



Open Call for Participating to the Digital Data-Driven Programme

Local Workshops for Social Economy SMEs and
enabling organisations

in Sweden 2026



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1. About the DO Impact project

The **DO Impact** project stands for "Digital and data-driven Opportunities to strengthen the Social Economy Impact" and **aims to support Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and Enabling Organisations that work on social economy topics and are interested in adopting digital solutions and data-driven models**. The project thesis is that digital emerging and traditional technologies and advanced data management enable new ways of addressing social needs, increase the ability to identify social issues and provide more opportunities to effectively tackle them. Thanks to the pervasive digital technology characteristics, digital transformation and technology innovation might lead to increase the natural scale and impact of social interventions. Contextually, digitalised processes and services can contribute to collect, process and analyse, in a secure and protected manner, data that will contribute to global social economy challenges. Data analysis and valorisation and innovation technologies can generate a wide range of innovative social products and services; increase the productivity of the operations; better address societal and environmental challenges, better anticipate and meet social needs; achieve cost reductions through more personalised services, increase efficiency in the Proximity and Social Economy (PSE) Ecosystem.

It seeks to:

- Enhance awareness about the opportunities for **SE Small and Medium Entities (SMEs) to digitalise their businesses and operations**.
- Encourage key stakeholders across the EU to recognise the role of digitalisation in driving social innovation and sustainability.
- Provide upskilling and re-skilling opportunities to Social Economy (SE) Enabling Organisations and Social Economy SMEs.

The project follows the Social Economy entities' definition in the Social Economy Action Plan (Communication from the Commission 'Building an economy that works for people: an action plan for the social economy', COM (2021)

"The social economy covers entities sharing the following main common principles and features: the primacy of people as well as social and/or environmental purpose over profit, the reinvestment of most of the profits and surpluses to carry out activities in the interest of members/users ("collective interest") or society at large ("general interest") and democratic and/or participatory governance.

Traditionally, the term social economy entities refer to four main types of entities providing goods and services to their members or society at large: cooperatives, mutual benefit societies, associations (including charities), and foundations. They are private entities, independent of public authorities and with specific legal forms. Social enterprises are now generally understood as part of the social economy.

Social enterprises operate by providing goods and services for the market in an entrepreneurial and often innovative fashion, having social and/or environmental objectives as the reason for their commercial activity. Profits are mainly reinvested with a view to achieving their societal objective. Their method of organisation and ownership also follow democratic or participatory principles or focus on social

progress. Social enterprises adopt a variety of legal forms depending on the national context.”

2. DO Impact’s Digital and Data-driven Program

The **DO Impact project has design specific and modular Digital and data-driven Programs for boosting capabilities** (skills, tools, resources, networks) to accelerate the twin transition in European Social Economy SMEs working in the Proximity and Social Economy. The programme follows a shared methodology focused on local and regional needs and priorities and are organised by an enabling organisation within the country.

These activities will be further supported by creating moments of awareness and matchmaking where social economy companies can meet technology providers and other entities to further support them in accessing technology, as well as to generate more understanding from the technology companies towards the needs of the social economy stakeholders.

1.1 The Digital and Data-driven Program in the DO Impact countries

The program consists of workshops aimed to re-skill and up-skill the Social Economy SMEs organised at country level. They include different modules, vary on lengths and formats according to the social economy ecosystem of each country represented by the DO Impact partners.

Country	Organising Impact partner(s)	DO	Number of workshops
Italy	TSI, FPI, PoliMi		8
Latvia	SEAL		4
Lithuania	LISVA		4
Spain	Taula, CLDI		8
Sweden	COOMPANION		8

Furthermore, there will be nine other events organised at European level open for all Social Economy Small and Medium entities interested, organised by DIESIS.

This **DO IMPACT DIGITAL AND DATA-DRIVEN PROGRAMS IN SWEDEN**, are targeted to **Social Economy SMEs and enabling organisations working on the social economy sector based in Sweden** and are **organised by COOMPANION GOTEBORGS REGIONEN EK. FOR. (COOMP.)**. It consists of 4 workshops, online or in person, that will be held between January and July 2026.

