

Minutes of the meeting	
Meeting: EDIH Working Group on Agrifood, Kick-off Meeting	Date: 23.04.2024
Place: Teams Meeting	
Attendees:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderators : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ José Adame Siles (AgrotechDIH) ○ Ioannis Amarantidis (DigiAgriFood) ○ Thomas Lainé (EDIH BRETAGNE) • EC: Gaspard Demur (Deputy HoU DG CNECT), Doris Marquardt (PO, DG CNECT) • DTA-CARSA: Marie Bourdon, Stephanie Jüstel • EDIHs participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Belen Llamas - AgrotechDIH ○ Nikolaos Mallias - DigiAgriFood ○ Ana Belén Cabezas Serrano - AgrotechDIH ○ Nuno Serra - SFT-EDIH ○ Matthias Gauly - DIS-HUB ○ Διονύσης Βογλίτσης - DigiAgriFood ○ Κυριακή Ποιμενίδου - DigiAgriFood ○ Αικατερίνη Καλφα - DigiAgriFood ○ Raffaele - DIH Datalife ○ Csótó Mihály - AEDIH ○ Javier - DIH DATAlife ○ Giulio D'Amato (BLULEAF) - CETMA-DIHSME ○ María Cristina Cabeza Fernández - AgrotechDIH ○ Jowita Pawlak - DIH4CAT ○ Hafsa YAMIN - LVDH ○ Katharina Wald, AnySolution - DIHBAI-TUR ○ David Martínez - INNDIH ○ Dimitris Bardakidis - DigiAgriFood ○ Stella Bazdani - DigiAgriFood ○ Costin Lianu - WeH ○ Laura Montagna - CHEDIH ○ Bojin Bojinov - AgroHub.BG ○ Antonia Merino, Cetemet - AgrotechDIH ○ Elizabeth Moreno - AgrotechDIH ○ Hazel Peavoy - ENTIRE ○ Jesús Bonilla - AgrotechDIH ○ Benedetta Principi, EDIH4Marche ○ César Diaz Barroso – Agrotech DIH ○ ANDREA DINI - EDIH4MARCHE ○ Μαρία Μιχαλοπούλου - DigiAgriFood ○ George Beers - BOOST ○ Laurent VOLLE - DEDIHCATED BFC ○ Doriana Cristofaro - CETMA-DIHSME ○ Nedjeljko Peric – CCROBOJUB ++ 	

1. Kick-off meeting agenda

Time	Topic
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome and introduction of the session
10:10 – 10:25	Presentation of the moderating team and motivation for the TWG

10:25 – 11:15	<p>Working Group activities – Interactive session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 1: Participants needs assessment: interests, benefits and contributions to the Thematic Working Group • Part 2: Enhancing collaboration and innovation in the agrifood sector • Part 3: Exploring international service provision • Part 4: TWG related events
11 :15 - 11:20	Success stories and good practices collection
11:20 – 11:30	Wrap-up and next steps

2. Key information and discussion

Topic	Notes and feedback
Welcome and introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marie Bourdon, Gaspard Demur and Doris Marquardt welcomes participants. - Objectives of the WG: exchange experience, good practices, facilitate joint solution between EDIHs and cross-fertilization. This WG will establish strong connections with other TWG (AI & Cyber) and with other existing networks. - This KoM aims to define the priorities of the WG for the year to come with the help of the EDIHs. EDIHs will set the agenda.
Presentation of the moderating team and motivation for the TWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • José Adame Siles, AgrotechDIH: presents the Agrotech DIH and its projects. In particular, José highlights the HIBA (Hub Iberia Agrotech) project, a cross-border cooperation network for the creation of shared services to promote digital transformation in the agri-food sector. • Ioannis Amarantidis, DigiAgriFood EDIH: presents the DigiAgriFood EDIH and in particular the challenges that can certainly be transferred to other countries, such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Limited digital infrastructure and connectivity in rural areas; ○ Pressures to meet environmental regulations and sustainability standards while maintaining competitiveness; ○ Integration of new technologies with traditional farming methods requires training and support. • Thomas Laine, EDIH Bretagne: presents the EDIH Bretagne and its strong competences in the Agrifood and agriculture sector.
Interactive session: questions and comments from the participants	<p>EDIHs were invited to comment either verbally or in writing in the chat. Their contributions are listed below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costin Lianu, WeH: the EDIH is involve with the Climate change Cluster with the objective of creating agriculture and organic farming (rural environment), deals with topics like agroecology and is looking for collaboration. • María Cristina Cabeza Fernández: part of Andalucía Agrotech Digital Innovation Hub and EEN; tries to establish cooperation in different activities and complementary services, is looking for synergies; propose for next WG meeting: brief presentation of EEN with focus on Agrofood sectors and sector group activities • Hafsa Yamin, LVDH: ask which tools of communication will be used within the TWG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mailing list, TEAMS space for documentation set up by DTA; each TWG is free to organise and use its own communication tools. ○ The moderating team will follow-up on this. • Javier Doval Núñez, DIH DATAlife: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Promote rural economic activities, example of Galician Model Villages; ○ WG should get in contact with Agrifood TEF to share experience; DIH DATAlife is part of TEF;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposal to create a mapping of WG members capabilities/competences to better find synergies. ● Nuno Serra, SFT-EDIH, indicates to be part of EIT food and can make the connection. ● Laura Montagna, CHEDIH, shares that the EDIH works in Agriculture and Health sector; small farmers are interested in serving water & waste, as well treatment of fields of agriculture; SMEs are also interest in traceability. ● Giulio D'Amato, BLULEAF, CETMA-DIHSME: represent Sysman Progetti & Servizi, a private IT company that is partner of a EDIH in southern Italy (CETMA-DIHSME); developers of a Decision Support System for Digital Agriculture called BluLeaf, and research partners in many projects at regional, national and EU scale. ● Laurent Volle, DEDIHCATED BFC: invited the moderating team to the next EEN agrifood sector group meetings online in June and onsite in October. ● George Beers, BOOST, expects to share experiences and learn from each other in the TWG. George is also involved in the organisation of the Synergy Days event in October (see below).
Interactive session	Slido was used for this purpose. The results are listed below.

