



Call for Financial Support for Organisations

Transnational Activities in Belgium

Guidelines for applicants

V1.0



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1 DIGIT-ABLE project

The DIGIT-ABLE project aims at supporting the digital transformation by giving access to digital learning opportunities such as trainings, hackathons, and study visits and seminars in the form of a lump sum grant to selected social enterprises: work integration social enterprises (WISEs); service providers, with a specific focus on those providing services to people with disabilities; and enabling organisations. The goal is to equip social enterprises with the knowledge and skills needed to leverage the latest digital technologies and support digital technology uptake.

The DIGIT-ABLE project is funded by the EU Single Market Programme under the call Proximity and Social Economy Industrial Ecosystem: Boosting the Digital Transition of Social Economy Enterprises and SMEs (SMP-COSME-2023-SEED).

The project runs between 2 September 2024 and 28 February 2027.

2 Aim of the call for financial support

Launched in the framework of the DIGIT-ABLE project, the objective of this Call for Financial Support for Organisations is to **build capacities of social enterprises**, such as **WISEs** and **service providers, with special focus on those providing services to persons with disabilities**, and **enabling organisations**.

Through the DIGIT-ABLE's financial support, up to **100 organisations** may receive **financial support to cover travel expenses** for attending and participating in **the DIGIT-ABLE Transnational Activities in Belgium on 6 October 2026**.

This Call for Financial Support for Organisations will be **open from 1 July 2026 till 31 August 2026**.

Selected organisations can only receive 1 grant, regardless:

- the type of activity (local training programme, local hackaton, or (inter)national study visit);
- the amount of activities or events they have participated in;
- the amount of participants of their organisation.

The actual number of organisations awarded funding is subject to the availability of funds within the overall budget of EUR 42,000.00.

2.1 Transnational activities in Belgium

This Call for Financial Support for Organisations allows eligible organisations to register to apply for financial support related to the traveling costs of the transnational activities in Belgium.

The transnational activities will take place in Leuven and West Flanders on **Tuesday, 6 October 2026**. They can be combined with **EASPD's Annual Conference** and **30th Anniversary celebrations**, which will be held on **Monday, 5 October** and **Wednesday, 7 October 2026**, in Brussels.

Participants can attend **only one** of the two transnational DIGIT-ABLE activities on **Tuesday, 6 October 2026**. During registration, they will be asked to choose between the **study visit to Leuven** and the **study visit to West Flanders**.

Table 1 – High level DIGIT-ABLE transnational activity programme in Belgium

Leuven (by bus)	West Flanders (by bus)
Maximum of 50 participants	Maximum of 50 participants
Main target group Although this activity is open to all social enterprises and enabling organisations, the programme is primarily designed for work integration social enterprises (WISEs) , as well as their enabling organisations and policymakers .	Main target group Although this activity is open to all social enterprises and enabling organisations, the programme is primarily designed for social enterprises providing services to persons with disabilities , as well as their enabling organisations and policymakers .
Morning programme Group bus transfer from Brussels to Leuven. The morning takes place at ViTeS , a work integrating social enterprise. ViTeS is a major player in the WISE sector in Flemish Brabant and Brussels and is recognised by the UN as an SDG Ambassador. With 11 "Kringwinkels" (second-hand stores), 4 logistic hubs, and 2 sales points in Brussels, ViTeS employs 750 people. Participants take part in two interactive visits: Logistics hub – Discover how reusable goods are collected, sorted and prepared for resale through an efficient, sustainable, and technology supported logistics process.	Morning programme Group bus transfer from Brussels to Hoogdele-Gits. During the bus transfer, participants will receive an introduction to the care and support ecosystem in West Flanders, followed by short presentations on the associated organisations De Lovie , Inoa and Althus . The morning takes place at the shared campus of Groep Gidts , bringing together Dominiek Savio , Mariasteen and Lichtwerk , pioneers in inclusive care, education, employment and technological innovation. Participants rotate through four interactive sessions:

Leuven (by bus)	West Flanders (by bus)
Second-hand shop – Visit one of ViTeS' main shops and learn how the employment of workers with support needs contributes to the circular economy while creating meaningful job opportunities.	- DIGIT-ABLE and INSPIRE – Introduction to Groep Gids, its European projects and the results of the DIGIT-ABLE hackathon. - MakersCorner – Visit to an inclusive fablab showcasing digital maker skills, assistive technologies, 3D printing and laser cutting. - Gaming for Everyone – Client testimonial demonstrating how assistive technologies enhance participation for people with high support needs. - Talentier – Visit to a special needs secondary school illustrating how interdisciplinary collaboration and technology support personalised learning.
Lunch A sandwich lunch will be served. The lunch provides an opportunity for networking and peer learning.	Lunch Lunch at the social restaurant Hoeve Ter Kerst , offering opportunities for networking and peer learning. Group bus transfer to Bruges.
Afternoon programme The afternoon takes place at Flanders Make , the Flemish strategic research centre for the manufacturing industry, where researchers and companies collaborate to develop and apply cutting-edge technologies. Through its collaboration with WISEs, Flanders Make helps translate cutting-edge manufacturing technologies into practical workplace solutions. Across Flanders, the WISE sector employs around 29,000 workers with support needs and plays an important role in demonstrating how technological innovation can support more inclusive and productive workplaces. Participants will discover: Research and collaboration – Learn how Flanders Make and WISEs collaborate to translate technological innovation into practical workplace solutions.	Afternoon programme The afternoon takes place at Viro , a social enterprise providing innovative support services for people with disabilities. After an introduction and guided tour of De Pastorie, participants split into three groups for a study visit combined with a facilitated peer learning session. Participants will visit one of the following: - Option 1 – Brake Out and Ter Dreve: Discover an innovative training programme for young people with support needs and visit Viro's care campus, where digital tools, inclusive outdoor spaces and community development come together. - Option 2 – Den Heye and Koekegoed: Visit a small-scale inclusive housing project and a neighbourhood bakery that strengthen community participation, supported by

Leuven (by bus)	West Flanders (by bus)
Innovation fair and demonstrations – Explore a range of state-of-the-art technologies that support the employment of workers with support needs through interactive demos and practical examples. The afternoon programme also highlights DIGITALIS, the European Digital Innovation Hub (EDIH) for the manufacturing industry in Flanders. DIGITALIS supports companies in adopting advanced digital technologies by offering access to expertise, testing facilities, training and guidance, helping organisations accelerate their digital transformation before making major investments.	assistive technologies and innovative community initiatives. Option 3 – Die Keure and Supported Employment: Discover how Die Keure, Emino and Viro collaborate to create sustainable inclusive employment through workplace adaptations, job coaching and digital workplace technologies.
Return to Brussel by bus	Evening programme
	Participants may either: - Join a guided walking tour of Bruges, followed by a reception at Bruges City Hall and a collective bus transfer back to Brussels, or - Return to Brussels by train.

Full programme: A **draft of the full programme and provisional timeline** can be consulted in [Chapter 10](#). **The final programme will be shared with registered participants during the first half of September 2026.** At that stage, participants will be asked to confirm their **attendance**, indicate any **dietary requirements**, select their **preferred afternoon study visit option**, and specify whether they require **accessible transport**.

Registration: **Participants must register via www.groepmaatwerk.be/digit-able. Each participant is asked to register individually.**

Language: **English**

Cost: **Participation in the transnational activities on 6 October 2026 is free of charge. DIGIT-ABLE can provide financial support to cover travel, accommodation and subsistence costs in the form of a lump sum.**

This Call for Financial Support for Organisations will be **open from 1 July 2026 till 31 August 2026** at 23:59 CEST, and it has a total budget of 42,000.00 EUR for supporting selected organisations participate in the activities.

2.2 Financial support for the transnational activities

In addition to a **transnational activity** itself that is offered **free of charge**, **DIGIT-ABLE can provide financial support to cover travel, accommodation and subsistence costs** in the form of a lump sum.

Note that the financial support is provided if the in-person activity or event is organised **more than 20 km away from the legal place of establishment of the selected organisation** and if the participant attends the whole activity or event. For travelling, greener modes of transport should always be favoured, when possible.

Selected organisations will receive a lump sum payment of 200 EUR, 300 EUR, 450 EUR or 600 EUR. The lump sum payment is provided for travel, accommodation, and subsistence costs. The financial support is based on the distance from location of the legal headquarters of the applicant to the venue, as mentioned in the table below:

Table 2 – Distance from location of the legal headquarters of the applicant to the venue

Distance	Amount in EUR
If the legal address of the organisation is located less than 20 km from the venue	0 EUR
If the organisation is based outside Flanders and if the legal address of the organisation is located from 20 km to less than 249 km from the venue	300 EUR
If the organisation is based outside Flanders and if the legal address of the organisation is located from 250 km to less than 699 km from the venue	450 EUR
If the organisation is based outside Flanders and if the legal address of the organisation is located more than 700 km from the venue	600 EUR
Only for organisations in Flanders: If the legal address of the organisation is located more than 20 km from the venue	200 EUR

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3 Timeline, typology of financial support, and eligibility criteria

3.1 Timeline of the call for financial support for organisations

Table 3 – Timeframe of the call

Item	Timeframe
Call opening	1 July 2026
Application for the call	www.groepmaatwerk.be/digit-able - A separate Dutch-language registration form is available for organisations based in Flanders. - All other organisations should use the English-language registration form.
Deadline for submission	31 August 2026 at 23:59 CEST (or sooner, should the budget be depleted)
Evaluation	Applications will be evaluated between 1 September 2026 and 6 September 2026
Results and notifications	Organisations will receive a response between 7 September 2026 and 11 September 2026
Deadline for confirmation of attendance	Selected organisations will be asked to confirm their attendance before 18 September 2026
Indicative date of signature of agreement	Selected organisations will be asked to sign a combined Payment Form and a Sub-Grant Agreement before 31 October 2026
Indicative date of payment	The payment will be made before 31 December 2026

3.2 Typology of financial support

Each selected organisation will receive a lump sum payment.