This document presents the **DO IMPACT OPEN CALL FOR PARTICIPATION TO THE DIGITAL AND DATA-DRIVEN PROGRAMS IN SWEDEN 2026**, which is targeted to **Social Economy**

SMEs and Enabling Organisations working on the social economy sector based in Sweden, interested in participating to the Digital and Data-Driven program organised there. In specific, to the in person that will take place between February and July 2026, as follows:

#	Date	Location	Title of the Workshop	Online/ in person	Financial support (FSTP) - Deadline to apply
1	23 February 2026	YESBOX – Home of Entrepreneurs, Gothenburg	<i>How do you know you are creating social impact? Workshop on collecting and presenting data</i>	In person	YES, within 12/02/2026, 23:59:59 CET
2	26 March 2026	Online	<i>Data Workshop: test new tools for finding and using data and AI in your organization</i>	Online	NO
3	17 April 2026	YESBOX – Home of Entrepreneurs, Gothenburg	<i>Are we really doing this right? Building a digital culture</i>	In person	YES, within 16/03/2026, 12:59:59 CET
4	17 June 2026	Online	<i>How is AI reshaping the social economy?</i>	Online	NO

Interested participants can manifest the interest in participating in any of the mentioned events since the first cut-off.

1.2 What do we offer?

The **DO IMPACT OPEN CALL FOR PARTICIPATION TO THE DIGITAL AND DATA-DRIVEN PROGRAMS - SWEDEN** provides financial support for Social Economy SMEs and Enabling Organisations interested in taking part in the Digital and Data Driven Program organised by the DO Impact partners at country level.

Reimbursement is assured only for SMEs and Enabling Organisations (responding to the EU definition) attending to the complete agenda of each event.

The event location must be farther than 20KM from the applicant's headquarters in order to be eligible for the financial support.

Do Impact has destined an overall budget of **12.000,00 EUR** for supporting in-person participation of SMEs and Enabling Organisations from Sweden in the specific events organised by the project partners COOMPANION. This budget will support travel, accommodation and subsistence costs of the entities participating to the event. It

could be increased if needed and available. **For each deadline, the foreseen budget is 6.000,00 EUR.**

According to the distance between the city where the SMEs or Enabling Organisations is based and the city where the event is being held, each beneficiary SME or Enabling Organisation can receive up to 1.000,00 EUR in the form of a lump-sum per event. It is foreseen that at least 6 entities will receive financial support from this call for each cut-off.

Lump sum funding is a fixed payment defined up-front and set out in the agreement that will be signed between the DO Impact project and the beneficiary SME or Enabling Organisation, stating all conditions for funding. The lump sum will be paid upon completion of activities, and no financial reporting is needed.

Criteria

The specific conditions (selection criteria) for receiving financial support include:

- To be a Social Economy SME or a Social Economy Enabling Organisation
- Being established in Sweden
- Not being part of the DO Impact Consortium.
- Be present for the entire duration of the event.
- Comply with all the requests made by the DO Impact project in terms of feedback and follow-up.
- The place of establishment of the selected organisation (headquarters) must be more than 20 kilometres away from the location of the event.

Organisations that are part of DO Impact Consortium are not eligible for the financial support.

Each selected entity can receive up to one thousand euro (1.000,00 euro) from the project for event, according to the conditions expressed below. The table below shows the criteria for calculating the amount of the financial support to be provided in the form of lump-sum. It will be based on the distance and duration of the travel for participating in a specific activity organised by the project.

Eligible costs

The financial support is meant to cover part or all the costs for participating in the workshop(s) chosen by the organisation in the application form.