Slido Poll

<p>Part 1: What are your expectations in participating in the Agrifood Thematic Working Group (interests, benefits, and contributions)?</p>
<p>Below are the answers provided through Slido:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better know each other and build on our synergies on different grounds (training, technological services, methodologies for diagnosis, effective public policies,) - Build network, share experiences and best practices, create opportunities - Learn how services are selected - As active member of the EEN Agrofood Sector Group (ASG), I would like to strengthen the collaboration with the EDIH network ATWG by planning complementary activities and services and establishing a permanent cooperation between both networks in the agrifood sector. - Upcoming events: EIT Food Agrifood Open Day in Arruda dos Vinhos; Feira Raiana and i-Danha Food Lab in Idanha-a-Nova - Soil health and function lab in Arruda dos Vinhos - Circular/multitrophic production systems (e.g. aquaponics) facility in Nazaré - 1. networking and value addition to our client - 2. technological brokerage - 3. best practices - Collaborating on service delivery, capacity building and networking events - Also, exchange of impact achieved - Needs analysis elements - Changing ideas and experiences about the tailored services we all can provide to small and medium farms. The more use case the better.
<p>Part 2: Which are the challenges for your EDIH in the agrifood sector?</p>
<p>Below are the answers provided through Slido:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Technology adoption, Votes: 3 ● Generational renewal, Votes: 3 ● Connectivity, Votes: 2 ● Data sharing, Votes: 2 ● Data integration ● Lack of tech knowledge ● Mindset of farmers ● Digital Twin? ● Understand opportunity ● Technology adoption ● Consumer behaviour and AI

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positioning EDIH • Training and digital skills • Generational change • Diversity • The seasonal needs 	
Part 3: Are you planning to provide services outside your country?	
Yes (9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (online) Training - Only a small percentage of the total of companies helped - but limited - For example, in Galicia already a webinar on the mussel value chain was scheduled 	No (6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not at the moment

3. Events

- **Synergy Days in Barcelona:** 14-15/10/2024 – Agrifood event
 Registration: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HaBrY_C0K0O16hvQ4PhQYlwmt2tbMBFJudio0eBPNAhUNUJERVM1NUdVU1JIUk5EVlpCNzNVSDdINy4u
 Or contact Lorena van de Kolk, lorena.van.de.kolk@schuttelaar-partners.com
- Events in Portugal: <https://www.sft-edih.eu/> and <https://www.food4sustainability.org/>
- EIT Food Agrifood Open Day in Arruda dos Vinhos; Feira Raiana and i-Danha Food Lab in Idanha-a-Nova
- Common European Agricultural Data Space: final event of the preparatory action will take place on 25.4. [Agridataspace](#) | [Facebook](#)

4. Resources

Resources shared
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Costin Lianu, WeH: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o www.wallachiaehub.ro o www.agroecologytransect o Idee of connection event (rural) – consultancies o https://organicclimatenet.eu/ o https://organictargets.eu/ - Cooperation guidelines for a seamless digitalization support to European SME (EEN and Clusters): https://european-digital-innovation-hubs.ec.europa.eu/knowledge-hub/thematic-groups/networking-networks - Galician Model Villages: https://agader.xunta.gal/es/recuperacion-de-tierras/aldeas-modelo -

5. Action points

Topic	Notes and feedback
Next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes will be shared and made available on the knowledge hub. - Setting up a moderator meeting (internal) to discuss the topics of interest for the Working Group meetings. - Share the collaborative tool(s).