

Guide for Applicants

Call for Expression of Interest 2:
Financial Support to Third Parties to
Participate in DiGi-SEII Programme



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PART I – ORIENTATION

DiGi-SEII Programme at a Glance

The DiGi-SEII Training and Capacity Building Programme supports Social Enterprises (SEs) and Social-Economy Support Organisations (SESOs) in strengthening their digital capabilities and scaling their impact. The programme is part of the DiGi-SEII project, co-funded by the European Union under the SMP-COSME-2023-SEED call.

Participants follow a short learning pathway combining e-learning modules, online and in-person training sessions, and complementary activities such as mentoring, peer exchange, matchmaking and study visits. Participants who complete the applicable programme activities receive a DiGi-SEII badge recognising their participation and engagement in the programme.

Who Can Apply

Social Enterprises (SEs) based in: Belgium • France • Greece • Sweden • Ukraine (see Section 4 for additional eligible regions)

Social Economy Support Organisations (SESOs) established in the EU or associated countries.

What Participants Receive

- Online and in-person training sessions
- Self-paced e-learning modules
- Complementary services (mentoring, peer exchange, matchmaking, study visits)
- DiGi-SEII badges

Participation Requirements

- 3 self-paced e-learning modules
- Participation in approved programme activities
- Completion of Learning Check-Ins and related evaluation activities

Estimated time commitment: 10–25 hours

Financial Support

Lump-sum grants to support participation in in-person activities & complementary services.

Social Enterprises (SEs)

Up to €400 – Local/national in-person training

Up to €250 – additional support for complementary services

Up to €2,000 – transnational peer-to-peer exchange¹

Social Economy Support Organisations (SESOs)

Up to €2,000 – transnational in-person training

Up to €350 – additional support for complementary services

Programme Schedule

Call for Expressions of Interest:

Call 1 – 2025 • Call 2 – 2026 • Call 3 – 2027

Training activities: August 2026–June 2027

How to Apply

1. Verify eligibility
2. Complete the application form
3. Submit before the deadline

¹ Subject to separate selection in Call 3 and participation conditions.

How Participation in the DiGi-SEII Programme Works

Participation in the DiGi-SEII programme takes place through a structured learning and participation pathway combining application, onboarding, training activities, complementary services, and follow-up activities, as outlined below.

Step	Participant Journey
1	Eligible organizations submit an application through the Call for Expression of Interest.
2	Applications are evaluated according to the eligibility and evaluation criteria defined in this guide.
3	Selected participants receive onboarding information and are informed about the approved programme activities and, where applicable, complementary services linked to their participation pathway.
4	Selected participants receive access to the DiGi-SEII learning platform and programme activities.
5	Participants complete self-paced e-learning modules and prepare for participation in the programme.
6	Participants attend online and in-person training activities and complete the short reflection and evaluation activities.
7	Where applicable, selected participants may additionally take part in complementary services such as mentoring, peer exchange, matchmaking, and study visits.
8	Following participation in the approved activities and fulfillment of the participation requirements, eligible organisations may receive the corresponding financial support.
9	Participants who complete the applicable programme activities receive a DiGi-SEII participation badge recognising their engagement in the programme.

Further information on the programme structure, learning activities, participation conditions, financial support, and application process are provided throughout this guide and its annexes.

How to Use This Guide

This Guide for Applicants is structured in three parts:

- **Part I — Orientation** provides a DiGi-SEII at a Glance overview, presents how participation in the programme works, and helps applicants navigate the structure of this guide.
- **Part II — Core Call Document** presents the main information regarding the programme, eligibility conditions, participation requirements, financial support, the application process, and the evaluation procedure.
- **Part III — Annexes** provides detailed operational, financial, procedural, and implementation information supporting the DiGi-SEII programme and the Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP) mechanism.

Applicants are encouraged to begin with Part I before consulting the detailed provisions contained in Part II and the Annexes.

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Abbreviations

CEI	Call for Expression of Interest
DiGi-SEII	Digitalisation and Scaling Support for Social Enterprises and Support Organisations
FSTP	Financial Support to Third Parties
SEs	Social Enterprises
SESOs	Social Economy Support Organizations

Definitions

Social Enterprise (SE) is defined by the EC as an established operator in the social economy whose primary objective is to achieve social impact rather than profit. SEs provide goods and services in an entrepreneurial and innovative way, using any profits primarily to fulfill social objectives. They are managed transparently and responsibly, involving employees, consumers, and stakeholders affected by their commercial activities.

Social Economy Support Organizations (SESO) is defined as a federation, consortium, support structure, network, or organisation that plays a political, advocacy, representation, or support role for the social economy. SESOs engage in political or advocacy activities, represent social economy interests towards governmental bodies at national, regional, and local levels, and often run incubation and acceleration programmes.

PART II — CORE CALL DOCUMENT

1. Introduction

Digitalisation is increasingly shaping how organisations operate, collaborate, deliver services, and generate impact. At the same time, many Social Enterprises (SEs) and Social Economy Support Organisations (SESOs) continue to face challenges in translating digital opportunities into practical organisational development, sustainability, and growth.

The DiGi-SEII project was developed in response to these challenges. Co-funded by the European Union under the SMP-COSME-2023-SEED programme, the project aims to strengthen the digital capabilities and scaling capacity of Social Enterprises (SEs) and Social Economy Support Organisations (SESOs).

To support these objectives, the DiGi-SEII consortium has developed a structured training and capacity-building programme implemented across Belgium, France, Greece, Sweden, and Ukraine in local languages, alongside transnational activities organised at European level.

Participation in the programme is organised through three (3) Calls for Expressions of Interest implemented throughout the duration of the DiGi-SEII project. This Guide for Applicants specifically relates to Call 2 of the DiGi-SEII programme.

2. Purpose and Scope of the Call 2

The purpose of Call 2 is to identify and select a new cohort of Social Enterprises (SEs) and Social Economy Support Organisations (SESOs) to join the DiGi-SEII programme.

Eligible organizations may apply to participate in the programme with or without financial support, in accordance with the participation and funding conditions defined in this guide.

Apply to the DiGi-SEII Programme

Applications must be submitted through the official online application forms available below.

[Social Enterprises](#)

[Social Economy Support Organisations](#)

[Ecosystem Contributor for Digitally Mature Organisations](#)

3. The DiGi-SEII Programme

3.1 Programme Overview

The DiGi-SEII training and capacity building programme supports Social Enterprises (SEs) and Social Economy Support Organisations (SESOs) in strengthening their digital capabilities and approaches to scaling their impact.

The programme follows a hybrid and modular learning approach designed to support flexible participation, gradual engagement, and practical application within participants' own organisational contexts. Participation in the programme takes place through a structured learning pathway combining self-paced e-learning modules, online and in-person learning activities, and complementary services. Activities are organised at national and transnational level by the DiGi-SEII consortium and associated experts.

