



## **Public Summary Report DIH-HERO COVID-19 Response and Deployment Open Call 2021**

### **Results of open call (DIH-HERO COVID-19 Response and Deployment Open Call 2021) for recipients of financial support**

**Project acronym:** DIH-HERO

**Project grant agreement number:** 825003

**Full project name:** Digital Innovation Hubs in Healthcare Robotics

The DIH-HERO project, co-funded from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 825003, launched an open call (DIH-HERO COVID-19 Response and Deployment Open Call 2021) for recipients of financial support.

The call closed on 15th of February 2022 for proposal submission. After the closure for proposal submission, the project consortium could be completed until the 15th of March 2022. At that date all 4 end-users involved in the deployment must have been included in the project proposal.

A total of 12 proposals from 20 countries (including the end-user locations) were received. 8 proposals will receive funding for a total amount of 1,997,454 EUR. The evaluation and selection have been completed. The proposers have been informed about the evaluation results for their proposal for financial support.

#### **Call information**

The call has been published on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2021 on the DIH-HERO project website ([www.dih-hero.eu](http://www.dih-hero.eu)) and has been sent to the EC project officer 30 days before the opening of the call to be published on the Horizon 2020 Participants Portal (<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls>) on the 27th of August 2021.

Full call details were published at: ([www.dih-hero.eu](http://www.dih-hero.eu))

#### **Dates of call publication and closing, evaluation and selection**

The COVID-19 Response and Deployment Open Call 2021 within the DIH-HERO project has been opened on the 15th of October 2021. The call has been planned to be opened for proposal submission period of 4 months, were the period for completion of project consortium was opened for an additional (1) month. The evaluation and the selection of all proposals took place after the closure of the call.

#### **Feedback process to proposers**

All questions asked by proposers in regard to the COVID-19 Response Open Call 2021 have been answered in the FAQ section of the website, in order to make the same information accessible to all proposers at the same time. All proposers were informed on the evaluation results by email. Additional information for awarded third parties, regarding the further processes in connection with the Technology Demonstrator have been communicated via email.

### Call response in detail

|                    | Number of proposals | Total Funding requested |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Proposals received | 12                  | €2,995,169              |
| Eligible proposals | 11                  | €2,745,169              |
| Selected proposals | 8                   | €1,997,454              |

### Call publication

Different communication channels have been used to disseminate and promote the opening of the call regionally, nationally and internationally. Next to the publication of the call on the DIH-HERO website and sending the call announcement to the EC project officer, 30 days prior to the opening of the call, for publication on the EC portal, the call has also been disseminated widely by the various DIHs and their associate partners throughout their network all over Europe, using various communication tools and channels. A non-exhaustive list of the communication channels is given below. Moreover, the call has been promoted in each individual regional DIH and during the DIH-HERO Brokerage event which took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2021. During the session at the brokerage event, the call details and requirements have been summarized and questions of the applicants regarding the proposal submission and the further process have been answered.

List of communication and dissemination channels to publish the call (non-exhaustive):

- DIH-HERO-website (incl. full call details).
- DIH-HERO open call online submission platform provided by project coordinators.
- DIH-HERO network (DIHs, associate partners, stakeholders, etc.)
- DIH-HERO newsletter
- DIH-HERO Brokerage Event 2021
- DIH-HERO social media: LinkedIn, Twitter.
- Different fairs and other events where DIH-HERO was represented
- Editorials and articles