3.2.1 What is a lump sum payment?

A lump sum is a fixed amount of money, which must be dedicated by the applying entity to participate in a DIGIT-ABLE event. Since the granting of a lump sum does not foresee the delivery of detailed financial reporting and timesheets, the following rules and limitations per type of financial support must be respected:

- Only costs generated for the participation in the event can be eligible.
- Costs must be determined in accordance with the usual accounting and management principles and practices of the social enterprises, service providers, and enabling organisations at national laws.
- The financial contribution for the eligible costs per financial support scheme will be given to the selected organisations in the form of a lump sum.
- A form of proof of costs must be submitted by the beneficiary when requesting the reimbursement.

The lump sum must be contributing to the following costs incurred by the beneficiary:

- Travel costs: transportation (flight, train, mileage or similar) to attend the event.
- Accommodation, meals and other personal allowance to participate: only costs spent for the days of the event will be eligible.

3.2.2 Number of lump sum payments per organisation

Selected beneficiaries can only receive 1 grant on the organisational level, regardless the amount of in-person activities or events they attend and regardless the amount of participants of their organisation.

The financial support is awarded to the applicant as an organisation, not to individual persons. Thus, the financial support granted can be used to cover as many staff members as possible travelling from the benefiting organisations.

3.3 Eligibility criteria

Funds can only be used to support **travel, accommodation, and subsistence** costs for participating organisations engaging in the activities or events organised in virtue of the calls published by DIGIT-ABLE. The persons or categories of persons which may receive the financial support could be staff, supervisors, managers, directors, and entrepreneurs working in:

Social Enterprises (SE): mission-driven organisations that prioritise social goals, reinvest profits for the common good, and operate with participatory governance models (European Commission, n.d.).

Work Integration Social Enterprises (WISE): a subset of SEs, promoting the inclusion of disadvantaged individuals through productive employment and economic empowerment (Marocchi et al., 2022). They address various forms of social exclusion and unemployment through a vast range of organisational structures such as SEs, cooperatives, or associations.

SEs providing services to persons with disabilities follow a dual focus, combining business purposes with a social mission (European Commission, n.d.). In other words, they integrate an economic or commercial focus (i.e., providing goods and services for the market) in an entrepreneurial and innovative way with a social mission. The DIGIT-ABLE project includes SEs that focus on work integration or day-time activities specifically aimed at individuals with disabilities.

Social Economy Enabling Organisations: entities that support and promote the development and functioning of the Proximity and Social Economy ecosystem by managing a network of social economy organisations (such as cooperatives, mutual benefit societies, associations, foundations, and social enterprises), creating networking opportunities, providing direct support to them, etc. These organisations have an important role in driving the digital transformation and/or transition of SMEs and entities working in the social economy sector.

To be eligible for the financial support the applicants must be:

- Legal entities (public or private bodies)
- Established (i.e. place of establishment) more than 20 km away from the place of the activity or event
- Established in one of the eligible countries:
 - For national activities or events, organisations established in:
 - Belgium, the Netherlands, Romania and Spain
 - For transnational activities or events, organisations established in:
 - EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories – OCTs)
 - Non-EU countries participating in the [Single Market Programme](#): Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye, Moldova, Montenegro, and Ukraine

4 Selection process, contracting, compliance, and payment

4.1 Selection process

Submitted applications will be evaluated by a DIGIT-ABLE Selection Committee. All applications for financial support under DIGIT-ABLE will undergo a rigorous and transparent evaluation process. The **Selection Committee** will assess applications based on predefined criteria ensuring fairness and alignment with project objectives, ensuring the confidentiality of the received information.

The Selection Committee will meet regularly to evaluate all the applications and will also monitor the use of the grants to ensure the proper use of funding.

4.1.1 Evaluation process

- 1 **Eligibility check:** A preliminary review to ensure that the applicant meets all eligibility requirements.
- 2 **Technical evaluation:** Scoring based on award criteria.
- 3 **Final selection and ranking:** Applications will be ranked based on their final score. If budget constraints arise, the highest-ranked proposals will be selected.
- 4 **Notification of results:** Applicants will be informed of their status within the specified timeframe.