Selected programme activities may include brief pre- and post-participation reflection or evaluation activities aimed at supporting learning and programme improvement. Participants who complete the applicable programme activities may receive a DiGi-SEII participation badge recognising their engagement in the programme. The DiGi-SEII programme includes the following components:

Self-Paced e-learning modules and ICARUS

The [ICARUS learning platform](#) enables participants to access self-paced learning modules, learning materials, and selected digital resources linked to the DiGi-SEII programme. The platform provides flexible opportunities to deepen participant's understanding of digitalisation, scaling, and organisational development.

Training Activities

Online and in-person training activities address key topics related to digitalisation and scaling in the social economy. Training activities support interactive, collaborative, and practice-oriented engagement with programme themes through lectures, facilitated discussions, and applied exercises delivered across online and in-person formats.

Complementary Services

In addition to training activities, participants may benefit from complementary services designed to deepen learning and practical approaches explored through the programme. Complementary services aim to support participants in applying and contextualising programme learning within their own organisational environments. They may include mentoring, peer exchange, matchmaking activities, and study visits. Complementary services are organised alongside or following selected in-person training activities and are tailored to participants' needs, programme objectives, and implementation capacity. Participation in complementary services is optional and may be subject to selection, organisational capacity, activity availability, the availability of financial support, and applicable participation conditions.

3.2 Participation Expectations and Recognition

Participation in the DiGi-SEII programme combining self-paced e-learning modules, online and in-person activities, and complementary services. All participants will begin and conclude their journey with a brief skills assessment to measure progress in the learning pathway.

The table below presents the indicative participation pathway and expected level of engagement for Social Enterprises (SEs) and Social Economy Support Organisations (SESOs).

Programme Overview and Expected Participation				
Participant Category	Activity and Event Type	Expected Participation	Location	Timeline
SESO	8 transnational training activities (4 in-person + 4 online) 3 self-paced e-learning modules Complementary services	Each SESO is expected to: - Select and take part in at least 3 e-learning modules - Participate in at least one (1) online training session - Participate in at least one (1) day in-person activity + complementary services* where applicable	In-person activities: Paris (Q1 2026) Brussels (Q2 2026) The Hague (Q1 2027) Athens (Q3 2027)	Activities will take place at transnational level and online throughout 2026-2027.
SE	8 national training activities per country (4 online + 4 in-person) 3 self-paced e-learning modules Complementary services	Each SE is expected to: - Select and take part in at least 3 e-learning modules - Participate in at least one (1) online activity - Participate in at least one (1) in-person activity + complementary services* where applicable	In-person activities delivered nationally in BE, FR, GR, SE, UA.	Activities will take place at national level and online in two training cycles - in 2026 and 2027.

**Participation in complementary services is optional.*

The overall time commitment for participation in the programme is estimated at **approximately 10–25 hours**, depending on the selected activities and learning pathway. This includes completion of e-learning modules, participation in training sessions and engagement in complementary services (where applicable). Online training sessions are typically organised as live sessions of approximately 3.5 hours, which may, where appropriate, be delivered in shorter segments. In-person training activities are generally organised as half-day to a day and a half-long sessions.

3.2.1 Digital Badge Recognition

Participants who complete the applicable programme activities will receive a DiGi-SEII digital badge. The badge reflects engagement in the programme’s learning pathway, including completion of online modules and participation in training activities and complementary services, where applicable.

Details on scheduling and participation will be communicated to selected organisations.

3.3 Training Programme Content at a Glance

The DiGi-SEII programme is organised around a series of thematic training modules addressing key topics related to digitalisation, organisational development, and scaling within the social economy.

Separate module pathways are developed for Social Enterprises (SEs) and Social Economy Support Organisations (SESOs), reflecting the different roles, needs, and organisational contexts of the two target groups.

The following overview presents the main training modules included in the DiGi-SEII programme.

SE Training Modules	
Module	Overview
Module 1: General / Cross-Cutting Skills	Building a digital culture and mindset, ensuring cybersecurity, and safeguarding data privacy.
Module 2: Growing Your Efficiency	Exploring process digitalisation, digital tools, AI-supported efficiency, and digital project management approaches.
Module 3: Increasing Your Economic & Impact Performance	Exploring digital fundraising, digital marketing, visibility, impact measurement, and data-informed decision-making.
Module 4: Ensuring Your Accessibility	Applying inclusive digital design, accessibility, user experience, and service design approaches.
Module 5: Boosting Your Green Performance	Exploring green digital practices and sustainability-oriented digital approaches.

SESO Training Modules

Module	Overview
Module 1: Understanding Digitalisation in the Social Economy	Introduction to key digital trends, challenges, and opportunities within the social economy ecosystem.
Module 2: Digital Strategy & Readiness Assessment for SESOs	Tools and approaches for assessing organisational readiness and developing digital strategies.
Module 3: Supporting Social Enterprises in Building Digital Capacity	Practical approaches for supporting SEs in adopting and strengthening digital practices and tools.
Module 4: Supporting SEs in Digital Transformation	Exploring approaches for integrating digital transformation into support programmes and organisational services.

Further operational information regarding programme activities, scheduling, and participation conditions is provided in the relevant annexes of this guide.

4. Financial Support, Eligibility and Participation Conditions

Eligible organisations participating in the DiGi-SEII programme may apply for financial support in accordance with the conditions defined in this guide.

4.1 Financial Support Overview

The DiGi-SEII programme provides financial support in the form of Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP) to enable eligible Social Enterprises (SEs) and Social Economy Support Organisations (SESOs) to participate in the following activities:

- in-person local or transnational training sessions
- transnational peer learning activities
- in-person complementary services

Complementary services activities may include peer-exchanges, study visits, mentoring activities, matchmaking activities, or other approved support activities organised as part of the DiGi-SEII programme.

Financial support is awarded in the form of a lump-sum contribution to beneficiary organisations, intended to cover eligible costs related to travel, accommodation, and subsistence costs directly related to participation. This support ensures that selected organisations can fully benefit from the training pathway and, where applicable, complementary services.

The maximum amount of financial support available and types of events covered are set out in the subsections below.

4.2 Maximum Financial Support and Funding Conditions

What financial support is available?

The maximum financial support available per organization varies according to the activity and event type (transnational or local/national) and participant category (SE or SESO).

The table below provides an overview of the maximum financial support available under the DiGi-SEII programme across different participant categories, approved activities, and event type.

Maximum financial support			
Participant category	Activity	Event type	Maximum contribution
Social Enterprises (SEs)	In-person training events	Local or national	Up to €400
	Participation in selected peer-learning activities*	Transnational	Up to €2000 ²
	In-person complementary services	Local or national	Up to €250
Social Economy Support Organisations (SESOs)	In-person training events	Transnational	Up to €2,000
	In-person complementary services	Transnational	Up to €350

* Subject to separate selection and participation conditions under Call 3.

Additional financial support for accommodation and subsistence costs may be granted in justified cases linked to unforeseen circumstances (e.g., transport strikes or other force majeure events) or exceptional travel logistics related to participation in approved programme activities. The maximum additional amount available is €250 for SEs and €350 for SESOs.

