



NEWSLETTER

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Dear partners and friends of EIT Digital,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and you enjoyed the season break. Where 2020 has been an extraordinary year, 2021 brings the promise of Europe deploying vaccinations as an important element in getting out of the current COVID-19 restrictions. Nevertheless, also in 2021 we will need to adapt to the circumstances, meaning that on-line will still play an important role in executing our activities and events. First priority for 2021 is the transition of EIT and the KICs to Horizon Europe. After the delays last year, the European Parliament and EU Member States agreed end of January on the new EIT Regulation and its new Strategic Innovation Agenda 2021-2027. More positive news came with the final BREXIT agreement between the EU and the UK, who agreed to remain part of Horizon Europe, thus paving the way to continue our work with our British partners.

With both political agreements in place the EU services and the EIT will now operationalise the agreements through contractual arrangements, leading to anticipated signing end of March. Notwithstanding the delay in signing the formal contracts, most multi-annual activities continue and some new activities of BP2021 already started. Even though the first wave KICs in particular face a more serious reduction of EIT financial support than originally anticipated in the so-called bell-shaped funding model, we are nevertheless able to execute a strong Business Plan 2021, due to the increased investments from our partnership. This allows EIT Digital to keep playing a key role in digital innovation in Europe, one of the two priorities of the European Commission, under leadership of President von der Leyen, who is determined to make this decade Europe's Digital Decade.

In this newsletter, we will provide some insights on our enhanced focus on the RIS countries, including a growing ecosystem of Satellites and bespoke support for venture creation and growth. We also present you with success stories of EIT Digital ventures like Hynnova, Entremo and VIPO, or Accelerator alumnus Konux. They all perform extremely well despite this challenging last year. And you can read about the foundation of a strong digital Europe, our EIT Digital Master School graduates and the difference our degree makes for their careers.

I am looking forward to a promising, yet challenging 2021; to enhanced collaboration with you all, and an impactful year for EIT Digital.

Keep taking care of each other and stay safe.

Willem Jonker
CEO, EIT Digital

Enhanced focus on RIS countries



In 2021, EIT Digital will substantially increase its footprint in the Regional Innovation Scheme, the countries in Europe with greatest potential to enhance their innovation capacity. We will expand our ecosystem with a new Satellite in Estonia and have concrete plans for additional Satellites in Eastern Europe and Greece. We will also continue successful collaborations with our local partners. Examples include the pre-incubation [Venture Program](#) and well-anticipated reports on local startup scenes and digital transformation. Latest editions for [Slovakia](#), [Poland](#), the [Baltics](#) and [Greece](#) can be found on our website.

Startup Hynnova optimizes Covid-19 vaccination campaigns

A screenshot of the Hynnova software interface. The top section displays a table titled "Programma di mercoledì 9 dicembre" with columns for Service, Patient, Address, and Status. Below the table is a map showing a route through a city, with a blue line indicating the path and several blue pins marking locations. The interface includes a sidebar menu on the left and a "Trip Duration" column on the right.

Service	Patient	Address	Status
07:15 Servizio Infermieristico Domiciliare (SID)	Matilde Di Paolo	Via Giacomo Matteotti, 5, 10015 Ivrea TO, Italia	Assegnato
08:15 Servizio Infermieristico Domiciliare (SID)	Gabriele Benedetti	Via Bruno Buozzi, 2, 10015 Ivrea TO, Italia	Assegnato
09:15 Servizio Infermieristico Domiciliare (SID)	Lucrezia Rosso	Via Gobetti, 10015 Ivrea TO, Italia	Assegnato
10:15 Servizio Infermieristico Domiciliare (SID)	Tommaso Pastorino	Via G. Rossini, 35, 10015 Ivrea TO, Italia	Assegnato

Hynnova, a startup launched by the EIT Digital Innovation Factory, developed two products that use machine learning to dynamically optimize the use of healthcare spaces and resources. They are currently deployed to streamline home care activities and Covid-19 vaccination campaigns in the northern area of the Metropolitan City of Turin, in Italy.

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EIT Digital-supported venture Entremo deploys remote monitoring device in Hungarian hospitals



In less than six months, a team of EIT Digital Master School students went from successfully winning a high-profile EU hackathon to incorporating their startup Entremo. Now 20 staff strong, they are about to deploy their main product, a wristband to remotely monitor vital signs of patients, in hospitals and nursing homes in Hungary. A great support, not at last to overloaded healthcare personnel caring for Covid-19 patients.

