



## **DIH-HERO Newsletter No. 2/2019**

### **The second DIH-HERO CALL, for funding Technology Demonstrator opened for proposal on October 1st!**

As of Tuesday, 1st October 19 it is possible for SMEs and slightly larger companies to apply for the Technology Demonstrator call. This call is meant to accelerate the development of healthcare robotics by demonstrating the feasibility of new, innovative and enhanced robotic solutions in healthcare application domains. Striving for a minimum of at least 2 awarded projects per application domain DIH-HERO offers a financial support of max € 100.000 per Technology Demonstrator.

The application domains are:

- Diagnostic Robotics (*e.g. robots for human function analysis, automated imaging robots*)
- Interventional Robotics (*e.g. surgical robots, image guided robots, training robots*)
- Rehabilitation Robotics (*e.g. wearable exoskeletons, stationary devices, mobile training devices*)
- Robotics supporting patients (*e.g. functional support robots, robot assistants, communication robots*)
- Robotics supporting healthcare professionals (*e.g. ergonomical robots, telepresence robots, workflow optimization*)

To count as an SME or “slightly larger company”, your organisation must be engaged in an economic activity and must have fewer than 500 employees and an annual turnover of no more than €100 million.

The project consortium must at least consist of either:

- 2 SMEs or slightly larger companies from 2 different EU/EEA countries
- Or
- 1 SME or slightly larger company and 1 end-user (e.g. a hospital)

For further information please visit [WWW.DIH-HERO.EU](http://WWW.DIH-HERO.EU)

For more information please visit our [FSTP Call information](#) and submit your proposal in accordance with the rules and guidelines of this open call.

## **The first DIH-HERO Brokerage Event, on October 30 and 31 in Enschede(NL) at the TechMed Centre at the University of Twente.**

The Brokerage Event is the place to find your match and apply for one of the two upcoming Open Calls in the Digital Innovation Hubs in Healthcare Robotics (DIH-HERO) platform. Are you an SME or slightly larger robotics company and (want to be) active in the healthcare domain? Or are you an end user of robotics in healthcare and interested in accelerating innovation? Visit this event, find your match, and increase your chance of successful submission to this cross-border collaboration fund.

The program includes:

- Information on DIH-HERO's open calls (Technology Demonstrator Call open from October 1<sup>st</sup> until December 31<sup>st</sup>) & deadlines
- Opportunities for a pre-scan of your proposal ideas
- Keynotes talks by:
  - [Amir \(Amiki\) Szold](#) (Assia Medica)
  - [Dennis McWilliams](#) (Santé venture),
  - [Cyrill von Tiesenhausen](#) (KUKA Roboter GmbH NL Nord)
- The Experience Exhibition: all European Innovation Hub present which expertise, facilities and services they can offer.
- Network and Matchmaking sessions

*Free registration via the event website: <https://www.utwente.nl/BROKERAGE>*

*Apply for the DIH-HERO Travel Voucher (<https://dih-hero.eu/calls/>) in order to get financial support to travel to the event.*

## About the DIH-HERO network

Our goal is to accelerate innovation in robotics for healthcare.

DIH-HERO is an independent platform that creates a sustaining network for all those who are active in the healthcare ecosystem. Our project is funded by the European Community and started in January 2019. DIH-HERO is financially supported until December 2022 with an amount about 16 Mio € of which 8 Mio € will be invested into DIH-HERO own calls for SMEs. Then from January 2023 and further DIH-HERO will stand on its own as sustainable healthcare network.

The DIH-HERO financial support consists in three different of open calls that SMEs can apply for.

1. Travel Vouchers (opened July 15<sup>th</sup>) ([LINK](#))
2. Technology Demonstrators (opened for 1<sup>st</sup> October)
3. Technology Transfer experiments (opening is scheduled for December/ January)

Follow us also on [LinkedIn](#)



Contact:

University of Twente  
Drienerlolaan 5 Enschede (NL)  
dih-healthcare@utwente.nl