

# NEWSLETTER

CARPE DIGEM is working to build sustainable and inclusive digital innovation ecosystems in peripheral and emerging regions, bridging the regional digital divide.

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DIGITAL INNOVATION

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**An interregional cooperation project for improving innovation infrastructure policies.**

#### Project Partners

**Digital Nièvre Joint Authority (FR)**

Business Agency Association (BG)

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Mallorca Chamber of Commerce (ES)

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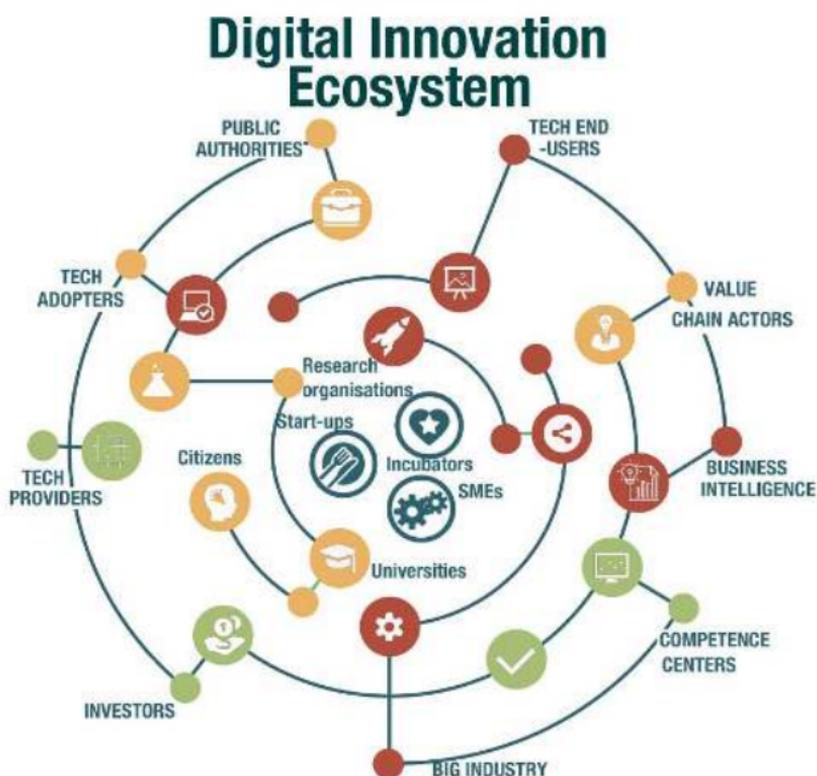


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CARPE DIGEM is developing and predicting skills and competencies for our future. We are working to ensure that Europe's rural, emerging and peripheral regions are not playing continual catch-up but collectively are actively participating in the ever evolving European and Global Digital Innovation Ecosystems. The building of long-term partnerships between industry, research, government and civil society is the cornerstone of this future.



CARPE DIGEM is examining how digital intermediaries: mediators, brokers, and coaches can better deliver, leveraging access to and connectivity with wider European and global digital innovation ecosystems and markets. We are exploring how can territorial needs be met by local capacity building and increased integration within the wider European networks because the critical mass is widespread and unevenly located.



## EXPLORING THE CREATION OF LIVING DIGITAL INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS IN EUROPE'S REGIONS



### CARPE DIGEM kicks-off in Nevers, France 24 Sept 2019

Participants from 10 organizations from 7 countries attended the CARPE DIGEM project kick-off meeting at L'INKUB (Digital Accelerator and Hub) in Nevers, France, on 24-25 September 2019 hosted by our Lead partner, the Digital Nièvre. This first meeting served as a 'capacity building' event to prepare the partnership to set up, manage and monitor the processes at the core of our project.

Each partner presented and reviewed the Partner Territorial DIGEMs (Digital innovation Ecosystems) together with the current social, economic innovation processes, methodologies, tools, policies and strategies and their ambitions and planned strategies to change them.



At September 26 partners visited the most important regional digital event - SIVIIM ("The Summit of Innovation in Medium-Sized Cities 'Reinventing the appeal of middle-sized cities through digital innovation and transformation") at Nevers and met with participating businesses and public sector organizations, focused mainly at **"My free open-source city"** topic.



