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BOWI widening call for developing digital innovation hubs

Developing digital innovation hubs are invited to join the BOWI network and take part in cross-border technology and service transfer programme and receive **up to € 100 000** of funding per beneficiary.

Nine applicants will be selected to take part in a two-stage BOWI support programme of experience exchange and technology application. Participation in the programme will aid the chosen DIHs to become stronger players in their regional scene and connect to a network of experienced international experts.

BOWI will provide:

- Mentoring programme
- Access to a network of international experts
- Access to facilities and infrastructure
- Media Exposure.

The 1st stage runs for 11 months and is supported with € 20 000 of funding to cover the costs. Chosen DIHs will receive mentoring and training from BOWI's mature hubs and work together to create a roadmap for stronger smart technology acceleration in their respective region. This will include setting-up a dialogue with local public authorities, development agencies, investors, and other relevant organisations.

The 2nd stage is participation in 10-month long cross-border technology transfer experiments. Selected applicants will be working together with BOWI's mature DIHs to support their local SMEs or mid-caps (chosen through open call) in refining their digital solutions that afterwards will help the companies to reach new market potential and scale. Each hub will be able to support up to 4 experiments and receive up to € 80 000 (€ 20 000 per experiment) of financial support.

Eligibility criteria

Proposals can be submitted by DIHs already included or to be included in the European Catalogue of Digital Innovation Hubs and located in pre-defined regions of Albania, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Turkey, Tunisia, Ukraine, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Moldova.

The applicants also needed to have experience in promoting regional application of technologies in at least 3 of the following technology areas:

- Low energy computing powering CPS
- Cyber-physical and embedded systems
- Internet of things



- Flexible and Wearable Electronics
- Organic and Large Area Electronics
- Man/machine interfaces
- Advanced or High-performance computing
- Robotics for manufacturing
- Additive manufacturing technologies
- Modelling and simulation
- Laser-based manufacturing
- CPS for manufacturing
- Cloud computing
- Digital twins, data sharing, autonomous factories
- IT security

For full list of eligibility conditions, criteria, and support actions, please visit [application page](#) or BOWI project's website www.bowi-network.eu.

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