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EIT Digital
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Letter to express interest to become a member of EIT Digital

With this letter Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava would like to submit its intention to become member of EIT Digital, CLC Budapest.

Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as "STUBA") is a modern educational and scientific institution. Since its foundation in the year 1937 more than 159.000 students have graduated. In average, 12.000 students study at the STU every year.

At present, the STUBA consists of seven faculties based in Bratislava and Trnava: Faculty of Informatics and Information Technologies, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Chemical and Food Technology, Faculty of Architecture, Faculty of Materials Science and Technology and one institute – Institute of Management. All the faculties provide a study in accredited study programmes within the complex system of a bachelor, master and PhD. study.

In the area of scientific and research activities the STUBA successfully joins European Union programmes. International cooperation is a significant area based on interactive contact with educational as well as scientific-research institutions of the countries all over the world. First of all, it is focused on solution of the joint projects within the EU framework and other international programmes, mobility of students, teaching staff and researchers.

STUBA is nowadays partner of two KIC EIT: EIT Raw Materials as an associate partner and EIT Manufacturing as a core partner. Our intention to become a member of EIT Digital is based on strong focus of several STUBA faculties to the ICT field. STUBA would like to be the first university from Slovakia to join EIT Digital and contribute to the positive EIT Digital impact in Slovakia.

We believe, the majority of our faculties could find link in the field of ICT to the strategic areas mentioned in Strategic Innovation Agenda of EIT Digital. STUBA with its wide focus on the digital field is able to contribute to all of the focus areas defined by the Strategic Innovation Agenda. For example the cross-KIC point of view provided by membership in the EIT Manufacturing will enable STUBA to contribute to the EIT Digital in areas such as Digital TECH and Digital INDUSTRY.

STUBA's joining the EIT Digital can also contribute to strengthening collaborations in the field of ICT in RIS region and ESEE region. Slovakia, similarly as its bordering countries which are part of RIS region, copes with difficulties such as brain drain, low national financing, complicated legal environment regards setting up start-ups and spin-offs at university level (especially public universities). This will enable STUBA to share its practice and experience with other countries facing similar challenges.

Kind regards,

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Annex 1 membership criteria – type of partner Higher Education