To ensure fair and inclusive access across countries with diverse geographical conditions, the DiGi-SEII programme applies a distance-based eligibility system for calculating the financial support amount related to travel.

² Subject to separate selection and participation conditions in Call 3.

Distances are calculated using the [European Commission's official distance calculator](#), based on the direct (“as-the-crow-flies”) distance between the legal address of the applicant organisation and the location of the activity. Based on this system, different financial support tiers apply depending on the travel distance and the type of approved programme activity.

The final amount of financial support awarded therefore depends on the type of organisation and participation profile (SE or SESO), the approved activity, the location of the activity, the applicable distance-based funding conditions, and other applicable funding conditions defined under the programme.

Further information regarding the funding model and financial support conditions is provided in the relevant annexes of this guide.

4.3 Conditions for Receiving Financial Support

What conditions apply to receiving financial support?

- Financial support is awarded per organisation, not per individual participant.
- Financial support is awarded only for approved activities implemented in accordance with the conditions defined in this guide and the Sub-Grant Agreement (SGA).
- Financial support is provided upon required proof of participation, in line with the conditions specified in the grant agreement. Proof of participation may include attendance confirmation, signed attendance sheets, participation records, completion of Learning Check-Ins, evaluation or feedback activities linked to the programme, or other supporting documentation specified in the Sub-Grant Agreement (SGA).
- Organisations may include one or more participants in their application, provided that the total requested support does not exceed the applicable budget ceiling.
- Participants may take part in multiple training or complementary services; however only those specified in this document and the Sub-Grant Agreement are eligible for financial support.
- In the event of high demand, the number of supported participants per organisation may be limited.
- Final funding decisions will take into consideration the type of activity, the profile of the organisation, and the availability of remaining funds.
- This financial support is provided in line with Article 6.2 and Article 9.4 of the Grant Agreement under the SMP-COSME-2023-SEED programme (Project ID: 101167798).

Further information regarding financial support procedures will be provided to selected organisations following selection.

4.4 Eligible Applicants

Applicants requesting participation in the DiGi-SEII programme, including participation supported through financial support, must comply with the eligibility requirements defined in this guide.

To be eligible for financial support, applicants must:

- Be a staff member of an established **Social Enterprise (SE)** or **Social Enterprise Support Organization (SESO)**. This may include full-time and part-time employees, formal volunteers, board members, interns, or others with a documented affiliation and mandate to represent or act on behalf of the organization.
- Represent organizations that have been legally registered and operating for at least two years.
- Be part of a legal entity established in:
 - **For SEs:** Social Enterprises must be established in one of the five project countries: Belgium, France, Greece, Sweden, Ukraine. In addition, this Call is open to eligible Social Enterprises established in selected neighbouring countries and regions participating in the relevant local training ecosystem. Eligibility is defined as follows:
 - For events in Belgium, organisations established in Belgium and the Netherlands are eligible.
 - For events in France, organisations established in France, Belgium and Luxembourg are eligible.
 - For events in Greece, organisations established in Greece and Cyprus are eligible.
 - For events in Sweden, organisations established in Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are eligible.
 - For events in Ukraine, organisations established in Ukraine are eligible.

The inclusion of these countries is justified by shared linguistic, cultural and regional ties, as well as common ecosystem needs and challenges. The objective is to strengthen cross-border collaboration, peer learning and the exchange of good practices among organisations operating in similar environments and facing similar social, economic and digital transformation challenges.

- **For SESOs:** Any EU Member State of the European Union or overseas country or territory (OCTs), as well as non-EU [countries participating in the Single market Programme \(SMP\)](#).
- Applications submitted by SEs should demonstrate willingness to scale, ideally supported by a draft strategic plan or a hypothesis outlining what scaling could mean for the organization.

- Applications submitted by SESOs should demonstrate willingness to support scaling in social enterprises and/or integrate digitalisation into their support programmes, ideally specifying which programmes and in which context.

Exceptions regarding the minimum period of legal registration may be considered in justified cases, particularly for early-stage organisations participating in specific programme components where applicants can demonstrate prior organisational or professional experience relevant for the programme activities.

Under the Swedish component of the programme, early-stage organisations established for less than two years may also be considered eligible for participation and financial support, in line with the targeted focus on early-stage enterprises.

The DiGi-SEII project team may also identify and encourage digitally mature organisations to apply for complementary services activities and contribute to peer-learning and exchange practices within the programme cohort.

4.5 Conditions for Participation

Participation in the DiGi-SEII programme takes place through different participation pathways depending on the profile of the organisation, the approved activities, and the objectives of participation in the programme.

The following sections outline the participation conditions applicable to Social Enterprises (SEs), Social Economy Support Organisations (SESOs), and digitally mature organisations participating as peer experts or practitioners within complementary services activities.

Standard Participation Pathway for Social Enterprises (SEs)

Conditions for Participation for SEs

To take part in the DiGi-SEII programme and be considered for financial support, eligible applicants must:

- Select and take part in at least three (3) e-learning modules during the programme period
- Participate in the assigned or approved programme activities linked to their learning pathway
- Include a motivation statement outlining:
 - organisational needs
 - the organisation's digital maturity level and their approach to scaling
 - The desired impact and objectives associated with participation in the programme

- Describe the expected results and outcomes to be obtained from the training experience and complementary services selected, e.g., drafting a new scaling strategy or identifying ways to digitalise part of the organisation's offer.
- Select the specific activities for which financial support is requested. This may include:
 - local/national in-person training activities, and where applicable
 - in-person complementary services activities, such as peer-exchanges, local study visits, match-making and mentoring

Selected organisations are expected to actively participate in the programme activities for which they are selected.

Participation in complementary services activities is not automatic and may depend on organisational and participant needs, activity availability, programme capacity, and any applicable selection or matching procedures.

Complementary services activities may be organised at different stages of the programme.

Proof of participation and completion of e-learning activities may be requested during programme implementation and must be provided in accordance with the conditions defined by the DiGi-SEII consortium and the Sub-Grant Agreement (SGA).

Standard Participation Pathway for Social Economy Support Organisations (SESOs)

Conditions for Participation for SESOs

To take part in the DiGi-SEII programme and be considered for financial support, eligible applicants must:

- Select and take part in at least three (3) e-learning modules during the programme period
- Participate in the assigned or approved programme activities linked to their learning pathway
- Include a motivation statement outlining:
 - organisational needs focusing on their capacity to support SEs
 - the organisation's digital maturity level and approach to scaling (the organisation's own maturity level in terms of digitalisation and scaling and the estimated maturity level of the supported SEs in terms of digitalisation and scaling)
 - the expected impact and objectives associated with participation in the programme

- Describe results and intended outcomes to be obtained from the training experience as well as from complementary services selected (e.g., drafting a new scaling strategy or identifying ways to digitalise part of the organisation's offer).
- Select the specific activities for which financial support is requested. This may include:
 - transnational in-person training, and where applicable
 - in-person complementary services activities, such as peer-exchanges, local study visits, match-making and mentoring

Selected organisations are expected to actively participate in the programme activities for which they are selected.