The eligible costs are exclusively those related to the participation in the workshop: travel, accommodation, and subsistence costs. According to the following criteria:

For **traveling, subsistence and accommodation costs** for participating to events the lump-sum will be composed according to the following criteria:

Table 1. Cost Categories

DISTANCE	Total Amount
FROM 20 KM TO LESS THAN 200 KM	300 euro
FROM 200 KM TO LESS THAN 1000 KM	600 euro
FROM 1000 KM ON	1000 euro

When filling the application form, Social Economy SMEs and Enabling Organisations will have to declare their headquarter city and the calculations of the distance will be carried out using the two calculators provided by EU linked to the Commission Decision C (2021) 35, available at the following link:

https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/procedures-guidelines-tenders/information-contractors-and-beneficiaries/calculate-unit-costs-eligible-travel-costs_en

The departure will be the city of the legal address of the organisation, and the arrival will be the city in which the event is being held. In case the city name is not found on the link above, an extra check of the distance will be done through google maps. For distances over 400km please use the Flight calculator.

3. Who can participate?

1.3 Eligible applicants

The eligible applicants of **DO IMPACT OPEN CALL FOR PARTICIPATION TO THE DIGITAL AND DATA-DRIVEN PROGRAMS - SWEDEN 2026** are **2 types of organisations** located in the country stated below (section 3.2):

1. **Social Economy SMEs as defined by the EU, that work in the Proximity and Social Economy sector** (e.g. cooperatives, mutual benefit societies, associations (including charities), and foundations).

A SME will be considered as such if coherent with the [Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC](#) and the [SME user guide](#).

As a summary, the criteria which define an SME are:

- Headcount in Annual Work Unit (AWU): less than 250.
- and
- Annual turnover: less or equal to €50 million and/or
- Annual balance sheet total: less or equal to €43 million.

2. **Social Economy Enabling Organisations**, defined as sectoral federation or Association representing social economy entities, providing support services to social economy entities or federate social entities. Each applicant must be:
 - a legal entity;
 - a Social Economy Enabling Organisation

The DO Impact Consortium has the right to request formal registration documents from the applicants. In case the Consortium request is not answered within 7 working days, the applicant will be considered as ineligible.

Organisations and SMEs that are under liquidation, in difficulty, or excluded from the possibility of obtaining EU funding under the provisions of national or EU law or by a decision of national or EU authority are not eligible to apply for funding.

Other kind of entities not fulfilling the eligibility criteria are not eligible for this call.

Double funding shall be avoided! The applicants must not be or have been funded by national or European public funds for the same activities related to what they candidate to by applying to this call. This is a fundamental principle for public expenditure in the EU: no costs for the same activity can be funded twice from the EU budget.

Gender Equality, Diversity and Social Inclusion

The DO Impact project seeks gender balance, diversity protection and social inclusion. Therefore, applicants to **DO IMPACT OPEN CALL FOR PARTICIPATION TO THE DIGITAL AND DATA-DRIVEN PROGRAMS** are invited to take all measures to promote equal opportunities within their staff in the implementation of the action as well as address diversity.

1.4 Eligible countries

Social Economy SMEs and Enabling Organisations established in the countries where the events are taking place: Italy, Spain, Sweden, Baltics and Europe.

For the purpose of this call document, the entities must be **located in Sweden**.

1.5 Language

The application form must be filled in English, the official language for **DO IMPACT OPEN CALL FOR PARTICIPATION TO THE DIGITAL AND DATA-DRIVEN PROGRAMS**. Submissions done in any other language will not be evaluated. This means any requested documentation will have to be submitted in English in order to be considered eligible. The applicants can ask support to the DO Impact partners organising the workshops in their country. English is also the only official language for the agreement.

The Digital and Data-Driven Program will be held in the language of the country where it is organised.

1.6 Absence of conflicts of interest

Applicants shall not have any actual and/or potential conflicts of interest with the DO Impact Consortium, during both the selection process and the whole project development. All cases of potential conflicts of interest must be declared and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants cannot be DO Impact Consortium partners or affiliated entities (Affiliated Entity means any entity which owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, the DO Impact partner) nor their employees or co-operators under a contractual agreement.

