## **DIGITAL EUROPE PROGRAMME**

**TOPIC INFOSHEET - CALL 7** 



# SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MULTI-COUNTRY PROJECTS (MCPS)

#### **DIGITAL-2024-BESTUSE-07-MULTICOUNTRY**

**Deadline:** 21. November 2024

Available budget: 25 Mio EUR

Type of action: Simple grant Funding rate: 50% funding rate

**Project duration:** 36 months



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#### **Objectives**

Multi-Country Projects (MCPs) are large-scale deployment and capacity-building projects, facilitating the achievements of the Digital Decade<sup>1</sup>. With this topic, the European Commission aims to support the implementation of MCPs, including European Digital Infrastructure Consortia (EDIC). The project should represent a high level of engagement from various Member States and a long-term sustainability for the project implemented.

### Scope

Deployment of a few MCPs delivering fully functional digital infrastructures or operational services. Projects should prove a clear EU added value through their impact, that no single entity or Member State could achieve on its own and contribute to the targets of the DDPP Decision. The proposal should have a high potential to contribute to digital priorities of the EU. Coordination with existing and future initiatives relevant for the project as well as with other relevant projects funded through the Digital Europe Programme needs to be addressed.

Depending on the need of the proposal, the funding can cover different categories of activities as for example the use of computing and processing capacities as well as data generation, or stakeholder engagement. Financial support to third parties is allowed for this topic.

#### Target group

The proposal must be submitted by an EDIC or an EDIC in the process of being established. Any other MCP implementation mechanism listed in the DDPP decision incl. a consortium with at least three independent entities from three different Member States is eligible to submit a proposal.

Any entity capable of contributing to the implementation of MCPs is eligible. Categories of targeted stakeholders will depend on the MCP targeted by the proposal. A stakeholder mapping shall be provided as part of the implementing strategy.

# Funded projects & linked topics

□ <u>DSSC</u> Data Spaces Support Centre | <u>DIGITAL-2021-CLOUD-AI-01-SUPPCENTRE</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Digital Decade Policy Programme (DDPP) decision: <a href="https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/2022/2481/oj">https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/2022/2481/oj</a>