SMART4ALL Opportunities for collaborating with (E)DIHs

Objective of the online event

Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs) are one of the four pillars of the 'Digitizing European Industry initiative' — a key instrument to foster local collaboration amongst all relevant actors involved in technology uptake (research technology organizations, system integrators, early adopters, other manufacturing SMEs/midcaps) as well as to channel the efforts (funding, upskilling programs, etc.) that regional and national governments dedicate to digital transformation locally. This role will be maintained, and even fostered, in the context of the 'Digital Europe Programme' (2021-2027 and the recently established European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIHs). These EDIHs, using the experience gained on the regional level with supporting SMEs, midcaps, and public sector organizations, are now funded both from the EC and Member States. A key goal of EDIHs will be to connect hubs and organizations at a European level in cross-border collaborations for the support of their SMEs.

Therefore, engagement with DIH networks and (E)DIHs should be considered to contribute to the project sustainability. The DIHs and (E)DIHs will support local SMEs with the adoption of new technologies, being a gateway to connect SMEs to SMART4ALL resources. The support offered by these entities is not limited to technical expertise, it entails supporting SMEs in the upskilling of the workforce, accessing funding, legal, data, business and ecosystem support, activities in which SMART4ALL have been working in the past years. Leveraging on the work created by the project is key. This event will allow presenting the project and its value proposition to (E)DIHs and discuss together how to make a better use of the results of the project. The SMART4ALL partners will be presenting the activities and results and learn from the participants what are the assets that can be of higher interest.

Date: 28th September 2023

Agenda

Timing	Topic and presenter
10:00	Welcome and Introduction to the project: SMARTALL objectives, activities and results Nikolaos Voros, University of Patras
10:20	How to connect SMART4ALL and DIH networks/ EDIHs George Dimitriou, Praxi Network
10:35	First-hand experience from a SMART4ALL DIH Dimitris Filippidis, smartHEALTH EDIH
10:45	Interactive activity and networking DIHs/ EDIHs needs and interests. Maria Roca, FundingBox
11:00	Opportunities for (E)DIHs: Tools, services, Marketplace and SMART4Women network activities Christos Antonopoulos, University of Patras & Katerina Lambrakopoulou, ESDA LAB