

# DIH Forum 2026

## „EU Innovation: What's Next”

### Agenda

30 September 2026 | Registration from 09:00 | Media statement at 09:10 | Programme from 09:30

#### Plenary Programme

| TIME        | PROGRAMME                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| 09:00–09:30 | <b>Registration</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 09:30–09:45 | <b>Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Antonella di Sandri, EUD, Head of Operations Section for Economic Development, Natural Resources and Infrastructures</i></li> <li>• <i>Arend Muller, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany</i></li> <li>• <i>Jens Elsner, GIZ</i></li> <li>• <i>Edin Škaljić, FabLab</i></li> </ul> <p>The opening remarks will set the scene for DIH Forum 2026, outlining the Forum’s objectives, the role of Digital Innovation Hubs in supporting SME competitiveness, and the importance of stronger cooperation among institutions, development partners and innovation actors. Speakers will highlight the broader policy and support context for digital and green transformation, innovation and business development, providing a common framework for the sessions and discussions that follow.</p> |
| 09:45–10:15 | <b>European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIHs)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Bojan Ćudić, EDIH Onex</i></li> <li>• <i>Adna Softić, EDIH FusionX</i></li> <li>• <i>Vedran Šimunović, EDIH BH</i></li> </ul> <p>Introduction to the newly established EDIHs, their areas of specialisation, and key services available to SMEs.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| 10:15–11:00 | <p><b>DIH Flagship Services and Panel Discussion</b></p> <p><i><b>Moderator:</b> Siniša Marčić, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)</i></p> <p><i><b>Panelists:</b></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i><b>Maja Ibričić, Industrial HUB Tuzla</b></i></li> <li>• <i><b>Mersiha Muranović, Its4Health HUB</b></i></li> <li>• <i><b>Drago Gverić, DIH "IDEMO"</b></i></li> <li>• <i><b>Edin Škaljić, Digital Storm DIH</b></i></li> </ul> <p>This session will showcase flagship services delivered by four DIH representatives, highlighting their practical value for SMEs, delivery models, and potential for cooperation across the DIH network. The presentations will be followed by a moderated discussion on reducing service duplication, strengthening referral mechanisms, and providing SMEs and other users with clearer and more coordinated access to DIH support.</p> |
| 11:00–11:20 | <b>Coffee Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11:20–11:50 | <p><b>Digital Europe: Funding Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i><b>Anesa Omanović, DEP NCP Bosnia and Herzegovina</b></i></li> <li>• <i><b>Florian Brütting, Digital Transformation Advisor, GIZ Bosnia and Herzegovina</b></i></li> <li>• <i><b>Madžida Hundur, Verlab Institute</b></i></li> <li>• <i><b>Lejla Zvrko, FabLab</b></i></li> </ul> <p>This session will introduce the Digital Europe Programme, its priorities, funding opportunities, participation rules, and applicant support. Practical showcases from Verlab Institute and FabLab will demonstrate industry technology adoption and immersive solutions, including real-time control of industrial robots in Virtual Reality through the UPRAISE project.</p>                                                                                                                                 |

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| 11:50–12:20 | <b>EIT and EIC Programmes and Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Mirza Suljagić, R&amp;D Director, FabLab</i></li><li>• <i>Daria Ler, EIT Community Officer for Bosnia and Herzegovina, EIT Community Hub Bosnia and Herzegovina</i></li></ul> <p>This session will present Ready4EIC programme, supporting SME competitiveness and access to EIC and Horizon Europe opportunities, alongside EIT funding, acceleration, education, and business creation programmes.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 12:20–12:30 | <b>National Innovation Policy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Marko Antonio Brkić, Assistant Minister for Science and Technology, Federal Ministry of Education and Science (FMON)</i></li></ul> <p>This session will provide updates on innovation policy in FBiH, the 2026 call and priorities for 2027 innovation support.</p>                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 12:30–13:00 | <b>Urban Mobility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Matthieu Clouqueur, EIT Urban Mobility</i></li></ul> <p>EIT Urban Mobility priorities, funding and collaboration opportunities.</p> <p>Online   Main Stage</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Urban Food Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Asad Karisik, GIZ</i></li></ul> <p>Horizon Europe opportunities and consortium building for sustainable, digital food systems.</p> <p>Glass Conference Room</p> |
|             | <b>Food</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Mirko Jokić, EIT Food BiH</i></li></ul> <p>Supporting agrifood innovation and strengthening BiH’s connection to Europe’s food ecosystem.</p> <p>Main Stage</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>AI Workshop</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Asad Karisik, GIZ</i></li></ul> <p>Practical overview of Horizon Europe and Digital Europe opportunities for AI adoption.</p> <p>Glass Conference Room</p>             |
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| 13:00–15:00 | <b>Networking (catering and refreshments)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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## One-to-One Meetings

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| 10:00–13:30 | <b>EBRD and SMEs   One-to-One Meeting Slots</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Erna Kurtović</b>, Consultant, EBRD</li></ul> Individual 15-minute meetings with EBRD representatives, offering SMEs an opportunity to discuss their business needs, available support, and potential next steps. Advance registration is required. |

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