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Within the Flagship Call BP2023, EIT Health has decided to reopen the call for applications extraordinarily for Fast Track Start-up Driven Innovation projects (DiGinnovation). The Call for Fast Track Start-up Driven Innovation projects (DiGinnovation) is part of the Flagship Facilitating the uptake of Digital Medical Devices & Diagnostics.

DiGinnovation selects top digital health start-ups/scale-ups and links them with international entities to create a consortium that will improve healthcare systems by accelerating the uptake of digital health apps by healthcare professionals and patients and speeding up the launch of the innovation on the market, while easing the reimbursement process.

The selection process remains the same as for all cut-offs of the Flagship call. The selection process is outlined below.

Phase 1: Shortlisting

Consortia will be invited to submit a short proposal form (accessible through EIT Health's application platform) as well as general information on their activity.

Submitted short proposals will be shortlisted through the following internal steps:

- Pre-filtering review including eligibility checking.
- Filtering review to undertake an initial high-level assessment of general fit of the proposal into the flagship call based on strategic fit, potential future impact, and project feasibility.

The pre-filtering and filtering steps will yield a yes/no decision on the progression of individual proposals further in the evaluation pipeline. Proposals that pass the internal review steps will go through a pre-selection process consisting of an online pitch.

Important dates for cut-off 4 are outlined below:

	Cut-off 4
Open of the call for applications	10 Jul 2023
Submission date of short proposal	20 Sep 2023
Eligibility check notification	2 Oct 2023
Filtering notification and invitation to pre-selection round (if applicable)	19 Oct 2023
Pre-selection evaluation	8-9 Nov 2023
Pre-selection notification	13 Nov 2023

Phase 2: Support programme

The support programme will give the opportunity to each start-up invited, to work further on their activity plan and complete their consortium. Start-ups will receive mentoring and coaching advice to support strengthening their proposal.

It is mandatory to take part, except for consortia who have already been through the programme, e.g. as a result of a previous application.

In parallel, start-ups who choose the grant for option model as their financial model will go through due diligence. If they don't pass the due diligence, the full consortium will be disregarded from the selection process. Please see Annex 14 – Due Diligence” for details of the due diligence process.

Full proposals are expected to be submitted at the end of the support programme. They should incorporate any relevant feedback, learnings, recommendations, and improvements gathered as a result of the programme, with the ambition of producing a high-quality proposal for the final selection phase and help inform a thorough evaluation.

Expected dates for submission of the full proposal are given below.

	Cut-off 4
Full proposal deadline	19 Dec 2023

Phase 3: Final selection

The final selection phase will be facilitated for all consortia who submit full proposals. The phase will consist of an evaluation process, which, will be based on the outcome of a remote external review ranking for DiGinnovation programme, a portfolio development step and an Ethical, Legal and Social Issues (ELSI) review.

	Cut-off 4
Final selection notification	22 Jan 2024

The subsequent phases of the selection process remain the same as in the BP2023 Flagship call; Phase 4: Contracting and Phase 5: Monitoring still apply.

Please see Annex 8 – Call for Fast Track Start-Up driven Innovation projects (DiGinnovation)” of the Flagships call BP2023 for more details on the call content and eligibility criteria at each stage.