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EIT Digital Accelerator alumnus Konux secures €65.7 million investment and a Deutsche Bahn deal

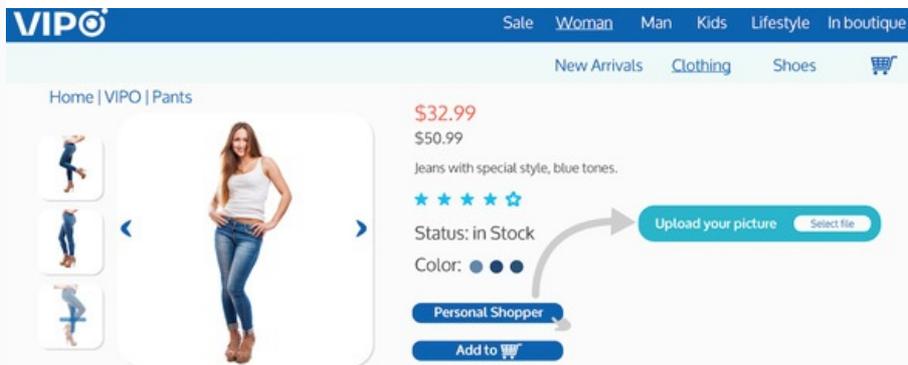


Leading German AI scaleup Konux is transforming railway operations for a sustainable future. The winner of the 2014 EIT Digital Challenge successfully secured [a €65.7 million Series C funding](#) to grow its workforce, expand the product portfolio, and boost its global market

footprint. The company's growth path is demonstrated by its recent win of a Deutsche Bahn tender for condition monitoring of switches as critical elements of the rail infrastructure.

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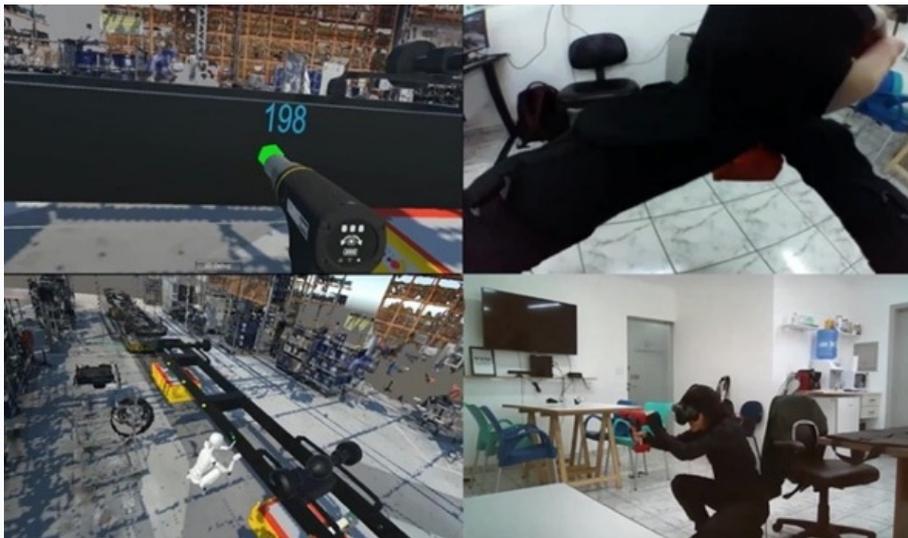
Adapting to Corona lockdowns, VIPO is now available for e-commerce



VIPO, a startup launched by the EIT Digital Innovation Factory, helps retail and fashion companies customize their users' experience with the help of computer vision. Initially designed for physical stores, the Corona pandemic and economy lockdowns forced VIPO to quickly adapt. The venture's new V-Shopper application now seamlessly integrates with the e-commerce experience of fashion retail websites.

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Infinite Foundry joins EIT Digital Accelerator



Portuguese scaleup Infinite Foundry develops an industrial digital twins platform, that helps factories boost efficiency and flexibility by managing production in a 3D virtual environment. The company joins the EIT Digital Accelerator to expand their international presence.

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Survey reveals: EIT Digital Master School is boosting careers



A recent survey confirms that EIT Digital Master School alumni are high in demand! A huge majority of 98% of graduates is either already employed or has started their own company. Close to full employability! Also, most students were offered jobs prior to their graduation.

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Upcoming Events

4 March

[Bite Session with Peter Lakatos, Entremo](#)

19-20 April

[Blockchain for the Decision Maker](#), EIT Digital Professional School in collaboration with Budapest University of Technology and Economics. Online.

27-29 April

[Digitalisation and Industry 4.0 in Food Processing](#), EIT Digital Professional School in collaboration with Campden BRI Hungary, the National Research Council of Italy (CNR) and ELTE university's Faculty of Informatics

3-5 May

[Get ahead in the ongoing Digital Transformation](#), EIT Digital Professional School in collaboration with KTH Executive School

5-6 May

[Cybersecurity for Industry 4.0](#), EIT Digital Professional School in collaboration with Fraunhofer IOSB-INA

17-20 May

[Business implications of AI](#), EIT Digital Professional School in collaboration with KTH Executive School

27-28 May

[Blockchain for Digital Manufacturing and Logistics](#), EIT Digital Professional School in collaboration with Budapest University of Technology and Economics

21-23 June

[Product Lifecycle Management](#), EIT Digital Professional School in collaboration with Fraunhofer IPK

14-16 June

[Sustainable Digital Innovation](#), EIT Digital Professional School in collaboration with KTH Executive School

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