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DIGITbrain Project's 2nd Open Call once again turned out as a resounding success with more than 80 organisations applying!

With 37 submitted proposals, the number of applications received, even exceeded the results of the first Open Call of DIGITbrain Project. In consequence of the open call, DIGITbrain will support another wave of teams of manufacturers and manufacturing technology providers with up to 97,8K euros funding each, to build a use case specific digital twin that helps resolve a problem in manufacturing.

The second Open Call of DIGITbrain Project, which has been launched on 28th February, was a resounding success counting a total of 37 proposals received by DIGITbrain's Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs) until closing date on 31st May. A total of 85 organisations from 18 European Countries – among them 74 SMEs, 8 mid-caps and 3 Digital Innovation Hubs (DIH) – seized the opportunity to apply for the Open Call, to get funded at the implementation of their individual digital twin experiment. Experiments could cover the manufacturing sector at large, including for example discrete manufacturing, continuous production, or construction.

The geographical spread of applications also encompasses applications coming from organisations established in newer European Member States, Associated Countries, and the UK. All 37 proposals have been mentored by DIGITbrain Projects DIHs, START 4.0 (8 proposals), IMR (2 proposals), Itainnova (7 proposals), Innomine (13 proposals), DIGIT (4 proposals), SMACC (3 proposals) and the Technical Core Partners and the Innovation Accelerator CTA, responsible for Cascade Funding. During the Open Call they have provided qualified advice from matchmaking over proposal writing, up to technical consulting for each use case, also enabling cross border consortia for wider impacts while nurturing new commercial relationships.



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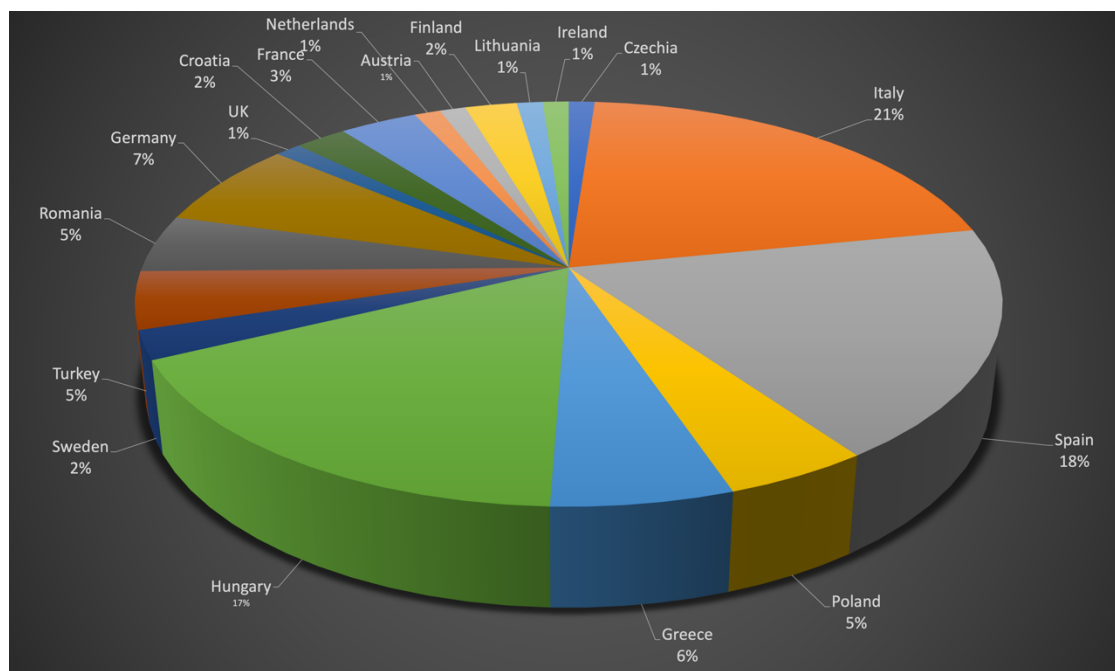


Figure 1: Geographical distribution of organisations participating in the open call.

A maximal sum of 97,800 Euros funding will be available for every use case experiment that will be selected in the now starting evaluation process that will be led by DIGITbrain Partner, CTA. Selected experiments will be announced at the beginning of September 2022. The contracting process with Third Parties will take one further month, from 1st to 30th September 2022. After that, selected beneficiaries will take up work on their experiments for the following 12 months, being able to count on DIHs' technical and business support along experiments design, implementation, and exploitation, to maximise their impact.

Since the European Innovation actions are compelled to take all measures to promote equal opportunities between men and women, DIGITbrain Project happily announces that seven of the 85 entities applying are led by women and 90 percent of proposals (34) proposals involve females in the execution team.

In its project lifetime, DIGITbrain Project will implement 21 use case experiments, which will be integrated into DIGITbrain Digital Agora. The Digital Agora will provide the necessary graphical user interfaces (GUIs) in view of configuring and monitoring the Digital Brain for an industrial product instance, will handle the access rights to the Digital Brain's instances and thereby offers an environment to commercialise the experiments' solutions.

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