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EU Project DIVA Newsletter

A bi-annual digest of the EU Project DIVA activities

Welcome to the first Edition of the EU Project DIVA Newsletter. Find a summary of the most relevant issues that we have been working on lately, and the main activities that will take place in the nearest future.

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RECENT NEWS



16th April 2018, Brussels (Belgium)

DIVA project kicks off!

The DIVA project kicked off last April in Brussels, celebrating its first consortium meeting. During two days, DIVA partners coming from six European countries (France, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Greece and Ireland) had the opportunity to get to know each other and start working together, towards the promotion and support of cross-sectorial activities in the ICT, agri-food, environmental and forestry sectors.

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11-12th September 2018, Lisbon (Portugal)

DIVA partners met in the 1st Steering Committee and define all the details of the upcoming DIVA funding calls

The DIVA Steering Committee celebrated their first six-monthly meeting in Lisbon (Portugal) on 11th and 12th of September to check the progress of the project activities and to ultimate preparations for first DIVA funding call, scheduled for the end of this year.

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1st October 2018

DIVA Website and Social Media accounts are alive!

The DIVA Project is already online! DIVA official website and Twitter and LinkedIn DIVA profiles have been recently launched! This is the place-to-go should you want to be updated with our latest news about the project and its activities.

Check our website at www.projectdiva.eu or follow our Twitter and

LinkedIn DIVA profiles.

Furthermore, DIVA partners have drawn their **Dissemination & Communication Strategy** led by the project communication leader: AMETIC. The final report is already public and available in DIVA website.

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27th September 2018 (Portugal)

Summer Innovation Campus

The two-day event, carried out on the Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro campus, had some plenary sessions, workshops in various subject areas, a contest of ideas, among many others activities. Sara Neves, from INESC TEC, was a speaker at the Precision Agriculture Workshop and presented the DIVA project. INESC TEC took advantage from the high impact of this Innovation Campus to organise the first national workshop about DIVA. During the session the audience was informed about the project's objectives and the funding opportunities that DIVA will launch in the next three years (around 3M€) to support the digital transformation in the agrifood, forestry, environment and ICT sectors. There was an opportunity to network with actors from the referred sectors.

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25th September 2018, Oporto (Portugal)

Knowledge Open Day (Dia Aberto ao Conhecimento)

The Knowledge Open Day is an initiative of IAPMEI* in partnership with INESC TEC.

The event meant to show INESC TEC's R&D laboratories and was an opportunity to present projects and research activities in specific areas that produce internationally competitive science and technology. In this matter, Alexandra Xavier and Sara Neves presented the DIVA project and pitched the opening of the Call for Challenges.

*IAPMEI is the main national governmental agency for economic policies targeted to Portuguese companies and it works under the supervision of the Ministry of Economy.

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25th - 27th September 2018

Agro-Digital Challenges Workshops

Agri Sud-Ouest Innovation and Digital Place organised two workshops in Toulouse and Bordeaux to present the issues of the agri-food sector to the Digitech companies. These workshops are designed to give the opportunity to participants from the two different sectors to meet each other, identify challenges and explore potential ways of collaboration. See more information on :

<https://www.agrisoi.fr/>

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20th September 2018, Seville (Spain)

CTA presents in H2Orizon DIVA funding opportunities to digitise agri-food sector

DIVA partner CTA has taken part in H2Orizon (First Water Technology and Innovation Show in Seville, Spain) in order to present DIVA project and its upcoming funding opportunities for SMEs to digitize the agri-food sector.

H2Orizon, with the assistance of more than 300 professionals, has as its motto in this edition *"the efficient management of water in the digital world"*. DIVA project aims to provide support to the emergence and development of new industrial digitech value chains with applications to the agri-food, forestry and environment sectors.

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20th-22th June 2018, Málaga (Spain)

DIVA Spanish partners organised the 1st National Workshop

AMETIC & CTA started to broadcast the DIVA Project at the Smart Agrifood Summit'18 international event held in Malaga on 20th to 22nd of June. Both partners took advantage from the high impact of this fair to organise a first national workshop about DIVA. During the session the audience was informed about the objectives of the project and the funding opportunities that DIVA will launch in the next three years (around 3M€) for supporting the digital transformation in the agri-food, forestry environment and ICT industrial sectors

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COMING SOON!



First wave of DIVA Calls Coming soon:

The First DIVA call for Solution is planned to be launched on the 30th of November in all the DIVA partners' countries: France, Greece, Italy, Ireland, Portugal and Spain. The calls aim to fund SMEs innovative for the emergence and development of new industrial digitech value chains with applications to the agri-food, forestry and environment sectors. 4 different vouchers are available reaching up to €60k. For more information, please contact your national project contact. The list is available on the DIVA website: www.projectdiva.eu

UPCOMING EVENTS



WORKSHOP IN ITALY

30th October, Cesena (Italy)

Everything is almost ready for the first Italian workshop dedicated to the DIVA project. Organised by CRPV in collaboration with H-FARM, this meeting lab will bring together stakeholders of agrifood, forestry and environmental fields and technological SMEs. The aim of the workshop will be to create a place of discussion, inspiration and exchange to inform and raise awareness on new technological possibilities for the value chain of these sectors as well as to strengthen the project network.

The workshop will be held at the end of October in Cesena at the CRPV headquarters. Stay tuned for more details!

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WORKSHOP IN FRANCE

29th November, Toulouse (France)

1st National Workshop in France: Boost-up DIVA

During this event, Agri Sud-Ouest Innovation and Digital Place will present the 1st DIVA Call, including the funding scheme and the guidelines to apply to the three different categories of the call:

- **Call for solutions**
- **Call for demonstrations**
- **Call for internationalisation**

This event, opened to a large public in the agrofood and ICT sectors can be the opportunity for them to meet and discuss possible collaborations.

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B2B MEETINGS

FIRST EUROPEAN ONLINE EVENT: Seize the opportunity to benefit from the DIVA network in participating in the DIVA first online B2B meeting. With the EEN network matchmaking tool, create your profile and book individual b2b meetings with other companies in the DIVA countries.

The registration platform will be open at the same time as the launch of the **Call for Solutions**. This EU event is designed to bring up the best national practices to the European level and to create opportunities for SMEs to meet to discuss possible collaboration.

MORE INFO:

Do you want to know more about the DIVA Project in your country?

Check [this section](#) on our website and do not hesitate to get in touch with the leading organisation in your country.



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