Participation in complementary services activities is not automatic and may depend on organisational and participant needs, activity availability, programme capacity, and any applicable selection or matching procedures.

Complementary services activities may be organised at different stages of the programme.

Proof of participation and completion of e-learning activities may be requested during programme implementation and must be provided in accordance with the conditions defined by the DiGi-SEII consortium and the Sub-Grant Agreement (SGA).

Ecosystem Contributor Pathway for Digitally Mature Organisations

Conditions for Participation for Ecosystem Contributors

The DiGi-SEII project team may also identify and encourage digitally mature organisations to apply for complementary services activities and contribute to peer-learning and exchange within the programme cohort as ecosystem contributors.

These organisations participate through a dedicated participation pathway focused on contribution to complementary services and peer-learning activities.

Selected organisations participating through this pathway are expected to:

- participate in approved complementary service activities
- participate in at least one (1) in-person training session
- share relevant practices, experiences, tools, or approaches with participating organisations.

Completion of e-learning modules is not required under this participation pathway. Participation in online training activities is encouraged but not mandatory.

Digitally mature organisations participating through the peer experts or practitioners pathway are eligible for financial support under the same funding conditions applicable to SE and SESO participants, subject to the conditions defined in this guide and Annex III.

For further operational details regarding eligibility and participation requirements please check the relevant annexes of this guide.

5. Application Process

5.1 How to Apply

The DiGi-SEII Call documents and application forms will be published through project partner websites, the [Euclid Network](#) profile page, and other DiGi-SEII communication channels. Information about the call will also be disseminated through social media, newsletter, blogs or press releases.

Applications must be submitted through the official online application form.

Applications must be submitted by an eligible organisation and completed by an authorised representative of the applicant organisation.

Organisations may nominate one or more representatives to participate in the programme.

Applications must be submitted electronically and include all mandatory information required in the application form. Social Economy Support Organisation (SESO) applications must be submitted in English. Social Enterprise (SE) applications may be submitted either in English or, where applicable, in the local language of the organising partner country (Dutch, French, Greek, Swedish, or Ukrainian).

Incomplete applications or applications containing inadmissible or ineligible elements will be rejected. Only applications submitted via the official application form will be considered for evaluation.

5.2 Application Deadline

Applications must be submitted no later than the applicable cut-off date.

- **First cut-off date:** 7 September 2026 (Sweden, Ukraine and France)
- **Second cut-off date:** 18 January 2027

Applications submitted after the applicable deadline or through channels other than the official application form will not be considered.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications well in advance of the deadline to avoid potential technical issues.

6. Evaluation and Selection

This section describes the evaluation, selection, and post-selection procedures applicable to applications submitted under the DiGi-SEII programme.

6.1 Evaluation Process

All applications submitted under the DiGi-SEII programme will be evaluated in accordance with the eligibility requirements and evaluation criteria defined in this guide.

The evaluation process consists of two steps:

- an eligibility check, verifying that the application complies with the formal eligibility and submission requirements.
- a qualitative assessment evaluating the content of the application.

Applications will be treated confidentially and evaluated in line with principles of impartiality, fairness, and equal treatment.

6.2 Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated according to the criteria presented in the table below:

Evaluation criteria	
Motivation	The extent to which the application demonstrates a clear and relevant motivation to participate in the programme.
Needs	The clarity and relevance of the organisation's needs related to digitalisation and scaling.
Maturity and scaling approach	The extent to which the application demonstrates an understanding of the organisation's digital maturity and a coherent approach to using digitalisation to support scaling.
Expected impact	The clarity and relevance of the expected outcomes of participation for the organisation and its activities.

For digitally mature organisations applying under the ecosystem contributor pathway, the same evaluation criteria and scoring scale apply. Evaluators will assess motivation, needs, maturity and expected impact in terms of the organisation's capacity and commitment to contribute meaningfully to the programme, particularly through complementary service activities and in-person sessions — rather than in terms of their own learning objectives.

The evaluation period is expected to take approximately four weeks, starting from the closing date of the call.

6.3 Selection Outcomes

After the evaluation process, a final ranking list will be established.

Applications will be classified as:

- selected for participation and financial support
- eligible but not selected (due to budget limitations; these applications will form a reserve list)
- Not eligible /rejected applications

The final list of selected organisations will be published on the DiGi-SEII project partners' websites and communication channels, including social media.

All applicants will be informed of the results via email.

Selected organisations will be invited to sign a **Sub-Grant Agreement (SGA)** with the relevant DiGi-SEII project partner in charge of managing the financial support disbursement.

The financial contribution may be provided following participation in the relevant programme activities and submission of the required proof of participation, in accordance with the conditions set out in the Sub-Grant Agreement.

6.4 Sub-Grant Agreement

The Sub-Grant Agreement (SGA) defines the conditions for participation and financial support under the programme. The Sub-Grant Agreement will be signed between the awarded organization and one of the DiGi-SEII project partners within one month from the date of notification.

By signing the SGA, the SE or SESO beneficiary formally accepts the financial support in the form of a lump sum, along with the related obligations, legal provisions, and payment terms. The beneficiary also agrees to participate in the relevant in-person training(s) and, where applicable, complementary services (CS), under their own responsibility and in accordance with the conditions set out in the agreement.

7. Timeline and Key Dates

The table below outlines the key dates for this Call.

Timeline and Key Dates

Task	Date
Call opening	15 June 2025
Cut-off dates:	First cut-off date: 7 September 2026 (Sweden, Ukraine, and France) Second cut-off date: 18 January 2027
Evaluation start	Call deadline + 1 day
Announcement of results	Evaluation start + 4 weeks
Complaint window	Within 5 calendar days of the announcement of results
Complaint resolution	Within 7 working days from the closing of the appeal window
Indicative signature of sub-grant agreement	One month from the publication of results.

Cut-off dates may be extended. Any updates will be communicated through the official DiGi-SEII communication channels.

8. Contact Information

For any questions regarding the call pertaining to SEs, please reach out to your local project partner.

DiGi-SEII Local Project Partners		
Local partner country	Organization	Contact
Belgium	Sociale InnovatieFabriek	Ravi Bellardi ravi@socialeinnovatiefabriek.be
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For SESO inquiries, please refer to the following partners:

DiGi-SEII SESO Inquiries Contact Partners		
Local partner country	Organization	Contact
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If you experience any technical issues with the submission system, please contact digi-seii@eitdigital.eu

PART III – ANNEXES

Annex I – Programme Structure, Delivery and Indicative Schedule

Purpose of this Annex

This annex provides additional operational information regarding the indicative structure, delivery formats, timing, and organisation of the DiGi-SEII programme activities. All information provided in this annex is indicative and may be adjusted during programme implementation.

