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# Digital Europe Programme

recap the main objectives

*strategic autonomy*



## Compete globally

Other regions of the world invest huge amount of public capital in advanced technologies. For example, the US and China spend € 10-20 billion annually on AI alone



## Better address Europe's economic and societal challenges

E.g. climate, health, mobility and public services



## Achieve scale through collective co-investments

Given the size of investments needed, scale required and risks involved Europe needs to pool the resources together



## Ensure broad take-up of digital technologies across all regions of EU

In deploying latest technologies to offer best services to citizens and business



## Regain control over Europe's value chains

and ensure Europe's technological sovereignty



## Support SMEs to acquire or access the latest technologies and skills

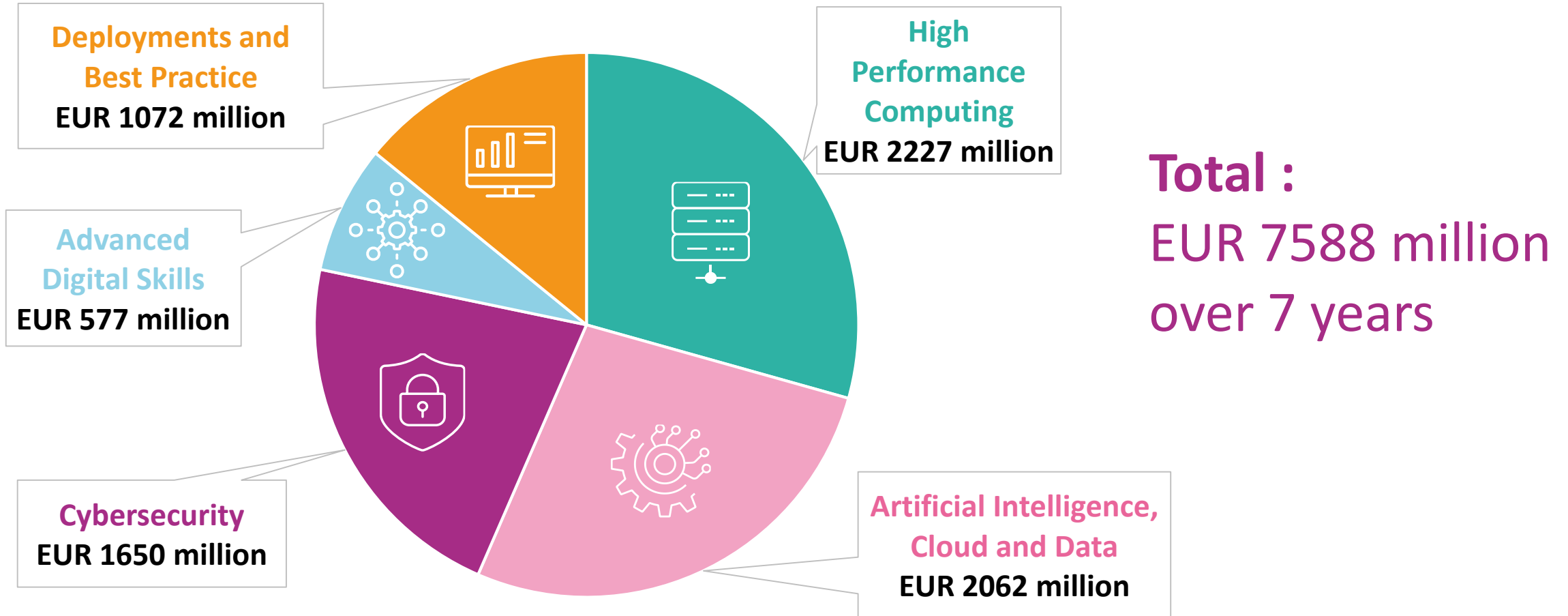
More than 400,000 EU vacancies in these fields

# Digital Europe is complementary to other programmes with investments in digital



EU-wide collective effort					National regional and local			Financial instrument
Horizon Europe	Digital Europe	CEF	Creative Europe	Health	Cohesion	Agriculture Funds	RRF	InvestEU
Research Innovation	Strategic capacities: computing, data, testbeds, etc. Advanced digital skills EU-Wide deployment	Broadband and 5G roll out Connecting Communities	Creative industry Media	Telemedicine eHDSI	Digital connectivity in white and grey areas Support to enterprises in line with Smart specialisation Digital skills for all citizens	Making use of Big Data for CAP monitoring Broadband rollout in rural areas	Connect Scale-up Modernise Reskill and Upskill 20% digital	Leverage private capital for investments in SMEs, research, digital, infrastructure, skills...

