Belgium, Italy and Spain (see Figure 4)

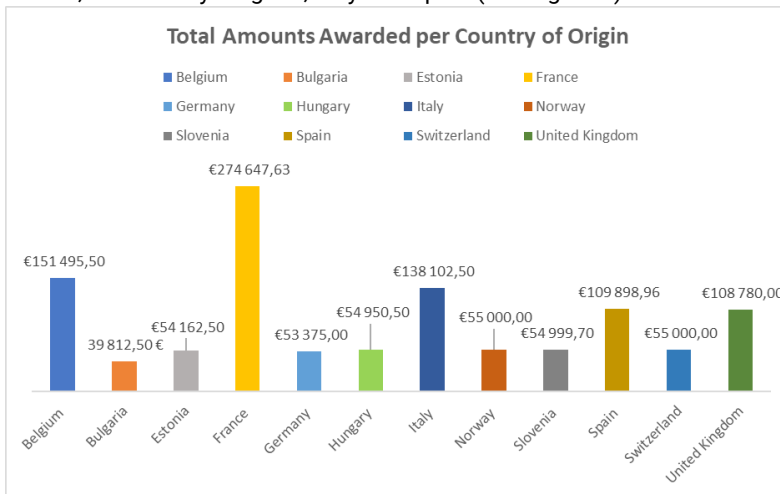


Figure 4 Total Amounts Awarded per Country of Origin

DigiFed is dedicated to supporting EU industries to digitalise their product & services and reach new markets enabled by Cyber Physical Systems (CPS) & Embedded Systems. It aims to promote a total of 40 projects throughout the project's lifetime, fostering alliances between SMEs to demonstrate the potential of CPS digital technologies. DigiFed incentivises cooperation among hubs across Europe to make those technologies and know-how available to all European SMEs.

If you are a start-up, SME or Midcap with an interest in developing smart applications, do not miss the 2nd Open Call which will be launched on 22nd of September 2020.

Keep an eye out for more information on the [DigiFed website](#) and by following DigiFed on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).