

Digital Europe Programme (DEP)

2021- 2027



Scope

DEP covers a **wide range of digital technologies and infrastructures** for applications in different sectors of activity, namely health




Bridge the **gap between digital technology research and market deployment**


Support solutions in mature technological development phases (high TRLs)

Benefit Europe's citizens and businesses, especially **SMEs**

Programme Structure

The DEP Work Programme (WP) 2025-2027 is divided into interrelated Specific Objectives (SOs):

<p>SO1 High Performance Computing (HPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easily accessible world-class exascale supercomputing and data infrastructure. An EU-wide high-performance computing ecosystem. Post-exascale infrastructure. <p><i>Mainly funded by the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking, and partially by SO2.</i></p>	<p> SO2 AI Continent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data for the AI Factories. Apply AI Strategy implementation, including in Health (AI solutions in medical imaging, AI-based image screening, Virtual Human Twins). Apply AI Strategy deployment (e.g., European Digital Innovation Hubs). <p><i>Funded by the Main DEP WP 2025-2027.</i></p>	<p>SO3 Cybersecurity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU Cybersecurity Reserve and Cyber Resilience Act reporting platform. <p><i>Funded by the Main DEP WP 2025-2027 and the DEP Cybersecurity WP 2025-2027.</i></p>
<p> SO4 Digital Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New digital skills academies in quantum, AI, virtual worlds, and chips, for excellence in education and training programmes and initiatives in key sectors and specific target groups, including in Health. <p><i>Funded by the Main DEP WP 2025-2027.</i></p>	<p> SO5 Deployment and Interoperability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deployment of public services, including in Health (e.g., European Electronic Health Record, European Cybersecurity Support Centre for hospitals and healthcare providers). Digitisation of Justice. Confidence in the digital transformation. Interoperability. <p><i>Funded by the Main DEP WP 2025-2027.</i></p>	<p>SO6 Semiconductors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research on semiconductors Projects related to the Chips Act. <p><i>Funded by the Chips Joint Undertaking.</i></p>

 SOs especially relevant for entities operating in the health sector.

Projects Type

Type of Action	Simple Grants	SME Support Actions	Coordination and Support Actions (CSA)	Grants for Procurement (GfP)	Grants for Procurement of Advanced Capacities (PAC)	Grants for Financial Support	Lump Sum Grants
Description	Grants used by a large variety of topics and can cover most activities. Mainly used for personnel costs, and activities involving third parties should be limited.	To support SMEs involved in building and deploying digital capacities. It can also be used if an SME needs to be part of the Consortium and make investments to access digital capacities.	Small grants to promote cooperation and/or provide support to EU policies (e.g., dissemination, awareness-raising activities, networking, policy dialogues).	Grants primarily covering costs relate to buying goods, services, or subcontracting tasks. Personnel costs should be limited. There are no specific procurement rules or limits on contracting authorities/entities	Grants awarded only to beneficiaries that are contracting authorities/entities aiming at buying in innovative digital goods and services.	Grants with a particular focus on providing financial support to third parties (cascade funding).	Grants reimbursing a fixed lump sum (ex-ante). Beneficiaries just need to claim the lump sum once the work is completed.
Funding	Funding rates are variable according to the call. Consult the call text for specific conditions.						
Beneficiaries	Generally, Consortium application and any type of legal entities (e.g., companies, universities, R&D institutions, public entities) from EU Member States or Associated Countries are eligible for funding. Consult the call text for specific conditions.						