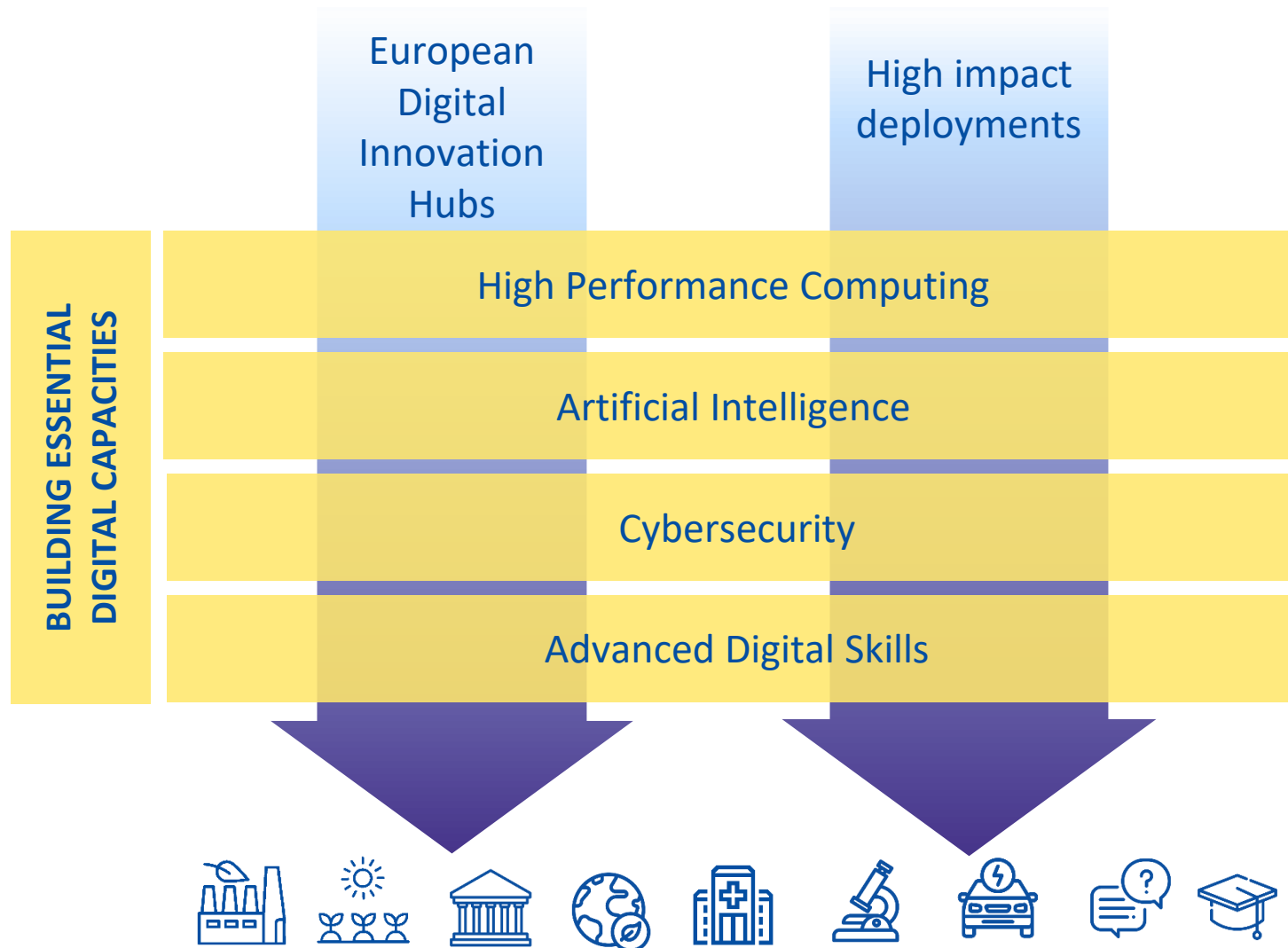
# Budget as in Regulation





# Digital Europe programme structure

## ACCELERATING THE BEST USE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES



# Some specific features



- Funding schemes : Similar but not exactly the same to Horizon Europe, e.g.
  - Grants with cost reimbursement 50% for everybody or with 75% for SMEs
  - CSA at 100%
  - Wider use of procurement
- Focus is on delivery actual results. It will make use of the most recent research results, but it will not support research. For example, the programmes will support:
  - The acquisition of HPC machines
  - The set-up of sectorial data spaces, eg manufacturing
  - The building or reinforcing of Testing and Experimentation Facilities
  - The set up and delivery of Master courses in key advanced digital technologies
  - The set-up, interoperability, operations and maintenance of a number of services in the eGov area
- The Call text will specify the detailed information needed to submit a proposal
- The programme has specific restrictions to participation of entities not in the EU or in the EEA. These restrictions are specified in the wp and in its annexes.

# Overall planning



- First Orientations July 2019 : public consultation until October 2019
- MFF Negotiation concluded in December 2020
- DEP Regulation adopted in March–April 2021 with an approx. budget of EUR 7.5 billion over 7 years
- 1st Work programmes content discussed with the Member States Expert Group / Programme Committee
- Favorable opinion of the Programme Committee secured on 20 October 2021
  
- Work programme adoption by Commission expected in the next weeks
- First call opens as soon as the work programme is adopted – November 2021
- Second call indicatively will open in Q1 2022
- Third call indicatively will open in Q3 2022



# Digital Europe work programmes 2021-22

Pending Commission Decision

- Four work programmes :
  - *High Performance Computing* → managed by the EuroHPC JU and not part of the package to be adopted by the Commission
  - Cybersecurity → managed by the ECCC and, ad interim, by DG CNECT
  - European Digital Innovation Hubs → managed by DG CNECT
  - "Main" work programme → managed by DG CNECT, EA HaDEA and making use of Indirect management for some actions





