

# European Digital Innovation Hubs and synergy funding

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# What are EDIHs?

- Networks who aim to support the digital transformation of private and public organisations all across Europe
- EC priority 2019-2024 → A Europe fit for the digital age



## Europe's Digital Decade

empowering businesses and people in a human-centred, sustainable and prosperous digital future



## Shaping Europe's digital future

by making sure technology serves the people and adds value to their daily lives

# Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL)

- First funding programme of the EU focused on bringing digital technology to businesses and citizens
- Designed to fill the gap between research and deployment of digital technologies
- 4 Work programmes: [DIGITAL Europe](#), [EDIH](#), [Cybersecurity](#), [High Performance Computing](#)
- EDIH WP budget €329 million, until the end of 2023



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# Call for proposals: Initial Network of EDIHs

November  
2021

February  
2022

June  
2022

283 proposals,  
225 above-threshold,  
136 funded

- Restricted call, reserved for entities designated from the Member States
- EC recommended the number of EDIHs per country which will be funded



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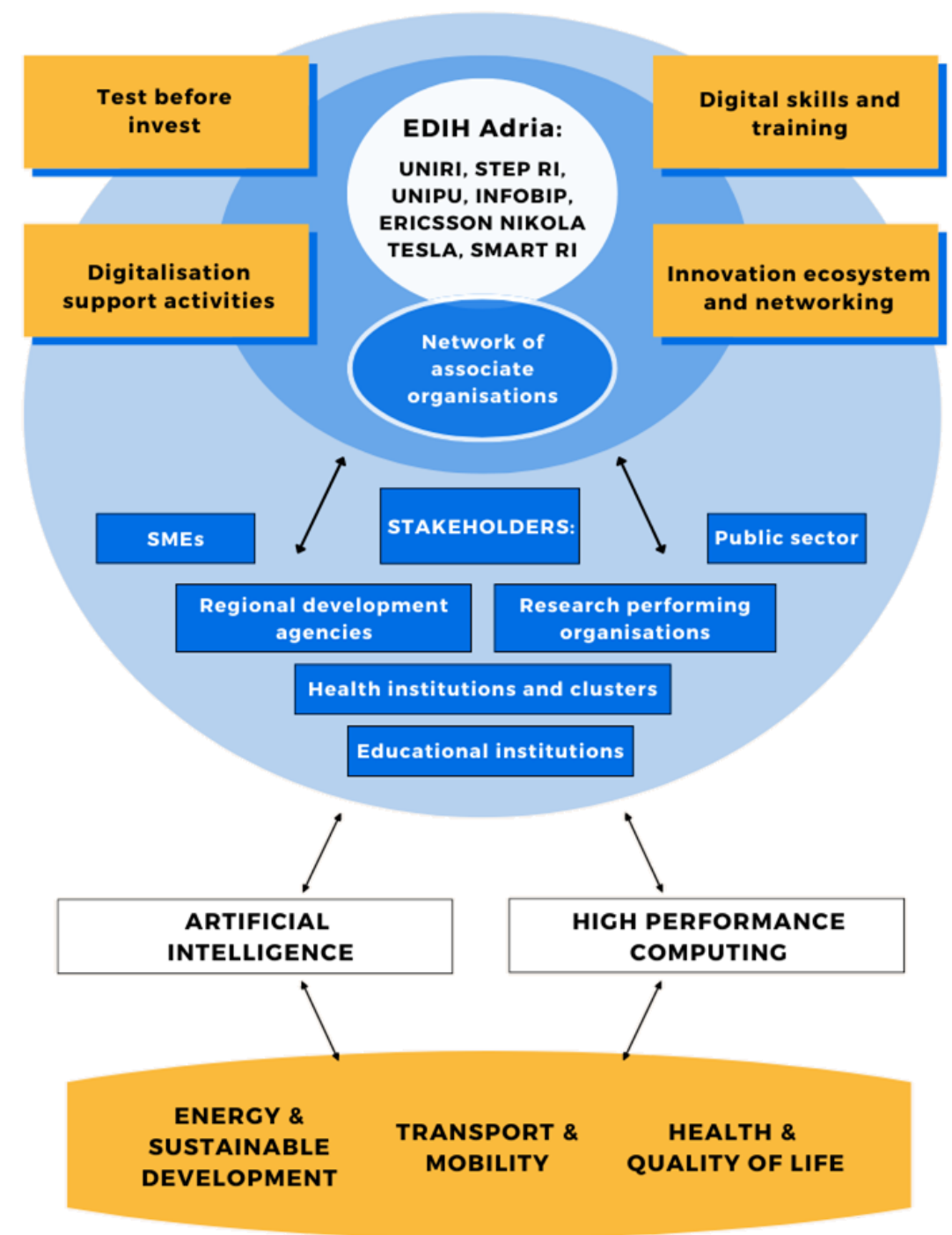
# Future EDIH calls

