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## EU Project DIVA Newsletter

*A newsletter of the EU Project DIVA activities*

Welcome to the fourth Edition of the EU Project DIVA Newsletter. Find a summary of the most relevant issues that we have been working on lately, and the main activities that will take place in the near future.

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### RECENT NEWS

DIVA 1st OPEN CALL - *Funded Projects*



Maturation Projects



Demonstration Projects



Internationalisation Projects

#### The full list of projects funded in the 1<sup>st</sup> call is now available on the DIVA website

During the first quarter of 2019, a list of 66 projects submitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> DIVA Open Call were selected by the evaluation committee. They were awarded with a DIVA voucher as a grant from 10.000€ up to 60.000€. All the selected projects are fully committed to the use of digital technologies towards innovation applied to agri-food, forestry and environmental sectors.

After having set up all the contractual requirements, all 66 projects kicked off.

The projects are organised in three different categories: maturation, demonstration and internationalisation projects. On the website, you'll see a detailed sheet of each funded project, containing basic information about the specific topics, short description and companies involved.

**Do you want to know more about the innovative projects supported by DIVA? You can now get access to all information about these projects in our official website:**

[\[Read more\]](#)



## The First pan-European DIVA Event was a great success

The online event “Boost-UP DIVA – European Edition” was the first pan-European event organised by the DIVA project. It was held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and was 100% digital in order to facilitate the participation of SMEs from all over Europe and maximise the impact.

The morning webinar was dedicated to inform European SMEs about the 2<sup>nd</sup> DIVA Open call for projects to be launched by the end of 2019 and focused on sharing best practices and tips around the best way to build a project proposal. The 100% on-line B2B matchmaking session in the afternoon aimed to boost the networking among the participants in order to promote cross-border collaborations inside the DIVA community.

74 people followed the morning session and 50 B2B online meetings took place with participants from 7 countries during the afternoon session. More than 80 % of participants were very satisfied by this very innovative form of on-line matchmaking platform.

[\[Click here if you want to get access to the recorded webinar\]](#)



## LEAN webinars

DIVA laureates had the opportunity to attend two webinars designed to help optimise their technology, demonstration and internationalisation process.

These webinars had the objective to show how to use two important tools when it comes to develop a project. The first, **Business Model Canvas** was held by Luís Mira, Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the School of Agriculture and the second, dedicated to **Design Thinking**, by Rita Almendra, Professor of Design in the Lisbon School of Architecture.



## VIDA-DIVA cross collaboration

Representatives of our Italian partner H-FARM participated on behalf of the EU Project DIVA in an event organised by the European VIDA project in Milan on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. This is the result of a cross collaboration among EU funding projects. During the event, our colleagues explained all the requirements for SMEs and details of the calls, reminding that eligible SMEs can apply to both VIDA and DIVA projects. However, in case of duplications, SMEs could only benefit from funds of one project (and not from both).

The VIDA Project aims to fund SMEs that intend to develop innovative technologies in the food, water and energy supply chain, from the

production, processing and distribution of food to the efficiency of the use of water and energy resources and/or key enabling technologies (KETs).

Demonstration vouchers support partnership among projects to develop innovation in the food supply chain. The deadline to submit your project for the second and final call is open until the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. The maximum contribution for each SME is up to 60.000€.

However, we kindly remind you that applications are open until 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 (or until funds last) to obtain Innovation Support Voucher (ISV) and Validation Voucher, to support the validation of technologies and for the acquisition of knowledge and skills.

[\[More information\]](#)



### Mid-term Steering Committee Meeting

CTA, one of our Spanish partners of the project hosted the Mid-term Steering Committee which took place in Seville on the 23<sup>rd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> of September. Representatives from all European partners of the consortium met this week to review the performance of the project and prepare actions to take in the very near future. Besides, the team is already working on the 2<sup>nd</sup> DIVA Open Call which will be opened in December 2019.

COMING SOON!



### Get ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> DIVA Call

The 2<sup>nd</sup> DIVA call will be launched on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 and will be opened until the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2020 (17:00 CEST).



Boosting innovative Digitech Value chains  
for Agrofood, forestry and environment

### Up2DIVA: Launch of the 2<sup>nd</sup> DIVA Call

Register now for the next session that will take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November in France during the international SITEVI fair from 15:30 to 18:30 to get more information about the launch of the new open call of the project.

[\[Click here for more information & registration\]](#)

**MORE INFO:**

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