4.1.2 Award criteria

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

Table 4 – Award criteria

Criteria	Description	%	Score (0-5)
Relevance for digital transformation objectives	How well the applicant's participation aligns with DIGIT-ABLE's mission to enhance digital skills in social enterprises (WISEs and service providers, with special focus on services provided to persons with disabilities) and enabling organisations.	20%	5
Link to the disability sector	The social enterprise or enabling organisation is linked to the disability	10%	5

Criteria	Description	%	Score (0-5)
	sector, either employing, supporting their work integration or providing services to persons with disabilities.		
Contribution to DIGIT-ABLE's programme	Commitment to knowledge-sharing and involvement in additional programme activities and events (e.g., peer-learning, training, mentorship).	20%	5
Learning needs	Clearly defined learning needs in terms of upskilling/reskilling linked to digitalisation	20%	5
Expected impact and outcomes	Clear definition of expected benefits from participation, including the impact on the applicant's organisation and wider network.	30%	5

4.1.3 Scoring system

Each criterion will be scored on a **0-5 scale**, with the total weighted score determining the final ranking.

Table 5 – Scoring system

Score	Definition
0 – Fail	The proposal fails to address the criterion or is ineligible due to missing or incomplete information.
1 – Poor	The criterion is inadequately addressed, with significant weaknesses. There are significant shortcomings or deviations compared to the objectives of the DIGIT-ABLE project in Belgium.
2 – Fair	The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are notable shortcomings. There are notable shortcomings or deviations compared to the objectives of the DIGIT-ABLE project in Belgium.
3 – Good	The criterion is well addressed but has some limitations. There are small deviations compared to the objectives of the DIGIT-ABLE project in Belgium.

Score	Definition
4 – Very good	The proposal successfully meets the criterion with minor weaknesses. There are minimal deviations compared to the objectives of the DIGIT-ABLE project in Belgium.
5 – Excellent	The proposal fully meets all aspects of the criterion with no significant shortcomings.

4.1.4 Ranking and selection

- Applications **must meet a minimum threshold score** to be considered for funding.
- In case of a tie, funding will be awarded on a **first-come, first-served** basis.
- The **final number of awards** will depend on the overall quality of proposals and available budget.

4.1.5 Communication of results

Applicants will receive a **response between 7 September 2026 and 11 September 2026**.

4.2 Terms and conditions for organisations applying for funding

- The applying organisation is a (a) social enterprise (such as WISEs and service providers for persons with disabilities and other disadvantaged groups) or (b) social economy enabling (intermediary) organisation that supports SMEs in their digital transition.
- The applying organisation carries out activities in the social economy sector.
- The information provided about the applying organisation is accurate.
- The applying organisation is committed or interested in digital skills development and digital transformation, and will participate in the in-person transnational activities in Belgium on 6 October 2026, organised by the DIGIT-ABLE project.
- The applying organisation understands that failure to complete the activit(y)(ies) or event(s) it has granted financial support for may result in non-payment or reimbursement obligations.
- The applying organisation is in a financial position to cover the costs that might exceed DIGIT-ABLE financial support.
- The applying organisation agrees to comply with audit and financial control requirements set by the European Commission and EISMEA.

4.3 Contracting and compliance

- Selected applicants must sign a **Sub-Grant Agreement (SGA)** with the national partner.
- By signing it, the beneficiary accepts the financial support in the form of lump sum, obligations, legal provisions and payment modalities, and agrees to fulfil the requirements to receive the payment under their own responsibility.
- Participation in the programme of the specific activity is **mandatory to receive financial support**.
- Participants must provide feedback on the activity and the service that the DIGIT-ABLE project has delivered with the financial support.
- **Non-compliance** may lead to funding withdrawal or reimbursement obligations.
- Participants agree to **audit and financial tracking** measures as per EU funding regulations.

4.4 General payment terms

- All payments will be made in euros (€ / EUR).
- The financial support will be paid within 2 months after the beneficiary has submitted a combined Payment Form and Sub-Grant Agreement duly filled and signed. In addition, the following documents must also be completed:
 - the Attendance List during the activity or event: signed;
 - the Evaluation Form and the Proof of Travel (e.g., train tickets, boarding passes, and/or hotel receipts) at the end of the activity or event: filled in and submitted.
- Costs incurred for the implementation of the project must be used for the sole and close purpose of achieving the objectives of the project and its expected results, in a transparent manner consistent with the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.
- DIGIT-ABLE will not be responsible for paying any costs applied for and incurred by the beneficiaries in case of non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the DIGIT-ABLE funding scheme.
- Payments will be made to the selected organisations by the DIGIT-ABLE national partners, defined in the Sub-Grant Agreement.
- Submission of an application does not constitute an entitlement for funding.
- The recipients of the financial support from DIGIT-ABLE must ensure that the European Commission, EISMEA, the European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) and the Court of Auditors (ECA) can exercise their powers of control, on documents, information, even stored on electronic media, or the final beneficiaries' premises.

