

'Connecting Digital Hubs and Innovation Centres across Europe'

Wednesday 18/10/2017

Venue: Áislann Ghaoth Dobhair



A purpose-built, state of the art Enterprise, Innovation & Cultural Hub in Northwest Donegal, Ireland. How to get [HERE](#)

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ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Digital Hubs in rural and peripheral Europe offer incubation, collaboration, education and training facilities that provide a range of business and community support services. Rural digital hubs are tools for a new strategic vision for the territories, improving the potential and image of rural and peripheral areas as suitable places for digital transformation and entrepreneurship.

Digital Innovation Hubs (DIH) as defined by the European Commission are support facilities that help companies to become more competitive by improving their processes, products and services by means of digital technology. DIHs also act as a one-stop-shop providing access to a range of services designed to improve the capacity of local businesses, communities and individuals to participate in the digital economy.

There's no question about the positive impact that all Digital Hubs can bring into the digital transformation and socio-economic development of the regions. The big challenge stands in how these regions, in many cases impaired by factors such as peripherality or skill deficit, can set up Digital Innovation Ecosystems which provide quality services and sustain them in a rapidly changing environment where new innovations and technologies are constantly emerging.

This workshop will present discuss and explore how to network Hubs within and from different regions, connecting them to other digital innovation services, networks and centres across Europe to create Digital Innovation Ecosystems that enable youth, entrepreneurs and the socially/economically excluded, wherever they are, to fully benefit from and contribute to digital innovation.

This workshop is part of ERUDITE, an EU project funded under the INTERREG EUROPE Programme.

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PROGRAMME

9.30 – 10.00: Registration and Tour of the Áislann centre

10.00 – 10.20: Digital Innovation Hubs within the Donegal Digital Action Plan, reality and ambition – Colm Mc Colgan. General Manager of ERNACT

10.20 – 10.40: Digital Innovation Hubs for Agriculture – Ana Cuadrado Galván, Planning and Programming Officer European Commission – DG AGRI – Research and Innovation Unit

10.40 – 11.30: Streaming/video recorded presentations from other European Hubs:

- **Entrepreneurial Hub (privately owned)** – Ludgate (Skibbereen, Co. Cork)
- **Networking Hubs for a Digital Innovation Ecosystem (University-led)** – national FAB-LAB Network (Slovenia)
- **Hubs for digital economic & social regeneration** – Burgundy-Franche-Comté (France)
- **Family Friendly** - Lab Altobello, Venice (Italy)

11.30 – 11.40: Coffee break

11.40 – 11.50: Agricultural and Rural Development Hubs – ERUDITE plans, projects and experience – ERUDITE representative

11.50 – 12.10: Vision for an European Peripheral Hub Network – Emilija Stojmenova, Researcher at University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Electrical Engineering

12.10 – 12.40: Panel session. Representatives from Donegal Digital Action Plan working group, ERUDITE partners and stakeholders and EU representatives

12.40 – 13.50: Lunch

13.50 – 16.50: SEROI+ Workshop with stakeholders. Theme: Values, Proxies and Return on Investment. Moderated by ERUDITE SEROI+ team.

Know more about the SEROI+ Methodology developed in the ERUDITE project by watching the [SEROI+ video](#)