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## OVERVIEW

This document presents the 1st Report about Partnership Agreements and Collaborative Projects of the Polissia Digital Innovation Hub (POLIDIH) and provides a comprehensive overview of the services delivered during the first reporting period. Polissia Digital Innovation Hub (POLIDIH) has established multiple cooperation agreements and support letters with European technology hubs and organizations. These documents record partnerships with entities in Ukraine, the European Union, and beyond. They involve signed memoranda of understanding (MoUs), joint protocols, and letters of support. In each case, the parties agree on areas of joint activity such as AI, cybersecurity, or digital transformation services for SMEs. This analysis reviews the key partner organizations, signing dates, and main commitments.

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## 1. Introduction

The development of international partnerships is a core element of the strategic activity of the Polissia Digital Innovation Hub (POLIDIH). The analyzed set of documents demonstrates a consistent and systematic approach to building cooperation with European innovation ecosystems, aimed at strengthening digital transformation processes and enhancing regional competitiveness.

POLIDIH's collaboration framework is closely aligned with the priorities of the European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIH) network and broader EU digital policies. Across the reviewed materials, cooperation is positioned as a tool for fostering innovation, facilitating knowledge exchange, and supporting the integration of regional stakeholders into the European technological landscape.

The documents reflect a shared vision among partner organizations focused on promoting the adoption of advanced digital technologies, improving innovation capacity, and ensuring sustainable economic development. At the same time, they highlight POLIDIH's role as an active participant in international innovation processes, contributing its expertise and engaging in collaborative initiatives at both regional and European levels.

Overall, the cooperation agreements and supporting documents confirm that POLIDIH operates within a broad, interconnected network of partners, forming a foundation for long-term collaboration, knowledge exchange, and joint contribution to the development of a unified European digital innovation ecosystem.





## 2. Main Cooperation Directions

### Networking and Knowledge Sharing:

Nearly all agreements emphasize attending joint events, exchanging best practices, and linking industry and research. For example, POLIDIH and EUNITED (Romania) agreed to “participat[e] in networking activities... exchanging best practices, and promoting the sharing of specialized knowledge.” Similar clauses appear in MoUs with Moldova, Lviv’s SID City, and Green Carpathian EDIH.

### Capacity Building and Training:

Joint training programs and workshops are recurring themes. Agreements note that parties will organize or co-host AI/cybersecurity/HPC training and demo days to upskill SMEs and public-sector staff. For instance, the EUNITED MoU commits “jointly organizing workshops, training, and demo days on AI, cybersecurity, and HPC” to strengthen expertise.

### Joint Projects and Innovation:

Many documents foresee collaborative R&D or funding projects. Partners commit to co-develop projects that promote digital innovation among small and medium enterprises. The POLIDIH–AI EDIH Hungary MoU explicitly lists “Joint projects and initiatives” to advance cross-border development of AI solutions. Similarly, the LEAP EDIH joint protocol (Lviv) resulted in identifying thematic intersections for future cooperation under the EU DIH network.

### SME and Public Sector Support:

A core focus is supporting businesses and public organizations in digitalization. Agreements typically include “test-before-invest” offerings (access to digital labs and expert advice) and assistance with national/EU funding. The EUNITED and Moldova MoUs, for example, pledge support services for SMEs, including mentorship, funding matchmaking, and grant access.

### Resource and Infrastructure Sharing:

Some MoUs call for sharing facilities or data. The AI EDIH Hungary collaboration mentions exchanging expertise, infrastructure, and data to support joint innovation projects. This can include letting partners use each other’s AI labs or satellite data analytics tools.

### Strategic Alignment and Visibility:

Many documents commit partners to mutually promote each other’s activities. For instance, the POLIDIH–WAMA EDIH agreement (Poland) agrees that each side will give visibility to the other’s events. The Latvian IT Cluster letter similarly establishes ongoing support and visibility between the organizations. These actions help integrate each hub into a wider European network.