4.5 Additional considerations

- **Double funding is strictly prohibited.** Applicants cannot receive funding for the same activity or event from multiple EU sources.
- **Sustainability and knowledge-sharing commitments** are encouraged as part of the evaluation process.
- The **evaluation process will be conducted under strict ethical guidelines**, ensuring confidentiality and impartiality.

5 Complaint

For any complaints regarding the call results, please contact the DIGIT-ABLE consortium within 5 days after the announcement of the results, communicating the following information:

- Applicants contact name and details.
- The object of your complaint.
- Information and evidence of the alleged breach.

The DIGIT-ABLE Selection Committee will examine the complaint based on the information brought forward by the applicant, will assess the case and decide whether the complaint is justified or not and will inform the applicant on the decision taken.

If the complaint is considered justified, the DIGIT-ABLE Selection Committee will reevaluate the project application and the related assessment part, subject to the complaint providing an updated assessment. The final decision on the complaint will be communicated to the applicant in writing within 15 working days from the date of submitting the complaint. This decision will be final, binding to all parties and not subject to any further complaint proceedings within the programme if the complaint is based on the same grounds.

DIGIT-ABLE's FSTP Complaint Form: <https://forms.gle/SkZ4bwwmoiBeymcbA>

6 Data management

Personal data and information are provided in the [Application Form](#) and subsequent documents for the immediate purpose of allowing a full and successful evaluation of applicants. This includes:

- Name and contact details of the applicant (telephone number, postal address, address, internet website)
- Name and details of the contact person / the grant recipient's representative (name, position, telephone number, email and signature)
- VAT and/or registration number of the company
- Bank account reference (IBAN and BIC codes)

- Financial information about the company (number of employees, annual turnover or balance)

The General Data Protection Regulation (2016/679/EU) guarantees that the processing of data is carried out in compliance with the fundamental rights and freedoms, as well as the dignity of the data subject with particular reference to confidentiality, personal identity and the right to data protection. By applying, the applicant agrees to the storage and use of their personal data for the execution of the DIGIT-ABLE objectives and work plan related to the financial support. Submitting an application for the DIGIT-ABLE call implies full, complete and unreserved acceptance of these regulations.

7 Gender equality diversity, and social inclusion

The DIGIT-ABLE consortium is fully compromised with gender balance, diversity, and social inclusion. Applicants are encouraged and expected to take all possible measures to promote equal opportunities between people of all genders, disabilities and non-disabilities, social backgrounds, and ethnicity.

8 Disclaimer

This document serves for information purposes only. No rights can be claimed based on this document.

This document does not reflect the views of the European Union and/or the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA). Neither the European Union nor the other EC bodies can be held responsible for them.

The DIGIT-ABLE consortium is not responsible for any mistakes or misinterpretations that this document may cause. In the case of inconsistencies, the DIGIT-ABLE Consortium will determine the steps to be taken, in cooperation with the applicant concerned.

Consequential damages: In no event shall either party be liable to the other or any of its affiliates for any consequential, incidental, indirect, special, punitive or exemplary damages (including, without limitation, lost profits, business or goodwill) suffered or incurred by such other party or its affiliates in connection with this financing scheme, even if advised of the possibility of such damages.

Direct damages: DIGIT-ABLE's liability for direct damages will be limited to the amount of the financial contribution awarded to the applicant pending of payment.

9 Terms and conditions

Selected applicants agree and accept all the terms and conditions specified in this document: the financial support in the form of lump sum, obligations, legal provisions and payment modalities, and agree to fulfil the requirements to receive the payment under their own responsibility.

With adequate compliance and reporting of the supported activity and payment of the beneficiary, this agreement is automatically terminated, and the beneficiary fully accepts that no additional payments are due.

Unjustified withdrawal by the beneficiary of the current fulfilment of its obligations or breach of its obligations under this call. In this particular case, it entitles the DIGIT-ABLE consortium the right to claim from the beneficiary the full refund of the payments made to the beneficiary up to date.