# High Performance Computing WP2021 and WP2022

Work programme is *annual* and managed by the EuroHPC JU Governing Board

- WP 2021 is likely to be adopted in the next days
- WP 2022 is under discussion with the participating States

Pending final decision  
of the Governing Board

Areas covered:

- High Performance Computing

Budget of 550 million Euros for 2021 and 2022

Implementation mode:

- Indirect Management : the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking will manage the funds from Digital Europe, Horizon Europe and CEF Digital for the sector



# High Performance Computing WP2021

- Areas covered by the first work programme

Pending final decision  
of the Governing Board

Procurement of exascale machines

Procurement of mid-ranges supercomputers

Centers of excellence for HPC applications: exascale and petascale

Widen the access to and use of supercomputing

# "Main" WP (2021-2022)



Pending Commission Decision

## Areas covered:

- Cloud, data and AI
- Cybersecurity actions focused on Quantum communication infrastructure
- Advanced digital skills
- Deployment and best use of technologies (actions in support of Green deal, Blockchain, public services and confidence in digital transformation)

Budget of 1.38 billion Euros for 2021 and 2022

## Implementation modes:

- Direct management (grants and procurement)
- Indirect management (Contribution Agreements and Financial Instrument)

## 3 calls planned:

- 1st call → Q4 2021-Q1 2022
- 2nd call → Q1 2022-Q2 2022
- 3rd call → Q3 2022-Q4 2022



# Artificial intelligence, data and cloud

Pending Commission Decision

## Data Spaces

- Green Deal
- Smart communities
- Mobility
- Manufacturing
- Agriculture
- Cultural Content
- Health
- Media
- Finance
- Skills
- Languages
- Public Administrations
- Tourism

## Support to Data Spaces

Support Centre

Open Data Portal

High Value Data Sets

## Cloud to Edge

Smart Middleware

Large-scale pilots for cloud-to-edge based service solutions

Marketplace for services

## AI-on-demand Platform

Central access point to AI resources

## Testing and Experimentation Facilities

Manufacturing

Health

Agri-Food

Smart cities and communities

Edge AI HW

# Cybersecurity and trust



Pending Commission Decision

Only the first area will be covered by the "main" work programme and managed by DG CNECT.