- Call 2
  - For designated entities, second chance
  - Open: Q3 2022 - Q4 2022
- Call 3
  - Only in case the network has gaps, will be a fully open call
  - Open: 2023

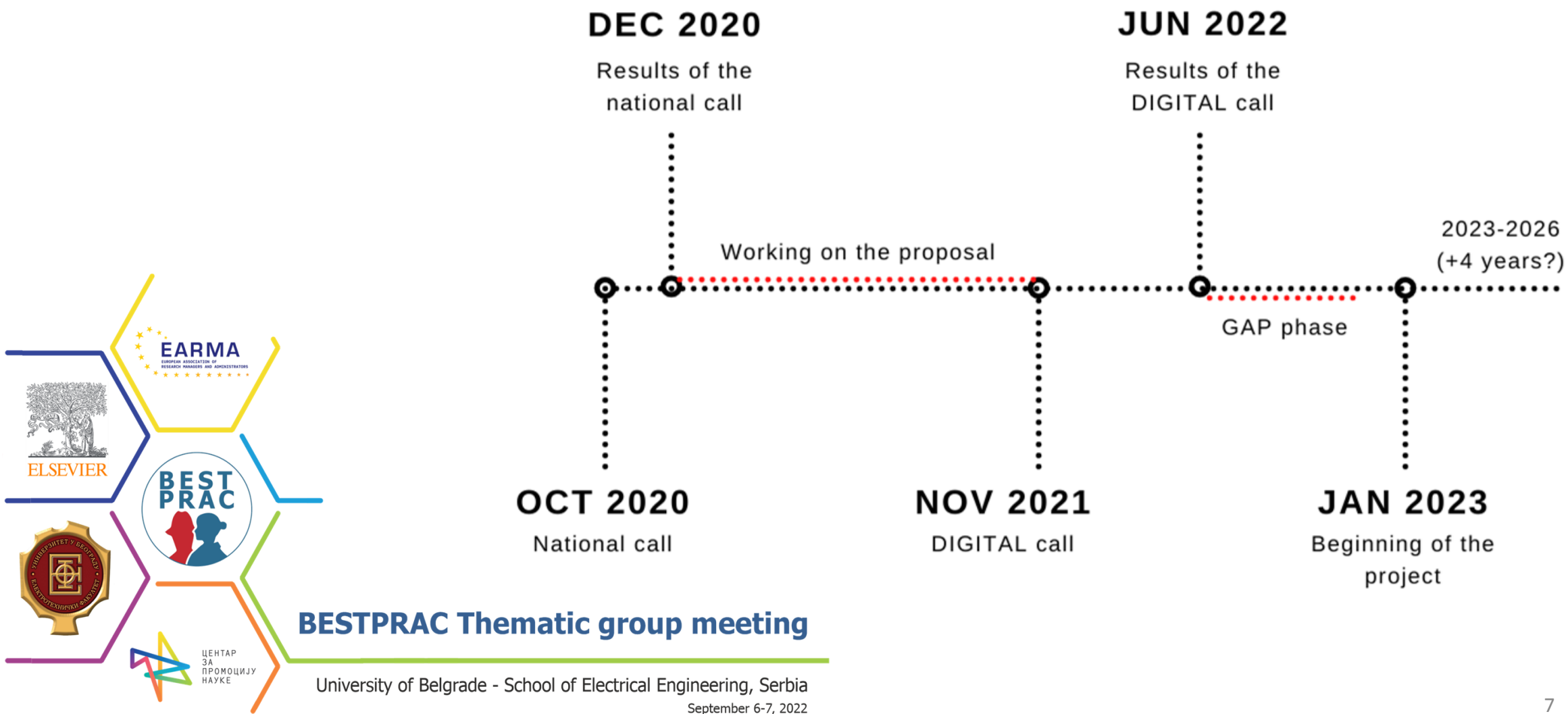


# EDIH Adria

- Consortium
- Key technologies
- Sectors
- Activities



# EDIH Adria timeline



# EDIH Adria budget



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50%  
Digital  
Europe  
Programme  
2021-2027



50%  
Recovery and  
Resilience  
Facility  
2021-2026.