Training Formats and Delivery

Programme activities may be delivered in the following formats:

Activity Type	Indicative Format	Indicative Duration
Online sessions	Live online training sessions	Approximately 3.5 hours
In-person training sessions	Live in-person facilitated training sessions	Half-day to 1.5-day sessions
Complementary services	Mentoring, peer exchange, matchmaking, study visits, usually scheduled alongside or following in-person training sessions.	Approximately 2–4 hours

The combination of formats is designed to ensure flexibility while maintaining a structured learning experience.

Indicative Activity Schedule

Indicative Schedule - Social Enterprises (SEs)				
Country	Type of Activity	Location (City)	Format	Indicative period
Belgium	Training	Brussels	2 online workshops 1 live deep-dive day 1 complementary activity	October 2026 (+ January 2027 and April 2027)
Greece	Training	Athens	2 or more online	March 2027 - May

Indicative Schedule - Social Enterprises (SEs)

			training sessions 2 onsite training sessions 2 complementary services	2027
France	Training	France - Paris	2 in-person days incl 1.5 day training and 0.5 day complementary services 2 online workshops	September 29-30 Sept 9th & 16th
France	Training	France - Paris	2 in-person days incl 1.5 day training and 0.5 day complementary services 2 online workshops	November 3-4th Nov 12th & 20th
France	Training	France - Paris or other city tbc	2 in-person days incl 1.5 day training and 0.5 day complementary services 2 online workshops	Dec 1st - 2nd Dec 8th & 15th
France	Training	France-Strasbourg	2 in-person days incl 1.5 day training and 0.5 day complementary services 2 online workshops	Jan 20-21st Jan 28th & Feb 4th
Sweden	Training	Sweden	2 online workshops 2 in person sessions Complimentary services	October 2026 - March 2027
Ukraine	Training	Ukraine	TBD	October 2026

Indicative Schedule - Social Economy Support Organisations (SESOs)

Country	Type of Activity	Location (City)	Format	Indicative period
The Netherlands	Training	The Hague	2 online training sessions 1 onsite training session 1 complementary service	October - November 2026 Onsite training + CS: October 21-23, 2026
Greece	Training	Athens	2 online training sessions 1 onsite training session 1 complementary service	May - June 2027 Onsite training + CS: May 12-13, 2027

Complementary Services Overview

Type of Activity	Format	Indicative Timing
Mentoring sessions	Online / in-person	Throughout programme
Peer exchange	In-person / online	Following training sessions
Matchmaking events	Primarily in-person	Linked to training programme activities
Study visits	In-person	Selected programme periods

Important Notes

- All dates, formats, and locations presented above are indicative and may be adjusted.
- Final information regarding confirmed activities will be communicated to selected organisations following the selection process.
- Participation in certain programme activities may depend on organisational capacity, availability and applicable participation conditions.

Annex II – Selection Process, Evaluation Criteria and Results Communication

Selection Process Overview

Selection of Social Enterprises (SEs)

Once they have applied, the SE staff candidate applications will be first processed by **two staff members of the country project partner**. This pre-selection will then be validated by **28Digital**. The partners review the submissions independently and score them according to the set evaluation criteria (see further below). They provide scores and comments to 28Digital that will contribute to the decision-making process. The country leads will have the last word as they possess the most in-depth knowledge of the specific contexts and needs but 28Digital will provide a balanced and informed perspective, ensuring the process is consistent and fair. Once a decision is reached, the selected candidate or proposal is announced. Feedback may be provided to unsuccessful applicants. All applications will be treated confidentially and evaluated in line with ethical standards, ensuring impartiality and fairness.

Selection of Support Organizations (SESOs)

Applications from SESOs will be reviewed by the two project partners in their country of registration, or by a designated consortium partner if no project partner is present in their country. Where relevant, additional input from other partners may be sought to reflect their wider, pan-European scope. This pre-selection will then be validated by 28Digital. The partners review the submissions independently and score them according to the set evaluation criteria (see further below). They provide scores and comments to 28Digital that will contribute to the decision-making process. The designated country lead has the final decision, with 28Digital ensuring the process is consistent and fair across all countries. Once a decision is reached, the selected candidate or proposal is announced. Feedback may be provided to unsuccessful applicants. All applications will be treated confidentially and evaluated in line with ethical standards, ensuring impartiality and fairness.

List of DiGi-SEII Country Partners

Partner Organization	Country	Website
28Digital	Belgium	https://28digital.eu/
Sociale innovatiefabriek	Belgium	https://www.socialeinnovatiefabriek.be/
Scalechanger	France	https://www.scalechanger.org/
ESSEC Business School	France	https://www.essec.edu/en/
Academy for Entrepreneurship	Greece	https://akep.eu/

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Euclid Network	The Netherlands	https://euclidnetwork.eu/
Reach for Change Foundation	Sweden	https://reachforchange.org/
Social Economy Ukraine	Ukraine	https://socialeconomy.org.ua/

User Journey

Step 1: The SE/SESO staff responds to the Call for Expressions of Interest.

Step 2: The SE/SESO staff is informed of their selection — either for the in-person training only, or for the in-person training plus a complementary service (CS) requiring financing.

Step 3: The SE/SESO staff is requested to complete, and attends, a minimum of 3 synchronous e-learning modules during the programme (proof of attendance can be submitted at a later stage of the programme).

Step 4: The SE/SESO staff receives the invitation to the in-person training sessions and, if applicable, to the selected CS requiring financing.

Step 5: The SE/SESO staff attends the in-person training and, if applicable, the CS, submits the proof of participation and all relevant forms — and receives the corresponding financing.

Evaluation and Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation process includes:

- an eligibility check, ensuring that applications meet the formal requirements of the call
- an assessment against the evaluation criteria, based on the information provided in the application form
- scoring and consolidation of results, based on individual assessments

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Evaluation Criteria and Scoring System					
Criteria for awarding financial support			Weight	Max Score	Weighted Max Score (out of 25)
1	Motivation	The application provides a relevant and convincingly articulated motivation statement.	25%	5	6.25
2	Needs	The application presents and substantiates the organisation's digitalisation and scaling needs, demonstrating clear alignment with the support offered through the programme.	25%	5	6.25

Evaluation Criteria and Scoring System					
3	Maturity & Scaling Plans	<p>Maturity: The application shows an organisational and digital maturity that, at its current stage, aligns with the proposed scaling vision and outlines a realistic strategy for further leveraging digital tools. Organisations at all maturity levels are encouraged to apply, as the evaluation focuses on the coherence between current maturity, vision, and strategy rather than the absolute level of maturity.</p> <p>Scaling Plans: The application demonstrates a realistic scaling vision, and a clear strategy for leveraging digital tools.</p>	30%	5	7.5
4	Desired Impact	The application clearly explains the expected impact of participation at the individual level, on the applicant's work, and on the wider community, and/or ecosystem.	20%	5	5
TOTAL			100%		25
Minimum Threshold			60%		15

* Weighted scores are calculated automatically from the criteria weights shown above

Minimum threshold for funding eligibility: 15 points (60%).