4. How to participate?

1.7 Application form

The submission of the **DO IMPACT OPEN CALL FOR PARTICIPATION TO THE DIGITAL AND DATA-DRIVEN PROGRAMS – SWEDEN 2026** application must be done exclusively through the following link:

[LINK TO FORM](#)

Only the **application form filled online, in English** and submitted will be considered eligible.

1.8 Number of applications

Only one application per SME/Enabling Organisation will be evaluated (and possibly selected for funding) per cut-off. In the case of multiple submissions by the same applicant, only the last one received (as per timestamp of the IT system) will enter the evaluation process, the rest will not be considered, meaning, they will be declared non-eligible.

If the submitted application is declared non-eligible or fails to reach the thresholds needed to proceed to the evaluation, the applications that were submitted earlier by the same applicant will not be considered for evaluation either.

1.9 Deadlines for submission of applications

This **DO IMPACT OPEN CALL FOR PARTICIPATION TO THE DIGITAL AND DATA-DRIVEN PROGRAM IN SWEDEN 2026** will be open until the last in-person event is organised in 2025.

The Cut-off are as follows:

- For the participation to the workshop ***“How do you know you are creating social impact? Workshop on collecting and presenting data” (23/02/2026)***, the cut-off **deadline to fill the form is 12th February 2026 at 23:59:59 CET**.

- For the participation to the workshop **“Are we really doing this right? Building a digital culture” (17/04/2026)**, the cut-off **deadline to fill the form is 16th March 2026 at 12:59:59 CET**.

Applicants nevertheless can already manifest their interest in participating to both workshops at the first deadline and thus apply to the financial support for both events when they fill the form for the first time.

The DO Impact Consortium reserves the right to add a cut-off date in case there is still budget available.

Only proposals submitted before each cut-off deadline will be accepted. After the cut-off date, no additions or changes to received proposals will be considered.

5. Evaluation and selection of beneficiaries

1.10 Evaluation criteria

Companies applying to **DO IMPACT OPEN CALL FOR PARTICIPATION TO THE DIGITAL AND DATA-DRIVEN PROGRAMS** will be ranked according to the evaluation criteria shown in the table below.

Table 2. Evaluation criteria

Evaluation criteria	Weight
Criteria 1: Learning needs in terms of upskill/reskill linked to digitalisation and use of data	20%
How will the participation in the Digital and Data-Driven Program tackle your current needs and interests related to digitalisation? (max. 1000 characters)	
Criteria 2: Presence of a digitalisation strategy / plan / roadmap	35%
How would you describe your digitalisation level? Do you have already a plan to implement some technologies, a roadmap /digitalisation path, a destined budget? Is it the first time you are approaching these topics? → 25% Data produced in the organisation information. → 10%	
Criteria 3: Expected outcomes of the participants including the impact they foresee in the organisation	35%
Which specific outcomes and impact do you aim to achieve by participating in the Digital and Data-Driven Program? Please mention all the workshops/topics of interest for you (max. 1500 characters)	
Criteria 4: Expertise and competences available	10%
What expertise, resources, or experiences can you bring to the <u>DO Impact Digital and Data-Drive Programme</u> ? Please specify for any topic related. (max. 1000 characters)	
MAX TOTAL SCORE	5

DO Impact Selection Committee will score the criteria on a scale from 0 to 5 (half-point scores may be given):

- Fail [0] The proposal fails to address the criterion, or it cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
- Poor [1] The criterion is inadequately addressed or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
- Fair [2] The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.
- Good [3] The proposal addresses the criterion well but there are a certain number of shortcomings.
- Very good [4] There is a small number of shortcomings but overall, the proposal addresses the criterion very well.
- Excellent [5] The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion with no or minor shortcomings.

The evaluation period, including the eligibility check and the technical evaluation, shall take maximum 7 working days, starting from the closing date of the call. (check the cut-off dates calendars on the [website](#))

A minimum overall score of 3 points is required to be considered for the selection stage.

