

## We Have Launched the SRC EDIH 2.0 Project: Supporting Companies in Digital Transformation

Today, the first working meeting of the SRC-EDIH 2.0 project consortium (Smart, Resilient, and Sustainable Communities – European Digital Innovation Hub 2.0) took place. The project consortium consists of eleven partner organizations from Slovenia:

- Development Center Novo mesto (coordinator)
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Dolenjska and Bela Krajina
- Rudolfovo – Scientific and Technological Center Novo mesto
- Faculty of Information Studies in Novo mesto
- Koofr, Research and Development, Ltd.
- CADCAM Lab, Ltd.
- Faculty of Applied Social Studies in Nova Gorica
- Development Center of Toolmaking Slovenia
- Institute – Center of the Slovenian Toolmaking Cluster Celje
- University of Primorska
- Development and Information Center Bela Krajina

The introductory meeting focused on coordinating the project launch and establishing key foundations for the effective implementation of the three-year project, which officially started on March 1, 2026.

SRC-EDIH 2.0 is a European Digital Innovation Hub aimed at accelerating the digital transformation of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). With deeper expert content and access to top-level knowledge, the project will help companies enhance competencies in areas such as artificial intelligence, robotics, cybersecurity, and other advanced digital technologies.

The hub's goal is to enable companies and entrepreneurs to implement digital solutions more quickly, strengthen innovation, increase competitiveness, and foster better networking within the Slovenian and broader European innovation ecosystem.

The SRC-EDIH 2.0 project continues the work of the previous SRC-EDIH hub, which from September 2022 to February 2026 successfully supported Slovenian companies in the early stages of digital transformation. It is funded by the Digital Europe Programme (GA No. 101083351 – Smart, Resilient and Sustainable Communities – European Digital Innovation Hub) and national funds from the Ministry of Digital Transformation.

Within the project, SRC-EDIH 2.0 will offer SMEs key services that are highly useful for decision-makers:

- **Test before invest** – evaluating the suitability of technologies before purchase.
- **Support in finding funding** – assistance with national and European calls and investment sources.

- **Expert digital maturity assessment** – with a customized plan to enhance competencies.
- **Training and education** – strengthening knowledge for the implementation of the latest digital technologies.

Through the project, SMEs will gain connections with regional and European innovation ecosystems, as well as access to cutting-edge technologies and experts. This will strengthen their digital transformation, growth, innovation, and competitiveness.

The event took place as part of the SRC-EDIH 2.0 project.

