



# Green eDIH



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## Green Digital Innovation HUB (GeDIH)

Administat de Green Technology CLUSTER (GTC)  
cu rolul atribuit Guvernator GeDIH (Administrator / Orchestrator),  
având ca entitate juridică de management  
Asociația Green Technology / Tehnologia Verde (GTA)  
Nr. de înregistrare 114 / O5.12.2019, cod fiscal: 42055400  
Cu sediul în România, București, Sector 3, Str. Matei Basarab, nr. 13-15, clădirea Hub Design, et. 4.

## Partnership Statutes and Terms Green eDIH

<https://dih.green/transparency/GreeneDIHPact.pdf>

**GREEN TECHNOLOGY CLUSTER ("GTC")** – having as management entity **GREEN TECHNOLOGY Association („Management Entity” or „Green Technology Association”)** (according to Statute, art. (5) para. (3) lit. (o)), registered at the Register of Associations and Foundations, District 3 Court, Bucharest, with no.114/05.12.2019, Fiscal registration code: 42055400, with registered office in Bucharest, 4th District, 20 Cornelia Street, represented by Gabriel MUNTEANU, President,

Having the role of **GeDIH Governor (Administrator/Orchestrator)** of the Virtual Superstructure of type „**Digital Innovation Center**” called „**Green Digital Innovation HUB**” („**Green eDIH**”) which was constituted on 28 August 2020, hereby adopts the following bylaws and terms of the Green eDIH partnership:

### 1. PREAMBLE

#### (A) European and National Context:

Given the negotiations on the future multiannual financial framework 2021-2027 (CFM), The **European Commission** has proposed a new funding programme dedicated exclusively to supporting the digital transformation of Europe's economy and society. With a proposed budget of almost **9,2 billion euro**, **Digital Europe Programme** aims to improve the EU's international competitiveness by investing heavily in developing the Union's strategic capabilities, supporting the development of key areas such as artificial intelligence (2,5 billion euro), high-performance numerical computation (high-performance computing – HPC) (2,7 billion euro), cyber security (2 billion euro), advanced digital skills (700 million euro), **digitalization of public administration and interoperability (1,3 billion euro)**.

The new proposal for CFM 2021-2027, launched by the Commission on 27 May 2020, emphasize the importance of the digital transformation in the context of the recovery of the European economy following the crisis caused by the **COVID-19 pandemic**, reiterating the need for investment in the digital domain.

**Digital Innovation Centres (Digital Innovation Hubs – DIHs)** will play a key role in achieving the objectives set out in the Digital Europe Programme, stimulating widespread use of new technologies (artificial intelligence, HPC, blockchain etc.) – in



an ecosystem characterised by an adequate level of cybersecurity and conducive to innovation and digital development.

Digital transformation process is a challenge for Member States, and the Romanian Government intends to make every effort to manage this challenge in the most efficient and beneficial way for citizens, for business and the public sector, supported by digital innovation centres.

## **(B) The role of European Digital Innovation Centres (European Digital Innovation Hubs – eDIHs)**

The role of eDIHs is to ensure that innovative digital solutions, based on new technologies, are integrated into the daily work of companies and public administrations. Thus, digital innovation centres offer the opportunity to experiment and test these technologies, to apply them according to the specific needs of the field of activity of each company or public sector institution.

In Romania, at regional level, there are already local initiatives with activities similar to those expected from a European Digital Innovation Centre. The aim of the Digital Europe Programme is to extend existing local initiatives and create a single point (one-stop-shop type) of services offered to businesses and local administrations in Europe, while also fostering cross-border collaboration, by strengthening a European network of digital innovation centres, in the first year of implementation of the Programme.

**Thus, Green eDIH emerged as a result of European Union policies to promote digitization within European regions through IHDs, Green eDIH aiming to be a digital innovation ecosystem for the economy and public administration.**

## **2. Legal nature of the Green eDIH partnership**

Green eDIH is a "Virtual Joint Venture" associative superstructure open to attract new relevant partners for Green eDIHs role as a digital innovation ecosystem for the economy and public administration. The membership procedures are described in detail in point 4 below and the membership form can be found online at the following link: <https://dih.green/form/>

**Green eDIH is not a separate legal entity and has no legal personality.** Green eDIHs a partnership between several public or private entities, with or without legal personality (e.g. entities from the central and local public administration, educational

institutions, research institutes, public and/or private companies, associations, technology clusters etc) which:

- (i) directly and/or indirectly pursue the aims and objectives of the Green eDIH;
- (ii) have concluded the act of accession to the Green eDIH, which represents the willingness of that party to be part of the Green eDIH partnership (including adhering to the terms and conditions set out in this document) and to collaborate with other members to achieve the aims and objectives of Green eDIH as set out in this document.