Quantum Communication Infrastructure

Support to Implementation of relevant EU Legislation

Deployment of cybersecurity infrastructures

Support to market players and skills



# Advanced digital skills

Actions will mostly be managed by HaDEA

Pending Commission Decision

Design and implementation of specialized education programmes and modules in key capacity areas (master classes)

Traineeships in key capacity areas

Short term trainings in advanced technologies (contribution to SME strategy)

Digital skills platform

Digital transformation of Education



# Accelerating the best use of digital technologies

Actions will be managed through HaDEA, with the exception of the EDIH, which will be managed by CNECT

Pending Commission Decision

## EDIH

European Digital Innovation Hubs: one per region

## Green Deal

Destination Earth

Urban digital twins for smart communities

Digital Product Passport

## Blockchain

European Blockchain Service Infrastructure

## European Digital Government Eco System

Core services from CEF and ISA2

Interop. Knowledge & Support Centre

Once only Principle

Digital Identity

GovTech

Justice and Consumer Protection

Law enforcement

## Enhancing Confidence in Digital Transformation

Safer Internet

European Digital Media Observatory



# EDIH – work programme 2021-2023

Pending Commission Decision

- Areas covered:
  - Creation of the network of European Digital Innovation Hubs
- Budget of 329.3 million Euros for 2021, 2022 and 2023
- Implementation mode:
  - Direct management (grants and procurement) by the European Commission using annual instalments.
- 2 calls planned:
  - 1st call→Q4 2021-Q1 2022
  - 2nd call→Q3 2022-Q4 2022



# Deployment, best use of digital capacity and interoperability - EDIH



Pending Commission Decision

## The European Digital Innovation Hubs

- The plan is to have at least one EDIH per region during the programme
- Task of the hubs : focus on digital transformation of SMEs and public sector (Adopt AI)
- EDIH will collaborate with all existing networks funded by other programmes and avoid overlap, also thanks to
- Member States involvement in designating the entities (consortia) which can participate to the call for proposal (existing centres might be designated to take over this additional role)



# Cybersecurity WP (2021-2022)

Pending Commission Decision

## Areas covered:

- Deployment of an European Cybersecurity Shield
- Support to the implementation of relevant EU legislation

Budget of 269 million Euros for 2021 and 2022

## Implementation mode:

- Until the ECCC has the capacity to implement its own budget, the European Commission will implement the actions in direct management on behalf of the ECCC (grants and procurement)

## 2 calls planned:

- 1st call → Q1 2022-Q2 2022
- 2nd call → Q3 2022-Q4 2022

# Cybersecurity and trust



Pending Commission Decision

Actions will be managed by the ECCC, once established, with the notable exception of QCI which will be managed by DG CNECT

Quantum Communication Infrastructure

Support to Implementation of relevant EU Legislation

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Support to market players and skills

# In summary

Pending Commission Decision



## High-performance computing

- Independent annual work programme
- Adopted by the EuroHPC JU Governing Board
- Adoption of 2021 work programme expected in the next days



## Artificial intelligence, Data and Cloud

- In the "main" work programme, covering two years
- Adopted and managed by the Commission
- Adoption of 2021-22 work programme expected in the next days



## Advanced digital skills

- In the "main" work programme, covering two years
- Adoption by Commission of 2021-22 work programme expected in the next days
- Managed by HaDEA



## Cybersecurity

- Independent work programme
- It will be managed by ECCC, but for the moment is with DG CNECT

### Exception

- Quantum communication infrastructure – QCI which is covered in the "main" work programme



## Deployments

- In the "main" work programme, covering two years
- Adopted by the Commission
- Mainly managed by HaDEA
- Adoption of 2021-22 work programme expected in the next days



## European digital innovation hubs

- Independent work programme covering three years
- Managed by DG CNECT

# More information



- [Digital Programme | Shaping Europe's digital future \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal)
- Participants portal - Funding & tender opportunities
  - <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal>



# Thank you – Questions?



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