Scoring Scale

DiGi-SEII evaluators will score the criteria on a scale from 0 to 5 (half-point scores may be given):

- **0 – Fail:** Criterion not addressed or insufficient information
- **1 – Poor:** Significant weaknesses
- **2 – Fair:** Some relevance but major gaps
- **3 – Good:** Adequate with some shortcomings
- **4 – Very good:** Strong with minor weaknesses
- **5 – Excellent:** Fully addressed with no or minimal shortcomings

Weighted Score Calculation

Each application is scored against the defined evaluation criteria using a weighted scoring system. Each criterion is scored on a scale from 0 to 5 and carries a specific weight (percentage). This ensures that each criterion contributes proportionally to the final evaluation based on its assigned importance. The final score is calculated by applying the corresponding weight to each criterion score and summing the resulting weighted scores. To calculate the weighted score for each criterion, the following formula is used:

Weighted Score = Weight (%) x Score per Criterion.

The total weighted score is the sum of all individual weighted scores.

The maximum total score is **25 points**.

Only applications reaching the **minimum threshold** are considered for funding.

The Final List and Selection

After the individual evaluations are completed, a final list will be established.

The final list will classify applications into three categories:

- Applications selected for funding
- Eligible but not funded applications (due to budget limitations). These applications will form a reserve list.
- Not eligible / rejected applications

Evaluation in Case of Equal Scoring

In the event of a tie (equal final scores), applications will be ranked based on sub-scores, giving priority first to Maturity & Scaling Approach, then to Desired Impact, and then to Needs. If a tie still remains, the evaluators may consider geographical balance across the five participating countries and balance between SEs and SESOs. As a last resort, the outcome will be determined by a documented random draw. This approach ensures that ties are resolved in line with the programme's objectives, promotes geographical and applicant-type balance, and guarantees equal treatment of all applicants.

Reserve List

If the available budget is insufficient to fund all positively evaluated applications, those not initially selected for funding will be placed on a reserve list in order of their ranking.

In the event that a selected applicant declines, withdraws, or becomes ineligible, financial support will be reallocated to the next applicant on the reserve list. Reserve list applicants may be contacted up until the start of the training cycle for which they applied.

Awarding Financial Support

The final amount of financial support awarded to applicants depends on:

1. The total available project budget: if the available budget allows, all positively evaluated applications will receive financial support. If the budget is insufficient, support will be allocated based on the ranking order and within the limits of available resources.

2. The application's ranking position: in case a selected applicant declines or waives the financial support, the next applicant on the eligible-but-not-funded list will be contacted, and the list of funded applications will be updated accordingly.

Notification of Results

All applicants—both Social Enterprise (SE) actors and Social Economy Support Organizations (SESOs) — will receive a notification of the evaluation outcome approximately 4 weeks after the application deadline. This notification will confirm whether their application has been selected for financial support or not under DiGi-SEII.

Please note that the applicants are only allowed to receive the financial support once during the DiGi-SEII project lifetime. However, organisations may indicate interest in and apply for multiple training sessions. Participation in additional training sessions is possible, but no extra funding will be provided beyond the initial grant.

Communication of the Final Results

Once the selection is finalized, the final list with selected applications will be published on the DiGi-SEII project partners' institutional websites, and disseminated through all DiGi-SEII communication channels, including social media. All applicants will be informed of the results of the eligibility and quality evaluation via email.

Successful applicants will be formally invited to sign a Sub-Grant Agreement with the DiGi-SEII Partner in charge of managing the support disbursement.

Annex III – Financial Support and Lump-Sum Conditions

Financial Support Overview

Financial support under the DiGi-SEII programme is provided in the form of lump-sum contributions intended to support participation in approved programme activities and may be used to help cover related travel, accommodation, and subsistence costs.

A lump-sum contribution is a predefined, all-in fixed financial contribution granted without the need for detailed expense reporting or submission of receipts. Instead, the beneficiary organisation must demonstrate compliance with participation requirements as set out in this document.

Eligible activities may include the following **in-person** activities:

- local and national training activities
- transnational training activities
- selected peer-learning activities
- approved complementary services organised alongside or following training activities, where applicable.

To be able to claim the lump sum, the applicants must meet the following conditions:

- Completion of the required e-learning modules (proof of attendance may be submitted at a later stage of the programme).
- Registration and full participation in the assigned in-person training, synchronous training, and complementary services (where applicable) are required.
- Submission of a required proof of participation. This may include a signed attendance sheet and an evaluation or feedback form distributed by the providers of the training/complementary service activity.

Please note: Financial support will be awarded only after participants have completed the assigned training activities and submitted the required proof of attendance.

Distance-based Funding Model

The lump sum amount is determined based on the type of organisation and participation profile (SE or SESO), the type of approved activity (local, national, or transnational), and the location.

To ensure fair and inclusive access across countries with diverse geographical characteristics, DiGi-SEII applies a distance-based eligibility system for calculating the financial support amount related to travel.

The minimum travel distance to qualify for support is 20 km (one-way) between the organisation's legal address and the activity location, and participation in the full activity is required.

Whenever possible, participants are encouraged to use environmentally friendly travel options.

All distances are calculated using the [European Commission's official distance calculator](#), based on the direct ("as-the-crow-flies") distance between the legal address of the applicant organization and the location of the activity.

Based on this calculation, the following funding tiers apply:

Travel Distance & Support Eligibility Table for Local Events (SEs ³)	
Distance between the organisation headquarters' legal address and the location of the activity	Amount in EUR*
If the legal address is located less than 20 km	€0
If the legal address is located from 20 km to less than 150 km	€200
If the legal address is located from 150 km and above	€400
Additional night (if justified)*	€250

The maximum financial support available per SE organisation is €400 in total for local and national in-person training activities, in accordance with the Grant Agreement.

***Please note:** Additional support (additional night) of €250 may be granted in justified cases linked to unforeseen circumstances (e.g., transport strikes or other force majeure events) or where travel logistics require arrival the evening before or departure the morning after the activity, covering one additional night. This must be confirmed in the Sub-Grant Agreement.

Travel Distance & Support Eligibility Table for Transnational Events (SESOs)		
Distance between the organisation headquarters' legal address and the location of the transnational activity	Support Tiers	Amount in EUR*
If the legal address is located less than 20 km		€0
If the legal address is located from 20 km to less than 150 km		€200
If the legal address is located from 150 km to less than 400 km		€400
If the legal address is located from 401 km to less than 1500 km		€750
If the legal address is located from 1501 km to less than 3500 km		€1,100
If the legal address is located 3501 km and above		€1,400
Additional night (if justified)*		€350

The maximum financial support available per SESO organisation is €2,000 in total across all approved activities under this call, in accordance with the Grant Agreement. This cap applies regardless of the number of activities attended or the applicable distance bracket per activity.