Green eDIH resources will be allocated from members resources, provided on a voluntary basis or on the basis of specific partnerships and/or associations, to achieve the purpose and objectives set out in this document.

Green eDIH includes a number of physical locations managed by its members, forming a network of structures, each offering access to a different level of know-how and various services in line with the directions agreed and promoted at IHD superstructure level.

Green eDIH does not have a heritage distinct from that of its members.

### 3. Green eDIH Structure

**Governance structure** of the Green eDIH is available, in the latest version prepared and updated by the Management Entity, at the following link:

<https://dih.green/transparency/CodeofGreeneDIHGovernance.pdf>

The latest updated Green eDIH **organisation chart** is available at the following link:

<https://dih.green/transparency/GreeneDIHOrgChart.pdf>

Green eDIH **members** fall into one of the following categories:

- (i) **Beneficiary Members ("Green Beneficiary MEMBERS")**: are central and/or local public authorities and any public or private entity that will intrinsically, directly or indirectly benefit from the services and innovation generated by the Green eDIH ecosystem.
- (ii) **Technology Members - Innovation Generators ("GreenTech MEMBERS")**: are private companies that, by the nature of their activities, have the capacity to generate innovation in the areas of interest to Green eDIH, whether or not organised as technology clusters.



(iii) Associate Members ("**Green Associate MEMBERS**"): public and/or private companies (other than those generating innovation), associations, etc., which, by the nature of their activities, have the capacity to support, in any way, the projects proposed by Green eDIH

Regardless of category, members have the following **rights and benefits**:

- (a) to participate in projects carried out through Green eDIH.
- (b) form associations, companies and/or partnerships among themselves (with or without legal personality) for the purpose of participating in or carrying out Green eDIH projects.
- (c) to withdraw from the Green eDIH partnership by simply notifying the **GeDIH Governor** at the official email address available online in the official portal.

Regardless of category, members have the following **duties**:

- (a) comply with the partnership's statutes and terms, governance structure and Green eDIH organisation chart as they are constantly updated and published online at the links provided in this document and provide full support for the achievement of Green eDIH goals and objectives.
- (b) not cause moral and / or material harm to Green eDIH through their conduct.
- (c) to support materially and morally Green eDIH.

Green eDIH is coordinated and managed by the **GeDIH Governor** with the direct support of the Extended Scientific Council ("**GreenTech Board of Experts**") and **Specialty Commissions („Green eDIH Commissions") which will have an advisory character and will consist of individuals initially of a voluntary nature, as:**

### **GreenTech Boards of Experts**

- Technical Expert/ Researcher delegated by a GTC Member;
- Technical Expert/ Research Delegate of a Green eDIH Member;
- Technical Expert/ External Co-opted Researcher in an advisory or honorary role.

### **Green eDIH Commissions (LEGAL, FINANCIAL, OPERATIONAL, INVESTMENTS, etc)**

- Specialist delegate of a GTC Member;

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- External Co-opted Specialist in an advisory or honorary capacity.

**The composition of the GreenTech Board of Experts** in the latest version drawn up and updated by the Management Entity will be officially available online at: <https://dih.green/>

**The composition of the Green eDIH Commissions** in the latest version developed and updated by the Management Entity, it can be officially consulted online at: <https://dih.green/>

**GeDIH Governor** ensures the full and unconditional management of Green eDIH, and for cases where the need arises to carry out any activity subject to legal personality according to the laws in force, all operations will be carried out by the GTC Management Entity - Green Technology Association.

**GeDIH Governor** as coordinator of the Green eDIH will have to act as an impartial mediator, focusing primarily on the realisation and creation of an eligible framework for the conduct of all national and international activities aimed at achieving the objectives of an DIH in their most effective form and capable of leading to the adoption of common positions of all other current and future members.

**GeDIH** as coordinator of the Green eDIH will have to ensure full transparency of the partnership's status and terms, governance structure, organisation chart, updated composition of the GreenTech Board of Experts, Code of Ethics and Conduct etc.

#### 4. Ways of accession

The Green eDIH membership model is exclusively online, by filling in an Electronic Membership Form and can be done in 2 ways (2-way):

**From the Green eDIH initiative**, which through its competent structures will issue an **OFFICIAL INVITATION**, in exclusively electronic format to a future member, chosen according to the selection criteria arising from the medium and long-term needs for the achievement of the objectives and the realisation of DIH's Programme Platforms or vacancies in the "Boards", "Commissions" or "Programs" which could be filled by Expert Delegates of future eDIH Members. The finality of the accession procedure will however be achieved by completing and submitting the online Electronic Accession Form.

