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Support for European Digital Innovation Hubs in Bulgaria

Programme “Research,
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Importance of EDIHs in Bulgaria



- 0 The scope of Bulgarian EDIH is to provide services based on a specific focus and expertise, which support the local private and public sector in the area of digital and green transformation so as to develop and strengthen their research capacity and infrastructure of research organizations, universities and SMEs;
- 0 Sectoral coverage: cybersecurity, mechatronics, health, clean technology, ICT, energy, transport, water, construction, agriculture;
- 0 According to the European Commission's 2021 for Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI) the penetration of digital technologies in the economy and society in Bulgaria lags behind the EU member states, because of the country's unsatisfactory results on most indicators in DESI.
- 0 Intervention logic of PRIDST links investments in research and innovation with investments in SMEs digitization, increasing the quality and quantity of data, cybersecurity and trust, thus building an enabling digital environment in public, scientific and private sectors. EDIHs will foster this collaboration and in this way the rate of economic, digital and social transformation will be speeding up;





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Support for EDIHs in Bulgaria (1/2)



- 0 At national level Bulgaria will support 12 EDIHs of the whole territory if the country that become members of the European EDIHs network.
- 0 4 of them have been selected by the European Commission to sign grant agreements under “Digital Europa” Programm and will be supported with 50% complementary funding under Priority strand “Synergy with Horizon Europe and Digital Europe programmes” of PRIDST;
- 0 The other 8 Bulgarian EDIHs have been awarded with “Seal of Excellence” by the European Commission and will be supported with 100% funding under Priority strand “Synergy with Horizon Europe and Digital Europe programmes” of PRIDST.



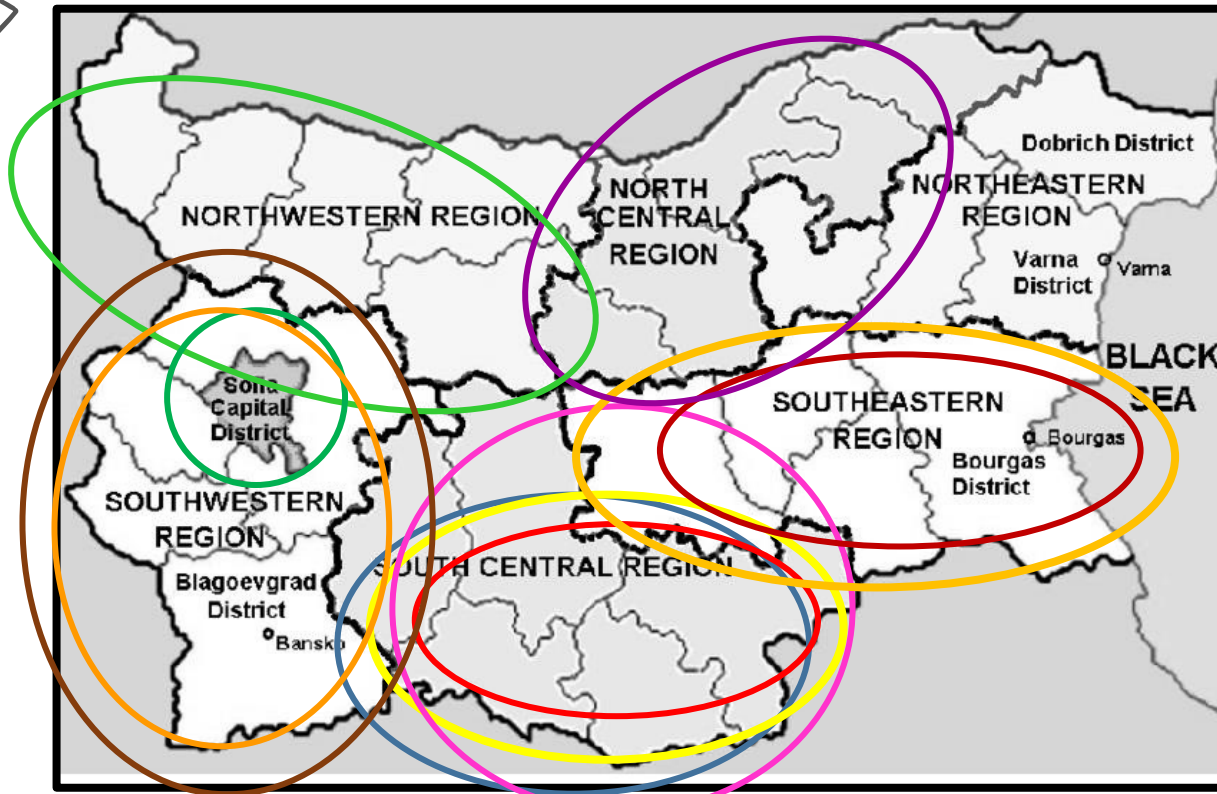


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Support for EDIHs in Bulgaria (2/2)



Bulgarian EDIHs Network





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EDIHs with cumulative funding in Bulgaria

EDIH name	Regional coverage	Sectoral coverage
CYBER4All STAR	South Central Bulgaria, Sofia	Mechatronics, Industry for Health Living, Biotechnology
EDICS	Sofia, All of BG	Construction
AgroDigiRise	South-Central Bulgaria, All of BG	Agriculture, Public Sector
SynGReDiT	South-East Region of Bulgaria	Mechatronics and Clean Technologies, Life and Health Science





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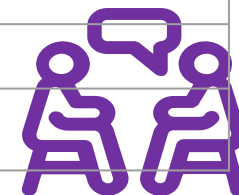


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EDIHs with Seal of Excellence in Bulgaria

EDIH name	Regional coverage	Sectoral coverage
UDI4 EU	South-Central Region	Power and Water Utility
ADi4SMEs	North-Central Region	Mechatronics, ICT
RCDSI NCIZ	Southwest Bulgaria	Industry
InnovationAmp	Southwest Bulgaria	Automotive, Mechatronic, Pharmaceutical
Next-Gen-BioTechEDIH	Southcentral Region	Biotech, Public Sector
EDIH DIGIHUB	South-East Region	Energy, Health, Transport, Logistics, Tourism
MECH-E-DIH	Peshtera, South Central Region	Footwear and Garment
EDIH-NWACB	Northwest Region	Automotive





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EDIHs contribution to national strategies



- 0 Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialization 2021-2027 (ISSS).
- 0 National Strategy for Small and Medium Enterprises 2021-2027 (NSSMEs);
- 0 National Program "Digital Bulgaria" 2025.

EDIHs cooperation with Ukraine

- 0 Support for project preparation.





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