Without prejudice of other situations, the DIGIT-ABLE consortium may cancel the payments, if:

1. A change to the legal entity of the beneficiary, as the legal, financial, technical, organisational or ownership situation of the beneficiary is likely to substantially affect or delay the implementation of the action or calls into question the decision to award the grant;
2. Implementation of the action is prevented by force majeure (as defined below) or suspended by the DIGIT-ABLE consortium and either:
 - 2.1. resumption is impossible, or
 - 2.2. the necessary changes to this agreement would either call into question the decision awarding the grant or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants;
3. The beneficiary (or a natural person who has the power to represent or take decisions on its behalf) has been found guilty of professional misconduct, proven by any means;
4. The beneficiary does not comply with the applicable national law on taxes and social security;
5. The beneficiary (or a natural person who has the power to represent or take decisions on its behalf) has committed fraud, corruption, or is involved in a criminal organisation, money laundering or any other illegal activity;
6. The beneficiary (or a natural person who has the power to represent or take decisions on its behalf) has committed:
 - 6.1. substantial errors, irregularities or fraud; or

6.2. serious breach of obligations under this agreement or during the award procedure (including improper implementation of the action, submission of false information, failure to provide required information, breach of ethical principles);

7. The beneficiary (or a natural person who has the power to represent or take decisions on its behalf) has committed, in other EU grants awarded to it under similar conditions, systemic or recurrent errors, irregularities, fraud or serious breach of obligations that have a material impact on this grant.

Beneficiary obligations and responsibility

The beneficiary is obliged to conduct its activities and actions hereunder in a responsible manner in line with the highest ethical standards and complying with applicable legislation and European Union's rules and guidelines.

Additionally, the beneficiary must take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the actions under this agreement is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest ("conflict of interests").

In case the beneficiary is involved in a situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interest, the beneficiary must formally notify this situation to the DIGIT-ABLE consortium without delay and immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation, without prejudice of the right of the DIGIT-ABLE consortium and its constituent partners to terminate this agreement with the right to claim the beneficiary the full refund of all payments made to the beneficiary up to date.

The beneficiary must communicate solely with the project contact points and project coordinator about this agreement, and do not contact EISMEA – European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency directly.

The beneficiary should provide and retain all records and other supporting documentation (original documents) listed in this agreement as well as others related to the implementation of the activity for a period of five (5) years after the end of the transnational activities in Belgium and will provide these to the project coordinator, if requested within this period. Digital and digitalised documents are considered originals if they are authorised by the applicable national law. Non-original documents may be accepted if they offer a comparable level of assurance.

The beneficiary must provide the project contact point with all documents for payments on due time.

The beneficiary must provide the project coordinator and/or the EU with any information, documents, materials, results in case necessary, as well as allowing visits in situ in case of such reviews, checks and/or audits.

Force majeure

"Force majeure" shall mean any unforeseeable exceptional situation or event beyond the parties involved, which prevents either of them from fulfilling any of their obligations under the agreement, which was not

attributable to error or negligence on their part and which proves to be inevitable in spite of exercising all due diligence.

Any default of a service, defect in equipment or material or delays in making them available, strikes or financial difficulties cannot be invoked as force majeure.

The beneficiary shall take the necessary measures to limit any damage due to force majeure. They shall do their best to resume the implementation of the action as soon as possible.

In case the beneficiary or the DIGIT-ABLE consortium is not able to overcome the consequences of force majeure within 10 (ten) days after such notification, the DIGIT-ABLE consortium will decide accordingly including the termination of the agreement.

Financial support and payment

The DIGIT-ABLE consortium will provide financial support to cover travel, accommodation and subsistence costs in a one-time payment in the form of lump sum for one of the in-person activities if the in-person activity is organised more than 20 km away from the legal place of establishment of the beneficiary, if the representative of the beneficiary attends the whole activity and if the evaluation form has been completed. For travelling, greener modes of transport should always be favoured, when possible.

The beneficiary will receive the financial support based on:

- Signature of the attendance list;
- The presentation of the invoice and proof of payment of travel, subsistence and/or accommodation;
- The completion of the evaluation form;
- Submitting the claim for financial support to third parties.

Liability of the beneficiary

The DIGIT-ABLE consortium, the Agency and/or the European Commission (EC) cannot be held liable for any damage caused to the beneficiary as a consequence of implementing the agreement, including for gross negligence.

The DIGIT-ABLE consortium, the Agency and/or the European Commission (EC) cannot be held liable for any damage caused by the beneficiary, as a consequence of implementing the this agreement.

Neither the DIGIT-ABLE consortium nor the Agency and/or the EC can be held liable for any acts or omissions of the beneficiary in relation to this agreement. At the same time, the beneficiary is responsible for any act or omission that causes damage to the DIGIT-ABLE consortium and/or the Agency and/or the EC in relation to this agreement.

The beneficiary shall bear sole responsibility for ensuring that their acts within the framework of this agreement do not infringe third parties' rights. The DIGIT-ABLE consortium and its constituent parties shall bear no responsibility.

Data processing

Data included in the agreement and all others confidential information will be used solely for the purpose of implementing activities and procedures as described in the DIGIT-ABLE call selection and may be shared among the DIGIT-ABLE partners. The partnership may process the received personal data in accordance with the current legislation on protection and processing of personal data.