## CARPE DIGEM at #EURegionsWeek 08/10/2019

Smart Villages is a new concept that can be instrumental for the development of rural areas. EU rural areas are places of great assets and they can become even more attractive if we enable local actors to unlock their potential. Fostering urban-rural linkages and creating synergies can help Europe to achieve more cohesive and balanced development.



Participants were able to take part in interactive thematic discussions with practical examples on how to pursue the transition to smart villages in the fields of renewable energy, digitalization, social innovation, and mobility.

### Presenting CARPEDIGEM project in Bled, Slovenia 16-18/10/2019

#CARPEDIGEM project was presented by Emilija Duh at one of this year's most exciting higher education conferences organized in Bled, Slovenia.



The event drew  
an audience

of 150 – 200, including central

actors and  
decision-makers  
from universities

and colleges, as well as practitioners and policy-makers from government departments, international institutions, non-governmental organizations and think tanks.

**Project meeting: DIGEMs: the Slovenian experience**  
25-26/11/2019



The 2-nd CARPE DIGEM project coordination and IRSC Meeting was held on 25-26 November 2019 at Slovenia.

The consortium of 10 partners from 8 European countries and stakeholders participated in two-day events discussing the best practices in digital transformation in rural Europe.

The meeting took place in Svečina, a little village on the fringes of the Slovenske Gorice hills and close to the Austrian border at tourist farm of the Valdhuber family (<http://www.valdhuber.si/en/>).

The CARPE DIGEM partners work with local stakeholders in thematic groups (tourism, SME digital inclusion, digital hubs and mediators, innovation processes) to produce a series of



recommendations and roadmaps for the local area to improve and anchor its evolving digital ecosystems of infrastructure, skills and connected people.

29/05/2020

## BOOSTING DIGITALIZATION WEBINAR

[watch the whole webinar](#)

The webinar, with 80 registered participants, presented partner's digital innovation ecosystems (DIGEM) and their place within the broader context. Particular attention was given to digital innovation ecosystems and their hubs, smart villages and digital transformation.

The seminar was chaired by assistant professor Emilija Stojmenova Duh who also led the plenary session on digital innovation ecosystems. Technical support of the event was provided by the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, LTFE.



The seminar was divided into two parts. Within the first, partners presented and shared the experience of how the development of smart villages, Industry 4.0, can be supported by the development of digital innovation ecosystems.

The accent was put on tourism, cultural industries, public administrations and rural innovation digital ecosystems. Most partners emphasized the key roles that their digital services, infrastructure and skills had played during the COVID 19 epidemic lockdown in keeping their region's economy, and their social, health and food systems functioning.



# CARPE DIGEM GOOD PRACTICES

## Donegal Digital Transformation Ecosystem



A public-private partnership working with the vision of “Digitally literate communities co-building sustainable enterprises and societal services” in Donegal

Donegal Digital ecosystem is a public-private partnership formed by 8 permanent organisations, including public authority, Institute of Technology and development agencies. Following challenges in County Donegal (Ireland) are found:

- Need to expand the Letterkenny cluster to other areas within the County
- Securing staff with the required skills and experience
- Low levels of research activity and adoption of emerging innovation approaches needed
- Challenging provision of quality and sustainable public services

The Donegal Digital action plan has three main objectives:



Donegal Digital has the following **objectives**:

- 1.Utilise extended community as the key dynamic to implement digital transformation
- 2.Build upon the strong foundation of the Letterkenny digital cluster to create new enterprises
- 3.Increase the level of digital research and innovation being carried out to allow us to address future generations

More information [here](#).

# SIVIIM The International Summit of Innovation in Medium Sized Cities

An International network focused on organising innovation events to support the digital transformation opportunities, needs and ambitions of medium sized cities.



Middle-ranking cities need the platform that SIVIIM offers in particular the opportunity to meet business, city administrations and not for profits with similar and complementary realities. They face the challenge of developing Smart city solutions that are adapted to their needs and finding partners who collectively can offer the markets, the political and social weight to balance the domination of metropolitan areas.

Participants at the events are offered the opportunity to follow innovation pathways tailored to their specific innovation requirements. Visiting exhibitors with products relevant to their priorities. More information [here](#).

## Digital Transformation Ecosystem for the city of Derry – Digital Cities Challenge

An initiative supported by the European Commission to help achieve sustainable economic growth in Derry through the integration of advanced technologies







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