The evaluation phase will start after each cut-off date with an eligibility check of the Application Form that will take maximum 2 working days. The eligibility and evaluation will be carried out jointly by an evaluator appointed by the project coordinator (partner in charge of the management of the present call) and an evaluator appointed by the partner organising the event. Following the evaluation process, the ranking of the applications will be generated according to the highest obtained scores.

All applicants will be informed of the final results of the evaluation procedure within ~5 working days after the deadline. In case of a delay in the evaluation procedure, this will be communicated to the applicants via email.

Prioritisation in case of equal scores

In case a group of applicants score equal points, the prioritisation will be carried out as follow:

- 1st criterion: Applications ranked based on the scores obtained in Criterion 3 (Expected outcomes of the participants including the impact they foresee in your entity) of the evaluation criteria (higher to lower).
- 2nd criterion: Applications ranked based on the less represented cities/towns, to assure a balanced participation from companies coming from different parts of the country.

- 3rd criterion: gender balance presence at the event and a well-structured strategy on this topic within the organisation.

1.11 Confirmation

Once the information of the evaluation results is received, each selected company must confirm its commitment to participating in the Event by sending an email to doimpact@piemonteinnova.it and thus starting the agreement signing procedure. This communication must be sent within 3 working days from receiving the communication as a selected beneficiary.

1.12 Contact point

For any information, please send an email to doimpact@piemonteinnova.it specifying the topic of the request and the question/doubt/information needed.

Information about the project, its objectives and activities can be found on the DO Impact website: <https://diesis-network.coop/doimpact/project/>

Enquiries and complaints

If you consider that a mistake has been made, you can send your complaint in English by email to doimpact@piemonteinnova.it including at least the following information:

- contact details (including email address).
- the subject of the complaint.
- explanation and evidence regarding the complaint.
- Copy of the submitted application form.

Companies will have five calendar days to submit their complaint starting from the day after communication of the results is sent. The DO Impact Consortium will review the complaint within no more than seven calendar days from its reception. If we need more time to assess the complaint, we will inform the company by email about the need for an extension.

We will not consider nor review anonymous complaints, nor complaints with incomplete information.

6. Preparation, signature of the Agreement and fulfilment of activities

Once the beneficiaries have been selected, they will receive the agreement proposed by the DO Impact Coordinator (Fondazione Piemonte Innova) defining the total lump sum to be received, the conditions and payment.

For SMEs and Enabling Organisations interested in more than one event providing Financial Support, the agreement will cover already all this information, meaning that

the maximum amount will be calculated taking into account the potential participation of the SME or Enabling Organisation to all the workshops of interest.

The agreement will also contain all the relevant information related to the company, DO Impact coordinator, and the principles and obligations¹ to be fulfilled by the beneficiaries SMEs/Enabling Organisations, related to:

- **Conflict of interests:** The beneficiaries must take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the Agreement could be compromised for reasons involving family, emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other direct or indirect interest ('conflict of interests'). They must formally notify the DO Impact Consortium without delay of any situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interests and immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation. The DO Impact Consortium may verify that the measures taken are appropriate and may require additional measures to be taken by a specified deadline.
- **Confidentiality and security - Sensitive information:** The beneficiary SME/Enabling Organisation must keep confidential any data, documents or other material (in any form) that is identified as sensitive in writing ('sensitive information') – during the implementation of the action and for at least until the time-limit set out in the [Privacy policy](#). Unless otherwise agreed between the parties signing the agreement, they may use sensitive information only to implement the Agreement. The beneficiaries may disclose sensitive information to their personnel or other participants involved in the action only if they: (a) need to know it in order to implement the Agreement and (b) are bound by an obligation of confidentiality. The DO Impact Consortium may disclose sensitive information to its staff and to other EU institutions and bodies. It may moreover disclose sensitive information to third parties, if: (a) this is necessary to implement the Agreement or safeguard the EU financial interests and (b) the recipients of the information are bound by an obligation of confidentiality. The confidentiality obligations no longer apply if: (a) the disclosing party agrees to release the other party (b) the information becomes publicly available, without breaching any confidentiality obligation (c) the disclosure of the sensitive information is required by EU, international or national law. Specific confidentiality rules (if any) will be set out in the agreement.
- **Classified information:** The parties must handle classified information in accordance with the applicable EU, international or national law on classified information (in particular, Decision 2015/44417 and its implementing rules). Deliverables which contain classified information must be submitted according

