

## European Digital Infrastructure Consortia (EDIC)

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- New tool to implement multi-country projects introduced by the Path to the Digital Decade Programme
- The objective of an EDIC is to contribute to the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the Digital Decade.

Regulated by Decision (EU) 2022/2481  
of the European Parliament and of the  
Council of 14 December 2022.

**Art. 13-21**



# Targets of the Digital Decade 2030

## Public Services

**Key Public Services:** 100% online

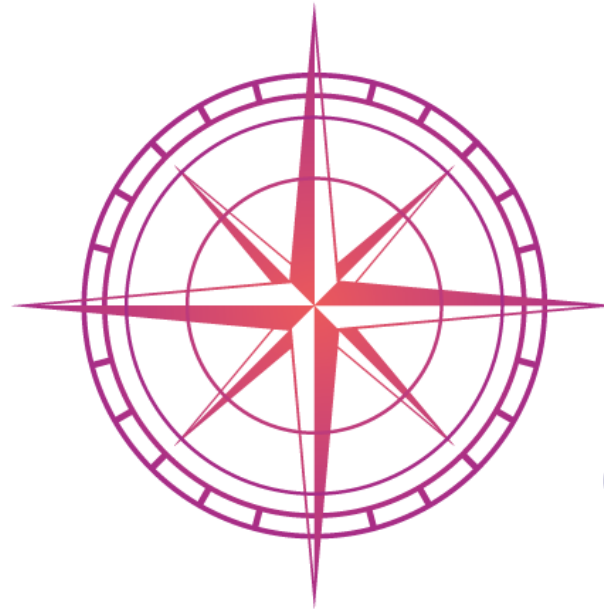
**e-Health:** 100% availability medical records

**Digital Identity:** 80% citizens using digital ID

## Skills

**ICT Specialists:** 20 million + Gender convergence

**Basic Digital Skills:** min 80% of population



## Infrastructures

**Connectivity:** Gigabit for everyone, 5G everywhere

**Cutting edge Semiconductors:** double  
EU share in global production

**Data – Edge & Cloud:** 10,000 climate  
neutral highly secure edge nodes

**Computing:** first computer with quantum acceleration

## Business

**Tech up-take:** 75% of EU companies using Cloud/AI/Big Data

**Innovators:** grow scale ups & finance to double EU Unicorns

**Late adopters:** more than 90% of European SMEs reach  
at least a basic level of digital intensity

## Multi-Country Projects

- **Multi-Country Projects** are large scale projects for:
  - the achievement of the targets for the digital transformation of the Union
  - and industrial recovery
- They will pool EU, national, and private resources to achieve progress that no Member State could do on its own

Multi-country projects will facilitate investments in areas like:



Common data infrastructure and services



Blockchain



Low-power processors



Pan-European deployment of 5G corridors



Local Digital Twins



Secure quantum infrastructure and network of cybersecurity centres



Digital public administration



Digital innovation hubs



High-tech partnerships for digital skills



High-performance computing

## EDIC

- The **European Digital Infrastructure Consortia (EDIC)** is a new instrument proposed by the EU COM to help speed up and simplify the setup and implementation of multi-country projects, where other existing legal frameworks may not be appropriate.
- EDIC allow implementing multi-country projects in a swift and flexible manner, while remaining open to all interested Member States

## Key features of an EDIC

- An EDIC shall have **legal personality**. The basic internal structure of an EDIC shall be **flexible** and defined in the statutes by its members.
- EDIC membership shall include **at least three Member States**. Other Member States may join as members at any time under fair and reasonable conditions specified in the Statutes.
- **Other organizations** may join as members or observers as specified in the Statutes, including third countries, international organizations, public and private entities (Art. 15.4)

## Funding of an EDIC

- The main sources of funding for the EDICs would be **contributions from EDIC members** (possibility of in-kind contribution and cash). Once established, EU funding is possible.
- They will be able to participate in competitions for EU funding, such as **Horizon Europe, the Digital Europe Program, Connecting Europe Facility** or others.
- The **European Union shall not be liable** for the debts of an EDIC. The **EDIC and the MS shall be liable**, in proportion to their contribution. It shall apply the insolvency law of the host Member State.

# Governance of an EDIC

## 1. Assembly of Members. Decision power. Composed of Members + Commission

- European Commission has no voting rights. Exception: where a centrally managed Union program contributes financially, the Commission shall have the right of veto over the decisions of the assembly.
- The Commission may make recommendations in the EDIC annual activity report.

**2. Director.** Represents the executive body. It is appointed by the Assembly of Members

**3. Other committees.** TBD in the statutes



## Creation of an EDIC

- **Submit a (formal) application** containing:
  1. Request EDIC **set up**
  2. Proposed **statutes** EDIC
  3. EDIC **description**
- European Commission **assessment**: accept or reject

# Advantages of EDICs and interest for Spain

The advantages of this instrument over other existing ones include:

- **legal capacity** recognized in all countries of the Union
- **flexibility to adapt** to specific infrastructure requirements
- **exemption from VAT** and excise duties

Participating in EDIC can be of great interest to Spain in order to contribute to the fulfillment of the objectives of the Digital Agenda 2026, as well as to scale infrastructure projects from national to European level.

# Thank you



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