Impact of digitalization in agrifood sector in the post-COVID19 era: The SmartAgriHubs Experience

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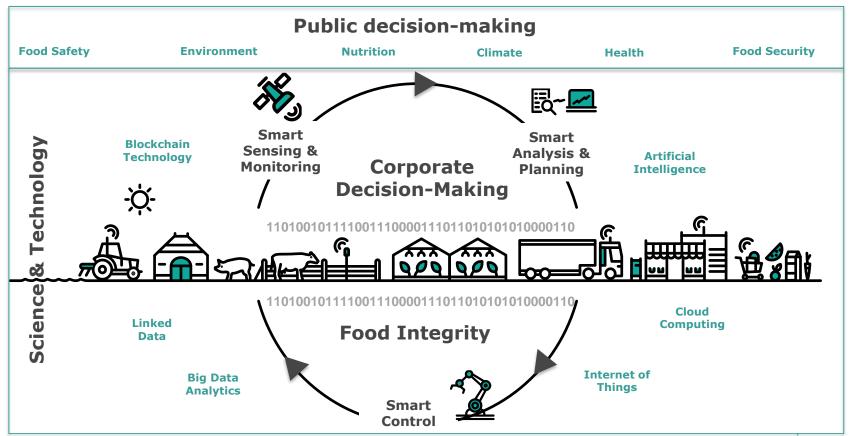


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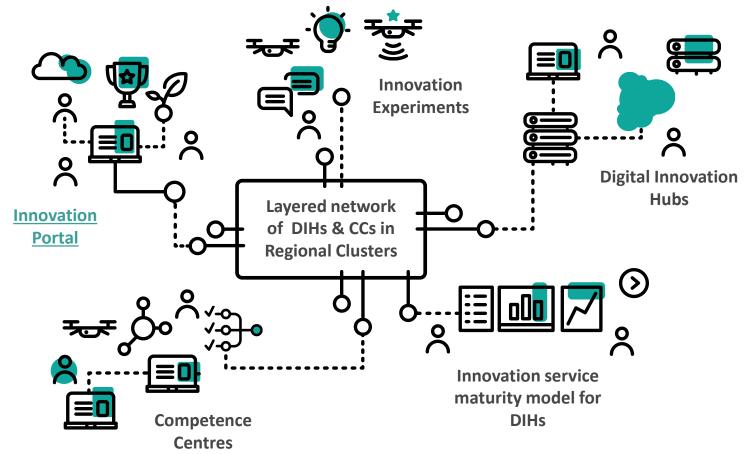
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The Digital Transformation of Agri-Food





The 5 basic concepts of SmartAgriHubs





SmartAgriHubs in numbers



108 Partners

Involved covering all EU

68 partners are SMEs

54% of budget allocated to SMEs



140 DIHs in the existing Network covering all **28 Member States**

Regional Approach

9 Regional Clusters

Attract 260 New DIHs

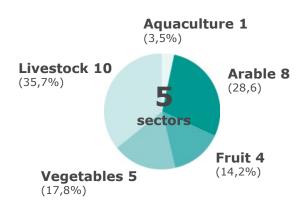


Flagship innovation experiments

28 FIEs

22 Countries involved

13 Cross-border collaboration FIEs (47%)





Impact

30M additional funding

Mobilized from other sources(public, regional, national and private)

