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**LV-C[C2]-I[2-2-1-1-i-] Support for the establishment of Digital Innovation Hubs and Regional Contact Points**

**LV-C[C2]-I[2-2-1-1-i-]-M[44a] Support for the digital transformation of small and medium-sized enterprises and mid-caps, as well as the public sector, by the European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIH)**

**Date of completion:** **Q2 2026**

**1) Context: description of the measure and relevant context from the CID annex** [text in full from the English version]

The objective of the investment is to enhance digital transformation of entities through offering tailored support measures based on identified digitalisation needs of entities. The investment consists of providing support to the operation of European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIH). For small and medium-sized enterprises and mid-cap entities, as well as the public sector, the operation of EDIH shall be structured into work packages that aim to provide entities with a digital maturity test; train entity representatives, and identify the investment and infrastructure needs. The RRF support shall not concern work packages for which EDIH receive support under the Digital Europe Programme. The investment shall be implemented by 30 June 2026. In order to ensure that the measure complies with the ‘Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01), the eligibility criteria contained in terms of reference for upcoming calls for projects shall exclude the following list of activities: (i) activities related to fossil fuels, including downstream use5; (ii) activities under the EU Emission Trading System (ETS) achieving projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not lower than the relevant benchmarks6; (iii) activities related to waste landfills, incinerators7and mechanical biological treatment plants8  
; and (iv) activities where the long-term disposal of waste may cause harm to the environment. The terms of reference shall additionally require that only activities that comply with relevant EU and national environmental legislation can be selected.

**2) Copy of the milestone/target wording** [text in full from the English version]

| Seq.num | Measure (reform or investment) | Milestone/Target | Name | Qualitative indicators (for milestones) | Quantitative indicators (for targets) | | | Indicative timetable for completion | | Reporting and implementation responsibility | Description of each milestone and target |
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| Unit of measure | Baseline | Goal | Quarter | Year |
| 44a | C2.2-2-1-1-i- Support for the establishment of Digital Innovation Hubs and Regional Contact Points | Milestone | Support for the digital transformation of small and medium-sized enterprises and mid-caps, as well as the public sector, by the European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIH) | Work packages of the European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIH) completed |  |  |  | Q2 | 2026 | European Digital Innovation Hub in cooperation with other institutions | All work packages of European Digital Innovation Hubs shall be completed, excluding those that are funded by the Digital Europe Programme. |

Verification mechanism:

A summary document duly justifying how the milestone (including all the constitutive elements) was satisfactorily fulfilled, with appropriate links to the underlying evidence. This document shall include as an annex an independent report confirming the completion of the work packages.

Further specification: (if relevant)

**3) List of key evidence provided in FENIX**

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|  | Identifier [same as in FENIX] | Name of the evidence.  For legal acts please provide the full legal reference and date of entry into force | Short description | Link to the requirements below |
| 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |  |

**4) Detailed justification**

*[Explain clearly how the achievement of the milestone/target is demonstrated by the evidence provided,* ***covering ALL elements of the milestone/target and the elements of the measure description that are directly or indirectly linked to the milestone/target’s requirements.***  *(e.g. the fact that (i) a certain institution had (ii) to accomplish something (iii) in a certain way in order (iv) to achieve a certain goal (v) by a certain date). Please provide* ***a clear link between all the below elements and the one or more evidence items listed above.***

Requirement 1: ‘[excerpt from the milestones/target or the measure description]’

*[Explanation of fulfilment]*

Requirement 2: ‘[excerpt from the milestones/target or the measure description]’

*[Explanation of fulfilment]*

Requirement 3: ‘[excerpt from the milestones/target or the measure description]’

*[Explanation of fulfilment]*

[…]

Contribution to the achievement of other elements from the measure description: [evidence related to the elements that are not directly addressing the M/T but in the measure, where relevant]