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Digital Innovation Hubs in Donegal

A Digital Innovation Hub (DIH) combining physical and virtual dimensions oriented to provide and co-build digital services and promote digital activity among the Inishowen community in Donegal as a key factor for social and economic growth in the county.

Actions and Objectives

Specific objectives are to:
1. Integrate the enterprise sectors in Inishowen into the region's wider innovation ecosystem.
2. Increase the uptake of innovation and entrepreneurship services in enterprises
3. Stimulate the private sector to increase the supply of suitable tech property solutions

This will be done by delivering a 3-year enterprise Capacity Building Programme, based on cross-fertilising the peninsula's location factors, high tech skillsets, applied research potential in traditional sectors focused around a new Inishowen Digital Innovation Hub.

Expected Results

Main outputs:
a) an operational DIH;
b) a functioning innovation ecosystem;
c) a working innovation partnership model;
d) a small digital cluster;
e) a living lab of digital applications.
Projected results after 3-years:
• 56 tech jobs
• 8 Tech enterprises established
• 15 enterprises applying research
• 6 companies introducing new eBusiness models
• 20 innovation vouchers delivered
• 4 new tech entrepreneurships
• 50 teachers trained
• 20 students undertaking IT degrees

Role of ERUDITE

• SEROI+ methodology has assisted the work with the stakeholders to review and agree in the actions and digital services to be included in the DIH.
• Maker Lab (Slovenia) has inspired when defining the actions that can be included within the Capacity Building Programme.
• Lormes Digital Hub in France as inspiration on how reconvert existing facilities.

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