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DIH4AI 1st Open Call online Presentation Event

Digital Innovation Hubs for Artificial Intelligence: collaborative schemes supporting the digital transformation and cutting-edge experimentation

December 14th, 2021 – 11:30 CET

About this event

As envisaged in the European Commission White Paper on AI[1], by 2025 Europe will lead worldwide in ethical and sustainable adoption of AI. DIHs have become the success factor for European SMEs, leveraging on the DIHs' Pan-European and Regional networks and playing a key role in supporting innovation and the adoption of new technologies, including AI.

The DIH4AI aims at building a network of AI-on-demand innovation and collaboration platforms, interoperable with the AI4EU platform, supporting the joint development and provision of services through a sustainable network of regional AI DIHs to serve local SMEs and GovTech agencies.

Through the network, the DIHs are connecting research and industry, ultimately facilitating AI adoption. Putting strong emphasis on collaboration and exchange across the ecosystem, network's stakeholders are intensively collaborating to ensure best use and deployment of available European AI capacities and capabilities.

The project, started in early 2021, includes a series of intra-region and cross-regional experiments and is also providing a total of 2M€ for Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP), in two waves of Open Calls, so as to expand the ecosystem of DIHs to other regions than the ones covered by the project participants and also to complement the catalogue of AI solutions existing in the project.

> ➢ The first Open Call was launched on September 30th, 2021, and it will remain open for the submission of proposals until December 30th, 2021, 17:00 CET.
> ➢ The second Open Call will be launched in Summer 2022, according to the current time plan.

The guidelines and useful resources for the participation are included here in the website of the DIH4AI Project, including, among others, the Guide for Applicants the proposed template for proposals. Also, in the former link, as the submission will need to be performed online through the EMS application, there is also a User Guide included for the Call application through the EMS.

This is an opportunity to learn more about the Open Call, the requirements for the participation of your experiments and to solve any doubt the applicants may have, after having got access to the available dissemination guides and material.

Link to the Registration page for the Event

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[1] https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/commission-white-paper-artificial-intelligence-feb2020_en.pdf

Online Event

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11:30 – 12.45 CET

Welcome & housekeeping (11:30 – 11:35)

Daniel Echebarria, R&D Project Manager, Innovalia Association

Welcoming participants, illustrating the agenda and organization of the meeting, and sharing the objectives.

✓ **11:35 – 11:55 Introduction to the DIH4AI Project and the Relevance of its Open Calls**

David Brunelleschi, Director, Intellera Consulting

This opening presentation represents an overview of the DIH4AI Project and how it intends to build a DIH-driven AI-on-demand platform. The network of DIHs will play a key part, in this case, on the implementation and adoption of AI technologies by SMEs of a wide variety of sectorial areas, and this will be performed by leveraging on DIHs regional constituencies and cross-regional collaboration.

✓ **11:55 – 12:25 DIH4AI Open Call 1**

Daniel Echebarria, R&D Project Manager, Innovalia Association

This is the part specifically addressing the presentation of the Open Call 1, divided into the following subsections:

➢ **11:55 – 12:10 Objectives, Scope and Application Requirements**

This is the first part of session specifically regarding the DIH4AI Open Call, and will consist in an overview about the call, with general figures about it, and the objectives and scope of the Call, including the presentation of the sectors of applicability, the technological topics and the types of mini-consortia allowed to participate.

➢ **12:10 – 12:20 Timing and Evaluation Criteria**

In this subsection, the timing and evaluation criteria will be explained, including the overall timeline for the development of the Experiments and the presentation deeper into the Evaluation process, by explaining the criteria that will be considered at the time of assessing the proposals, setting the scoring and eventually selecting the winner Experiments.

➢ **12:20 – 12:25 Application through the EMS and presentation of helpful resources published**

This intervention concerns the application process via the EMS. Also, the set of resources available through the website and the EMS will also be briefly introduced.

✓ **12:25 – 12:40 Q&A**

This Q&A session allows audience to submit their questions through the WebEx chat and audio, which will be answered by members of the DIH4AI Consortium.

Final remarks and Closing of the session (12:40 – 12:45)

Daniel Echebarria, R&D Project Manager, Innovalia Association