80 new digital solutions

Introduced into the market

2M Farms involved in digitisation



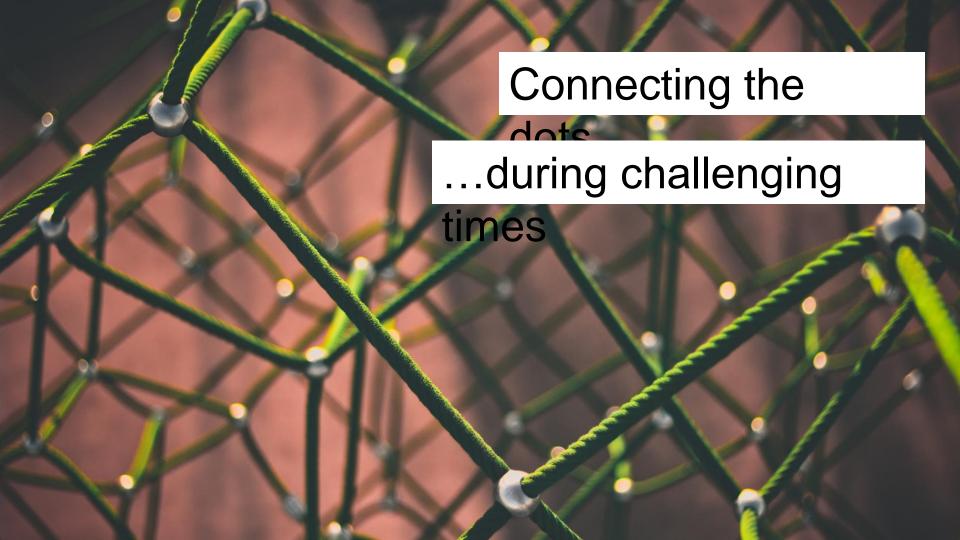
Open Calls

6M Euros distributed through Open Calls

75% Open Call budget to SMEs

70 New Innovation Experiments







Task Force Objectives/ Areas of Intervention

- 1. To support members of the ecosystem in coping with the challenges of COVID-19 (project implementation, everyday activities)
- 2. To provide possibilities to the agri-tech community to solve real problems arising from COVID-19 in times of capital scarcity.
- 3. To contribute towards resilience and sustainability of the European food system.







Knowledge

Funding Communication



Challenges mentioned on the Forum



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Moving farmers meetings to digital meetings

Labour deficit in the agricultural and horticultural sector

Trouble finding temporary/seasonal employees

Improving supply chain visibility in response to changes in demand and labour supply

Automatisation: We rely to much on labour, need more digital solutions

Rethink the economic model of farms, especially for those which tended to sell everything to a one-stop shop, since for some farmers this strategy is a catastrophe right now

Farmers need to assure healthy/safe food production, they need to know what protection measures are needed

A lack of digitalisation to interact and find out what society needs







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Smart technology to produce more (organic) produce with less labour

Support local value chains

Solidarity: Customers buying agricultural products for home delivery can donate products for people in need

The market and the economy will shift from an external outreach for revenue, towards a more local and internal approach

Campaign inviting consumers to buy "locally" from farmers

Promote digital meetings and videoconferences, reach a bigger audience

Set up a home delivery service for fresh agricultural products

Rapid European collaboration to develop a free deep learning model for automated detection and classification of COVID-19 on CT scans





If people around the food value chain stop exchanging resources and knowledge at global level, the capacity of the system to produce safe and adequate food at affordable prices will be seriously undermined





True food costs are not reflected in current food prices

Farmers cannot afford to be sustainable

The system cannot guarantee safe and adequate food for all



FAIR PAY FOR FAIR PLAY





LABOUR SHORTAGE IN RURAL AREAS = MOUNTAINS OF FOOD WASTED





Robots can help

Some sectors are more automated than others

Robotic fruit pickers are not ready yet

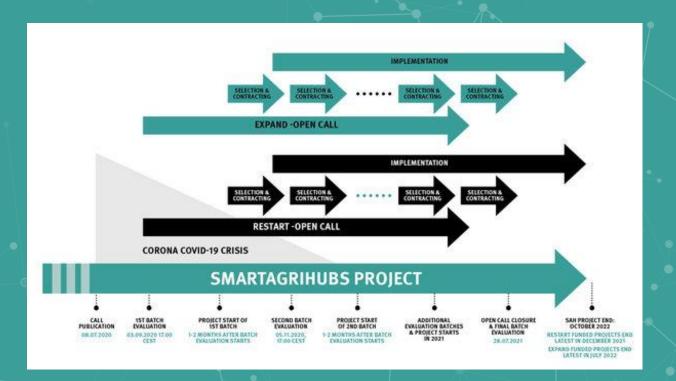
Most farmers cannot afford robots

We need new business models (RaaS)



Should we blame factory farming?





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Results to announced soon...







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