In order to receive the financial support, the selected organisations must express their acknowledgement and consent in relation to data use, that is collected strictly to bring evidence of the proper implementation of the DIGIT-ABLE project.

The data shall be kept for the duration of the project-life plus 5 (five) years beyond, according to the rule related to possible audits. You can access your data, rectify them, request their deletion or exercise your right to restrict the processing of your data. To exercise these rights, if you have any questions about the processing of your data in this system and for additional information please email the project coordinator (miguel.buitrago@easpd.eu / nora.gyorke@easpd.eu).

Financial audits and controls

The beneficiary shall keep the originals or, in exceptional cases, duly authenticated copies – including electronic copies – of all documents relating to the agreement until 2030. These shall be made available to the European Commission where requested during any audit under the DIGIT-ABLE's Grant Agreement.

10 Draft of the full programme and provisionals timeline

10.1 Study visit and peer learning Leuven

Although this activity is open to all social enterprises and enabling organisations, the programme is primarily designed for **work integration social enterprises (WISEs)**, as well as their **enabling organisations** and **policymakers**.

The final programme will be shared with registered participants during the first half of September 2026. At that stage, participants will be asked to confirm their **attendance** and indicate any **dietary and accessibility requirements**.

Table 6 – Draft of the DIGIT-ABLE transnational activity programme in Leuven, Belgium

Timing	Programme	Location
9:30	Group bus transfer from Brussels to Leuven.	EASPD conference venue, Brussels
10:15	The morning takes place at ViTeS, a work integrating social enterprise. ViTeS is a major player in the WISE sector in Flemish Brabant and Brussels and is recognised by the UN as an SDG Ambassador. With 11 "Kringwinkels" (second-hand stores), 4 logistic hubs, and 2 sales points in Brussels, ViTeS employs 750 people. Participants take part in two interactive visits: - Logistics hub – Discover how reusable goods are collected, sorted and prepared for resale through an efficient, sustainable, and technology supported logistics process. - Second-hand shop – Visit one of ViTeS' main shops and learn how the employment of workers with support needs contributes to the circular economy while creating meaningful job opportunities.	ViTeS, IJzerenmolenstraat 4, 3001 Heverlee (Leuven)
12:15	A sandwich lunch will be served. The lunch provides an opportunity for networking and peer learning.	

Timing	Programme	Location
13:00	The afternoon takes place at Flanders Make, the Flemish strategic research centre for the manufacturing industry, where researchers and companies collaborate to develop and apply cutting-edge technologies. Through its collaboration with WISEs, Flanders Make helps translate cutting-edge manufacturing technologies into practical workplace solutions. Across Flanders, the WISE sector employs around 29,000 workers with support needs and plays an important role in demonstrating how technological innovation can support more inclusive and productive workplaces. Participants will discover: • Research and collaboration – Learn how Flanders Make and WISEs collaborate to translate technological innovation into practical workplace solutions. • Innovation fair and demonstrations – Explore a range of state-of-the-art technologies that support the employment of workers with support needs through interactive demos and practical examples. The afternoon programme also highlights DIGITALIS, the European Digital Innovation Hub (EDIH) for the manufacturing industry in Flanders. DIGITALIS supports companies in adopting advanced digital technologies by offering access to expertise, testing facilities, training and guidance, helping organisations accelerate their digital transformation before making major investments.	Flanders Make, Gaston Geenslaan 8, 3001 Heverlee (Leuven)
16:00	Return to Brussels by bus. Arrival expected between 16:30 and 17:00.	

10.2 Study visit and peer learning West Flanders

Although this activity is open to all social enterprises and enabling organisations, the programme is primarily designed for **social enterprises providing services to persons with disabilities**, as well as their **enabling organisations** and **policymakers**.

The final programme will be shared with registered participants during the first half of September 2026. At that stage, participants will be asked to confirm their **attendance**, indicate any **dietary requirements**, select their **preferred afternoon study visit option**, and specify whether they require **accessible transport**.

Table 7 – Draft of the DIGIT-ABLE transnational activity programme in West Flanders, Belgium

Timing	Programme	Location
8:30	Group bus transfer from Brussels to Hooglede-Gits in the province of West Flanders. During the bus transfer, participants will receive an introduction to the care and support ecosystem in West Flanders, followed by short presentations on the associated organisations De Lovie, Inoa and Althus.	EASPD conference venue, Brussels
10:30	Groep Gidts connects and supports Dominiek Savio and Mariasteen, two organisations that together cover care, special needs education and employment for people with disabilities in the province of West Flanders, Belgium. All of them are pioneers in social and technological innovation. Their shared campus in Gits brings together a remarkable concentration of expertise, infrastructure, inclusive technologies and lived experience. The morning consists of a rotation system of short interactive sessions, each lasting about half an hour. (1) Introduction to the supporting role of Groep Gidts, the DIGIT-ABLE and INSPIRE projects, and how European cooperation accelerates the digital transition of social enterprises. (2) Visit to the MakersCorner, an inclusive fablab where technology, innovation and creativity come together. Using digital maker skills, assistive technologies and digital fabrication techniques such as 3D printing and laser cutting, people with disabilities co-create sustainable and personalised aids and tools that enhance their independence and participation in life.	Groep Gidts, Koolskampstraat 39B, 8830 Hooglede-Gits