## 3. Analysis of Memorandums and Support Letters

- **EUNITED Digital Hub (Romania) – POLIDIH (August 25, 2025):** A formal MoU signed by Artem Boiko (Director, EUNITED) and Oleh Skydan (Rector, POLIDIH) establishes a collaborative framework. It highlights shared aims in AI, cybersecurity, and high-performance computing. The agreement's Section 2 lists joint activities in networking, capacity building, joint projects, and SME support. Specific commitments include co-organizing AI workshops, providing “test-before-invest” opportunities in digital labs, and facilitating matchmaking with EU stakeholders.
- **Digital Innovation Hub of Moldova – POLIDIH (June 6, 2025):** This MoU (signed by Ion Bodrug, CEO of DIH Moldova, and Oleh Skydan) follows a similar template. It affirms cooperation to drive SME digitalization in Ukraine and Moldova. The parties agree to networking, joint training, and supporting public sector digital projects. They commit to “best efforts” services: organizing workshops, sharing expertise, and helping SMEs access funding. The text explicitly mentions AI and digital technology adoption for mid-caps and public organizations.
- **Green Carpathian EDIH (Slovakia/Central Europe) – POLIDIH (January 12, 2026):** Signed by Maksym Karpash (Green Carpathian EDIH) and Oleh Skydan, this MoU also aims to foster AI and digital tech adoption among SMEs. Its collaboration areas repeat the familiar themes: networking, knowledge exchange, capacity building, and SME support. The agreement pledges joint events on AI and cybersecurity, access to digital labs, and joint EU project proposals. It stresses alignment with regional and EU innovation initiatives.
- **Science Park Lviv (SID City) – POLIDIH (January 7, 2026):** This MoU, signed by Nazar Podolchak (Director, SID City) and Oleh Skydan, establishes cooperation in Lviv and Zhytomyr regions. It commits to address SMEs' digital transformation needs. Section 2 mirrors the others: capacity-building workshops, shared best practices, joint projects, and support services. The document emphasizes mutual efforts to improve innovation conditions and follow EU best practices.
- **DATALife EDIH (Spain, Santiago de Compostela) – POLIDIH (November 14, 2025):** DATALife is a Galician life-sciences DIH. The signed MoU (represented by Lucia Castro Díaz) focuses on life-science digitization. It commits both hubs to exchange knowledge and coordinate on AI, big data, and biotech digital projects. Although in Spanish, key points include joint events, testbed access for SMEs, and cooperative participation in EU initiatives.
- **WAMA EDIH (Poland) – POLIDIH:** The “General Bilateral Cooperation Agreement” pairs POLIDIH with the WAMA EDIH (a Polish AI hub led by Marcin Czyża). POLIDIH agrees to support deep digital transformation and to promote sustainable innovation. Both parties pledge to publicize each other's events. The document's intent is to align Ukrainian and Polish hubs, share AI/tech practices, and raise visibility of mutual programs.
- **LEAP EDIH (Lviv IT Cluster) – POLIDIH (September 28, 2025):** Rather than a formal MoU, this “Joint Protocol” resulted from an IT Arena 2025 conference. Signatures include Svitlana Skrypka (LEAP EDIH Lead) and Oleh Skydan. It records outcomes: the hubs exchanged methodologies for SME digital transformation, established contacts for future work, and identified thematic areas for joint actions. In essence, it formalizes that both parties will continue dialog and cooperation under the European DIH network.
- **CROBOHUB.AI (University of Zagreb, Croatia) – POLIDIH (2026 Call Letter):** This is a letter of support from POLIDIH (signed by Rector Oleh Skydan) addressed to



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University of Zagreb (Consortium Coordinator). POLIDIH notes it will engage as a beneficiary in the CROBOHUB.AI project if selected. It pledges to contribute to Croatia's AI ecosystem and to refer suitable Ukrainian SMEs to the project's services. The letter highlights POLIDIH's commitment to a "seamless AI-enabled digital journey" for partners.

- **AI EDIH Hungary – POLIDIH (January 2026):** Another support letter from POLIDIH (to Dr. Gulyas and the Hungarian AI EDIH consortium) expresses enthusiasm for joining the network. POLIDIH offers its expertise in GIS, satellite analytics, and data pipeline architectures to strengthen the shared EDIH infrastructure. The letter commits POLIDIH as an "active and responsible stakeholder" and underscores links between Hungarian and Ukrainian innovation ecosystems.
- **Latvian IT Cluster – POLIDIH (April 2024):** A letter of intent (LoI) between POLIDIH and the Latvian Information Technology Cluster (signed by Oleh Skydan and Aiga Irmeja) outlines open-ended support. It states the agreement is valid until notice and can be extended by mutual consent. While details are brief, it formalizes an ongoing collaborative relationship. It allows either party to terminate at any time, reflecting a flexible partnership framework.





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## 4. Final considerations

The documents clearly demonstrate that POLIDIH is building a broad European collaboration network. The agreements span neighboring countries (Moldova, Poland, Slovakia) and EU members (Croatia, Hungary, Spain, Romania, Latvia). Across all documents, POLIDIH commits to sharing knowledge, co-organizing training, and supporting SMEs' digitalization. The thematic focus is consistently on AI and advanced technologies, reflecting POLIDIH's mission. Signatories include university leaders and DIH directors on both sides, underscoring institutional buy-in. In sum, these MoUs and letters position POLIDIH as an engaged European hub: contributing expertise, gaining visibility in key events, and aligning with EU innovation initiatives. The varied agreements lay a foundation for sustained joint projects and knowledge exchange, which should enhance POLIDIH's impact on regional digital transformation.