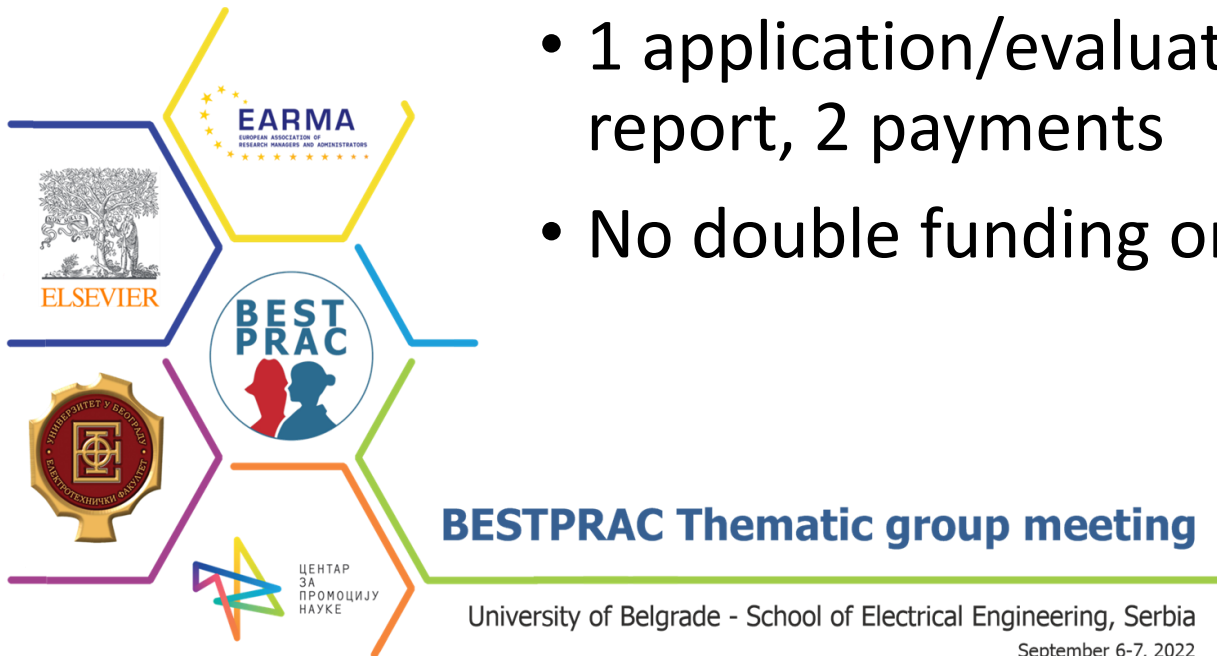
# DIGITAL grant

- Funds max. 50% of the total eligible costs
- The other 50% needs to come from other sources:
  - National funding (not related to any EU fund)
  - Shared management funds, e.g. European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)
  - Private sources



# Synergies – DIGITAL and RRF

- Recovery and Resilience Facility is part of the NextGeneration EU instrument (temporary, until 2026)
- EDIHs included in Croatia's Recovery and Resilience Plan
- 1 application/evaluation process, 2 grant agreements, 1 report, 2 payments
- No double funding or funding beyond 100% eligible costs



# Synergies – DIGITAL and ERDF

- European Regional Development Fund → probable co-financing for the possible prolongation (4 years)
- EC published a Notice on the synergies between ERDF programmes and Horizon Europe (EDIHs in Annex 2 of the document), July 2022
- Application process and GAP phase same as RRF



# Synergies – DIGITAL and ERDF - reporting

- The beneficiary declares all eligible costs only to the MA
- After the expenditure is declared to the Commission by the MA, the beneficiary uploads a copy of the declaration submitted to the MA and all information on the project as required by DIGITAL
- Both granting authorities proceed to check the costs according to their rules and, if the costs are accepted, arrange for payment in their usual way



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# Questions?



## Resources:

- [A Europe fit for a digital age](#)
- [Shaping Europe's digital future](#)
- [Europe's Digital Decade](#)
- [Digital Europe Programme](#)
- [European Digital Innovation Hubs](#)
- [Synergies between ERDF programmes and Horizon Europe](#)

# Thank you for your attention!



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