Timing	Programme	Location
	(3) Testimonial on "Gaming for Everyone", an example of how Groep Gids co-creates assistive solutions for people with high support needs and intact cognitive abilities. A client and experienced gamer share their personal experiences and the impact of the initiative. (4) Visit to special needs secondary school "Talentier", demonstrating how teachers, therapists and learning support staff work together as one integrated team to provide personalised support for every pupil. The visit also highlights how technology supports inclusive education and personalised learning.	
13:00	Lunch at social restaurant Hoeve Ter Kerst , offering an opportunity for networking and peer learning. Group bus transfer from Hooglede-Gits to Bruges in the province of West Flanders.	Hoeve Ter Kerst, Ter Kerst 1, 8830 Hooglede-Gits
14:30	Viro is a social enterprise in the Bruges region that provides tailored support for children, young people and adults with disabilities or other support needs. Through a broad range of services, including residential care, day support and community-based assistance, Viro enables people to live as independently and inclusively as possible. After a welcome and short guided tour of Viro De Pastorie, an example of inclusive living, participants will be divided into three groups. Each group will take part in a dedicated study visit followed by a facilitated peer learning session, allowing participants to exchange experiences, reflect on good practices and discuss how the presented approaches could be transferred to their own organisations.	Viro De Pastorie, Rijselstraat 69, 8200 Sint-Michiels Brugge
15:00	(1) Brake Out and Ter Dreve: In Viro De Pastorie, one third of the participants are introduced to Brake Out. Designed for young people with support needs, the three-year Brake Out programme combines two days of training per week with opportunities to discover their talents, explore meaningful roles in society and build confidence for the future. Participants also discover how digital tools support learning, communication and personalised guidance within the programme. The visit continues to Ter Dreve, Viro's main care campus. Participants explore how Viro is currently developing an experience and	Viro De Pastorie, Rijselstraat 69, 8200 Sint-Michiels Brugge

Timing	Programme	Location
	community garden featuring an inclusive playground, a green co-working space and an outdoor classroom. The visit also provides an overview of the care campus, highlighting both its strengths and the challenges of delivering person-centred support. After the visit, the group walks to Bruges railway station. For participants who are unable to make the walk, transport will be provided by Viro.	
15:00	(2) Den Hoya and Koekegoed: One third of the participants will travel by bicycle to Den Hoya. Bicycles are provided at De Pastorie, from where the group cycles to the site. Participants visit Den Hoya and the neighbourhood bakery Koekegoed. They learn how Viro develops small-scale inclusive housing projects where people with and without support needs live alongside one another and contribute meaningfully to each other's lives. The visit highlights the value of open, connected and community-based living and shows how technologies and assistive solutions contribute to independent living and community participation. Participants discover how initiatives such as Den Hoya and Koekegoed strengthen neighbourhood connections and hear about Viro's future plans to further develop the site together with the local community. After the visit, the group cycles to Bruges railway station.	Viro Den Hoya, Prederikenrei 15A, 8000 Brugge
15:00	(3) Die Keure: One third of the participants will travel by bus to Die Keure. Die Keure is a publishing company that collaborates closely with the job coaches of Emino to create inclusive employment. During a guided tour, they discover how Die Keure creates an accessible and supportive working environment. Emino explains its approach to successful inclusive employment, while Viro's Supported Employment team demonstrates how it identifies suitable workplaces and provides tailored support to help people with support needs succeed in sustainable employment. The visit also demonstrates how digital tools and workplace technologies support inclusive employment and sustainable job retention. After the visit, the bus transfers the group to Bruges railway station.	Die Keure, Kleine Pathoekeweg 3, 8000 Brugge
17:00	When the three groups reunite, participants can choose between:	Bruges city centre and Bruges City Hall / Brussels

Timing	Programme	Location
	- Option 1 – Guided tour of Bruges, an evening reception, and a collective bus transfer back to Brussels, or - Option 2 – Return to Brussels by train Participants who choose to stay in Bruges will enjoy a guided walking tour of the historic city centre, led by an experienced local guide. Alongside Bruges' main landmarks, the tour highlights the city's rich history of care and social support. The evening concludes with a reception at Bruges City Hall, followed by a collective bus transfer back to Brussels.	