**On the initiative of a Candidate Member** which you will complete online in the Official Portal (which will be transparent and accessible to any), a **MEMBERSHIP**





**APPLICATION on Electronic Form, choosing the type of membership desired and adding the supporting documents in electronic format,** and through its empowered structures, Green eDIH will evaluate the approval or rejection according to the selection criteria arising from the medium and long term needs to achieve the objectives and the realisation of the Programme Platforms of DIHs or vacancies in structures such as “Boards”, “Commissions” and “Programs” which could be filled on a voluntary basis by Expert Delegates of future Green eDIH Members.

The accession procedure will be completed, in either of the 2 accession methods outlined above, exclusively electronically and may not exceed 30 days. Once the online formalities have been completed, a Digital Membership Certificate will be issued, which can be viewed and validated online at: <https://dih.green/members/>

According to the recommendations received in the Technical Assistance Programme for Digital Innovation Centres of the European Commission – DIH help Know-How Transfer Programme an EDIH must be a Virtual and Digital superstructure, an agile, flexible and innovative ecosystem that redefines the efficiency of collaboration between all partner entities of all types, including the development of Public-Private Partnerships, so that the alignment with European standards and laws will be a priority Program within the Green eDIH called **GreenTech Policy** and thus according to this immutable and perfectly tangible desideratum we will constantly evolve and adapt/improve the Accession Procedure, Membership and acceptance criteria and any other document that will form part of the Governance structure, Operation and Coordination, such as Rules of Procedure, Code of Ethics, etc, all these essential documents in any large structure will be available online, in the latest official version, electronically at: <https://dih.green>

### Green eDIH Digital Membership Certificate Template (example):





The description of all types and the list of members will be available online:

<https://dih.green/members/>

Green eDIH members **can be consulted and officially validated online at the following address:**

<https://dih.green/members/>

## 5. Green eDIH goals and objectives

The main goal of Green eDIH is to be a digital innovation ecosystem for the private economy and public administration and to promote in this respect a series of projects aligned with the objectives of the European Commission and the European Union in the main areas targeted by the European strategy through the Digital Europe Programme and the present and future directions, an example being:

[https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/system/files/ged/digital\\_innovation\\_hubs\\_in\\_digital\\_europe\\_programme\\_final2\\_december.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/system/files/ged/digital_innovation_hubs_in_digital_europe_programme_final2_december.pdf)

Green eDIH has the objective to align itself as soon as possible with the future guidelines that the European Union will publish in the guidelines that will follow the establishment of this DIH.

Green eDIH members are committed to working in close cooperation with each other in the area of competence. This collaboration will involve sharing information and knowledge, tools and resources and will underpin proactive partnership approaches to seek funding, develop joint projects and allocate various resources to the digitalisation area, focused on achieving a continuous improvement of the services offered to beneficiary members and all public and private entities that can benefit directly or indirectly from the results of the current and future directions of Green eDIH, such as, for example, the **Programme Platforms:**

**GreenTech Academy Digital Platform** – Virtual coordinator of all Public and Private Academic entities to develop training programmes for the Digital Jobs of the future and create digital skills to support the evolution towards Digital Europe:

<https://dih.green/programs/>

**GreenTech Arena Digital Platform** – The virtual coordinator of all public and private entities that can provide advice and access to non-reimbursable European funding, private investment funds and the promotion and legalization in Romania of the "Crowd Funding" model that will ensure testing before investment of all innovative ideas in order to develop a real innovation and research-development infrastructure that will boost Romanian entrepreneurs:



<https://dih.green/programs/>

The list of Programmes, Programme Directors and Priority Directorates will be permanently updated and transparently available in the Official Portal at: <https://dih.green/programs/>

## 6. How the Green eDIH works

In view of the aims and objectives of the Green eDIH, in the event of desire manifestation to participate in concrete projects proposed by or through the Green eDIH, **its members (regardless of category) will form associations, societies and/or partnerships among themselves (with or without legal personality), for the purpose of participating in or carrying out projects.**

## 7. Duration

Green eDIH is constituted for an unlimited period of time.

## 8. Financial/operational support

Given that participation as a member of the Green eDIH partnership is free of charge, financial and operational support of the Green eDIH partnership (including salary payments) will be the responsibility of the GTC Management Entity.

## 9. Communications

In order to ensure optimal and unified communication with all its external partners, in addition to the members means of communication (email, phone, website etc.) Green eDIH will have the following own communication elements:

- Official contact address Green eDIH: [contact@DIH.green](mailto:contact@DIH.green)
- Official Green eDIH website: [www.DIH.green](http://www.DIH.green)

Official address: Green Technology Cluster headquarters: Bucharest, 4<sup>th</sup> District, 20 Cornelia Street.



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GreeneDIH GOVERNOR,  
Green Technology Cluster

Cluster PRESIDENT,  
Gabriel MUNTEANU

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