***Please note:** Additional support (additional night) of €350 may be granted in justified cases linked to unforeseen circumstances (e.g., transport strikes or other force majeure events) or where travel logistics require arrival the evening before or departure the morning after the activity, covering one additional night. This must be confirmed in the Sub-Grant Agreement.

Financial Support for Complementary Services (CS)

In addition, participation in approved Complementary Services (CS) activities may also be supported through fixed lump-sum financial support. Social Enterprises (SEs) participating in

³ For participants traveling from the Baltic region to join the local training in Sweden the Transnational Distance & Eligibility for Transnational Events (SESOs) is applicable.

eligible CS activities may receive up to €250 per approved activity, while Social Enterprise Support Organisations (SESOs) may receive up to €350 per approved activity, subject to the conditions defined in the Sub-Grant Agreement, activity approval, and budget availability.

Lump Sum Conditions

Financial support is awarded to the beneficiary organisation as a legal entity and it does not constitute reimbursement of actual costs incurred.

Since the granting of a lump sum does not require detailed financial reporting, the following rules and limitations apply:

- Only costs directly related to participation in DiGi-SEII programme activities are eligible.
- Costs incurred must comply with applicable national laws and the standard accounting and management practices of the beneficiary organisation (SE or SESO).
- The financial contribution for eligible costs will be provided to selected organisations in the form of a lump sum.
- Beneficiaries will be required to submit an evaluation form and a brief description of their participation in the activities.

While the funding is managed at the organizational level, individual participation will be tracked for monitoring, reporting, and impact assessment purposes. This ensures transparency, equitable access, and alignment with the project's participation targets.

Eligible Costs Covered by the Lump Sum

The lump sum must contribute to the following costs incurred by the beneficiary:

- Travel costs: transportation (e.g. air, rail, road travel) to attend the activities.
- Accommodation, meals during the event and other personal allowances to participate – only expenses directly related to participation in approved DiGi-SEII programme activities are eligible.
- Eligible costs may be incurred for the purpose of attending the approved DiGi-SEII programme activity, including where necessary on the day immediately before or after the activity.

Annex IV – Other Applicable Rules

Financial support is provided in accordance with the **Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)** provisions set out in the DiGi-SEII Grant Agreement under the **SMP-COSME-2023-SEED programme** (Project ID: 101167798).

Payment Conditions and Procedures

Payments will be made to the **beneficiary organisation as a legal entity**, not to individual participants.

The lump-sum payment will be transferred to the organisation's bank account as specified in the Sub-Grant Agreement.

Payment will be made after verification of participation in the approved activities and submission of the required documentation.

Payment timelines and operational procedures will be communicated to the selected organisations during programme implementation and in the Sub-Grant Agreements (SGA).

General Payment Terms

To be eligible for funding under the DiGi-SEII project, all the expenses must adhere to the following rule:

- Costs incurred for the implementation of the project must be used for the sole and close purpose of achieving the objectives of the project and its expected results, in a transparent manner consistent with the principles of economy, efficiency, and effectiveness.
- DiGi-SEII and its partners will not be responsible for paying any costs applied for and incurred by the beneficiaries in the event of non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the DiGi-SEII funding scheme.
- Payments will be made to Social Enterprise and Social Economy Support Organizations by the DiGi-SEII project partners as defined in the Sub-Grant Agreement.
- The submission of an application does not constitute an entitlement for funding.
- The recipients of the financial support from DiGi-SEII must ensure that the European Commission, EISMEA, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), and the European Court of Auditors (ECA) can exercise their powers of control, on documents, information, even stored on electronic media, or the final beneficiaries' premises.

Implementation and Follow-up

Once the applicant participates in the in-person training or Capacity Session under the DiGi-SEII project, the applicant SE or SESO is entitled to receive the approved financial support. After the event(s) conclude, the lump-sum payment will be transferred to the applicant's bank account as provided in their application.

Beneficiary organisations are not required to submit detailed financial documentation or individual receipts in order to receive the lump-sum contribution. Beneficiaries must nevertheless retain original supporting documentation related to participation in approved programme activities for up to five (5) years in accordance with applicable European Union requirements and the conditions defined in the Sub-Grant Agreement (SGA). Supporting documentation may include travel tickets, boarding passes, accommodation confirmations, attendance records, and other relevant participation documentation. Digital or digitized documents are considered originals if they are authorized by the national law. Non-original documents may be accepted if they offer a comparable level of reliability and assurance. Beneficiaries will be required to complete a brief feedback and evaluation form and provide a short description of the trip or activity undertaken with the support of the DiGi-SEII project.

As part of the follow-up of the financial support, the Social Enterprise or the Social Economy Support Organization commits to providing feedback on the service that the DiGi-SEII project has delivered with the financial support. The SE or SESO agrees to be recontacted by the consortium for communication and dissemination purposes, which may include filling out a short survey, submitting a success story, testimonial, photo, or short video for use in public-facing project materials.

- **DOUBLE FUNDING**

Social Enterprise or Social Economy Support Organization applicants cannot apply for and/or receive funding outside of DiGi-SEII for a similar project that could lead to potential double funding of the same action.

The Social Enterprise or Social Economy Support Organization applicant is required to attest to the accuracy of the foregoing declarations concerning financial capacity and the absence of double funding by submitting a Declaration of Honor as a mandatory annex to the Application Form.

Selected Social Enterprise or SESO may be requested by the DiGi-SEII Consortium to provide basic financial information after the selection process, such as:

- a. Copy of the profit and loss account
- b. Balance sheet for the last two closed financial years, or if unavailable,
- c. Bank statements or equivalent documentation

For Social Enterprise or Social Economy Support Organizations without prior financial history or track record, the DiGi-SEII Consortium may request an audit report for the current fiscal year (certified by an external auditor) or a self-declaration accompanied by a Business Plan for the ongoing financial year.

Social Economy Support Organizations involved in the project must also adhere to these requirements where applicable.

- **NON-COMPLIANCE**

If the selected Social Enterprise or Social Economy Support Organization fails to comply with any of the obligations set forth in the Sub-Grant Agreement relating to the implementation of the funded activities, the following measures may be enforced:

- **Grant Reduction:** The amount of financial support granted may be proportionally reduced based on the nature and severity of the non-compliance.
- **Termination of the Sub-Grant Agreement:** In extreme cases of non-compliance, the Sub-Grant Agreement may be terminated altogether, resulting in the immediate cessation of entitlement to any remaining funds and the possible obligation to reimburse any funds already disbursed.
- **Legal Actions:** In severe cases, non-compliance may lead to legal actions being taken against the recipient. Legal proceedings could be initiated to recover funds, enforce compliance, or address any contractual breaches.

Complaint

Any complaints regarding the Call results must be submitted to the DiGi-SEII Consortium at digi-seii@eitdigital.eu within 5 calendar days of the announcement of the Call results. Complaints must include:

- Email address used during the application phase and organization name;
- Applicant's full name and contact details;
- Email subject title: DiGi-SEII CEI Complaint
- Subject and detailed description of the complaint;
- Relevant information supporting the complaint and evidence of the alleged breach.

The DiGi-SEII Selection Committee will review the complaint based on the information brought forward and notify the applicant of its decision. If justified, the Committee will re-assess the application accordingly. The final written decision will be provided within 7 working days from the complaint submission date. This decision will be binding and final, and no further appeals on the same grounds will be accepted within the DiGi-SEII project.

Annex V – Additional Information and Conditions for DiGi-SEII Project

- **DATA MANAGEMENT**

Personal data and information provided in the application form will be used solely for the purpose of conducting a thorough and effective evaluation of applicants and for delivering

innovation support to Social Enterprise and Social Economy Support Organizations. This includes:

- Name and contact details of the applicant (telephone number, postal address, email, website);
- Name and contact details of the representative person (email, telephone number);
- VAT Registration Number of the applicant organization;
- Financial information of the organization (number of employees, annual turnover, or balance sheet).

If a project is awarded, the following additional information from all awardees will be collected:

- Bank account details (IBAN and BIC codes);
- Information about the grant recipient's authorized representative (full name, position, telephone number, email address, signature).

Data related to the service provider and data concerning business digital transformation projects will be delivered through the application form and the Final Technical Report to enable proper evaluation of the action.

Individuals whose personal data is processed have the right to access, correct, or request deletion of their data. All inquiries regarding personal data processing should be directed to adeline@euclidnetwork.eu.

Data processing will comply fully with applicable EU and national data protection laws, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (2016/679/EU), ensuring respect for the fundamental rights and freedoms, confidentiality, and dignity of the data subjects. By submitting an application to the DiGi-SEII project, applicants provide explicit consent to the collection, storage, and use of their personal data for the purposes of executing the DiGi-SEII project objectives and work plan. Submission of an application constitutes full, complete, and unreserved acceptance of these data protection terms.

- **FUNDING VISIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

For any dissemination and use of results generated through the financial support provided by the DiGi-SEII Consortium, Social Enterprise and Social Economy Support Organization beneficiaries must acknowledge the DiGi-SEII project by properly citing the project and displaying the EU emblem alongside the DiGi-SEII logo. The following disclaimer must be included in all related communications and publications:

"This project is co-funded by the EU, via the DiGi-SEII Project."

All specific visibility and branding requirements will be communicated to the Social Enterprises and Social Economy Support Organizations upon signing the Sub-Grant Agreement with the designated DiGi-SEII project financial coordinator.

- **GENDER EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION**

DiGi-SEII promotes gender balance and equal opportunities. Applicants are encouraged to implement all necessary measures to ensure gender equality throughout the project. This includes striving for a balanced representation of men and women at all levels of personnel involved in the project, including supervisory and managerial positions, wherever possible.

- **DISCLAIMER**

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Mistakes or inconsistencies: The DiGi-SEII Consortium shall not be held liable for any mistakes, inaccuracies, or misinterpretations that this text may cause. In the event of any inconsistencies, the DiGi-SEII Consortium will determine the steps to be taken, in cooperation with the applicant concerned.

Consequential damages: Neither party shall be liable to the other, or to any of its affiliates, for any consequential, incidental, indirect, special, punitive, or exemplary damages (including, without limitation, lost profits, business or goodwill), arising out of or incurred by such other party or its affiliates in connection with this funding scheme, regardless of whether such damages were foreseeable, even if advised of the possibility of such damages.

Direct Damages: The DiGi-SEII's liability for direct damages will be limited to the amount of financial support awarded to the applicant and pending disbursement.

For any inquiries, please **contact** digi-seii@eitdigital.eu. For further information on the project, please visit the coordinator's [website](#).

Annex VI – FAQ

1. Who can apply for financial support?

Applicants must be affiliated with an eligible Social Enterprise (SE) or Social Economy Support Organization (SESO). This includes full-time or part-time staff, interns, volunteers, or board members — provided they are formally authorized to represent the organisation.

2. Can more than one person from the same organisation participate?

Yes. Financial support is awarded per organisation and may cover participation of one or more representatives, depending on the approved activities.

3. Do we need to submit receipts or invoices?

No. Financial support is provided as a lump sum. No receipts are required at the reporting stage. However, beneficiaries must retain supporting documents (e.g. travel tickets) for 5 years, in case of EU audit.

4. Can we receive funding for multiple activities?

You may express interest in multiple trainings and complementary services, but your organisation can receive financial support only once under the project. Priority will be given to first-time applicants in Call 2.

5. What if our travel is under 20 km?

Financial support applies only if the distance between the organisation's headquarter address and training location exceeds 20 km.

6. When and how will payments be made?

Lump-sum contribution will be transferred to the bank account of the SE/SESO following participation in the approved programme activities (1 in-person training activity, 1 online training activity + 3 learning modules on ICARUS platform) and submission of the required proof of participation, in accordance with the conditions set out in the Sub-Grant Agreement (SGA).

7. Who receives the financial support – the organisation or the individual?

The financial support is awarded to the Social Enterprise (SE) or their Support Organization (SESO) as a legal entity, not to individual persons in their personal capacity. However, the funds are intended to cover the participation costs (e.g., travel, accommodation, subsistence) of the designated staff members from each beneficiary organisation.

8. Can we apply again in Call 2 if not selected in Call 1?

Yes. Unsuccessful applicants from Call 1 are encouraged to re-apply in Call 2, if still eligible.

9. Do we need to prove that we attended the training?

Yes. Participation is mandatory to receive financial support. If these conditions are not met, the financial support may be withheld. You will need to: Attend the full training or complementary service if you choose them; Submit a signed participation confirmation, and; Complete a short feedback or evaluation form.

10. Can digitally mature organisations that do not wish to follow the full training curriculum apply?

Yes. Digitally mature organisations with relevant digital experience are welcome to apply under the contributed expertise pathway. They are expected to participate in approved complementary service activities and at least one in-person training session. The standard evaluation criteria apply. Financial support is available on the same distance-based terms as for other SESO participants.

11. Can an organisation that received financial support under Call 1 apply again under Call 2 ?

Yes. Each call is a separate funding round with its own cohort, selection process and financial support. Organisations that participated in Call 1 are eligible to apply under Call 2. This is particularly relevant for digitally mature organisations applying under the contributed expertise pathway, who may wish to contribute their experience to complementary service activities for the new cohort. Financial support is awarded per call and cannot be combined across calls for the same activity. The conditions and maximum amounts set out in this guide apply. .

Applicant Checklist

Before submitting your application, please make sure that you have:

- Read the Guide for Applicants in full.
- Verified that your organisation meets the eligibility criteria.
- Completed the application form in all required sections.
- Declared that you comply with relevant legal and ethical conditions of the programme.
- Reviewed your application for accuracy and completeness
- Submitted your application before the deadline.