¹ Following the requirements of the Grant Agreement 101167976 (Art. 9.4) signed by the DO Impact Consortium related to providing financial support to third parties (FSTP).

- to special procedures agreed with the granting authority. Action tasks involving classified information may be subcontracted only after explicit approval (in writing) from the granting authority. Classified information may not be disclosed to any third party (including participants involved in the action implementation) without prior explicit written approval from the granting authority. Specific security rules (if any) will be set out in the agreement.
- **Ethics:** the activities must be carried out in line with the highest ethical standards and the applicable EU, international and national law on ethical principles. Specific ethics rules (if any) will be set out in the agreement.
 - **Values:** the beneficiary must commit to and ensure the respect of basic EU values (such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and human rights, including the rights of minorities). Specific rules on values (if any) will be set out in the agreement.
 - **Visibility of the EU emblem:** conditions and requirements will be included in the agreement following what stated in Communication obligations.
 - **Specific rules** for carrying out the action, settled in the agreement.
 - **Keeping records and supporting documents:** the beneficiaries must — at least until the time-limit set out by the DO Impact Consortium in the Agreement (5 years after the end of DO Impact project, i.e.: 31/08/2026) — keep records and other supporting documents to prove the proper implementation of the action (meaning, the participation to the event). In addition, the beneficiaries must — for the same period — keep the following to justify the amounts declared: adequate records and supporting documents to prove proper implementation and fulfilment of the conditions as described in the agreement.
 - **Consequences of non-compliance:** If a beneficiary breaches any of its obligations under the agreement, the lump-sum may be reduced or terminated.

The beneficiaries must complete the agreement with the required information and the SME or Enabling Organisation's legal representative must sign it. The agreement must be signed using a certified electronic signature (encrypted digital signatures, such as those produced using e-signature software) and sent via email to doimpact@piemonteinnova.it within 5 working days after its reception. It will then be counter-signed by Fondazione Piemonte Innova, and a fully signed copy will be sent back via email to the company.

In case the company prefers to sign the contract by hand, this must be notified to Piemonte Innova when the communication of selection is received, thus before receiving the agreement. In this case, the signed Agreement must be sent by post.

In all cases mentioned above, a signature indicates acceptance of the agreement and all its terms.

1.13 Proof of participation

In order to receive the lump-sum, beneficiaries have to sign the participants list available during the event, which will be used as proof of participation in the event.

Furthermore, they will have to contribute to the impact measurement of the project by filling feedback forms and other requested information.

1.14 Payment

Payments will be carried out after each workshop, following the lump sum specifically defined for the workshop, as set in the agreement. It will be paid after the SME/Organisation has participated in the specific event and has filled the feedback form.

For SMEs/Enabling Organisations participating in more than one workshop, there will be different payments following each workshop, for a maximum amount as defined in the agreement. If an entity does not fulfil all the above-mentioned conditions, no payment will be made.

The payment will be carried out by Fondazione Piemonte Innova, coordinator of the DO Impact project, within 60 days (2 months) after receiving the required documents.

1.15 Communication obligations

For dissemination of the activities funded by DO Impact, the recipients must credit the DO Impact project through proper citation and appearance of the DO Impact logo and the EU emblem, with the disclaimer

“This activity has indirectly received funding from the European Union's Single Market Programme, via the DO Impact Project (GA N. 101167976)”.

The DO Impact project will provide further communication on this topic to all beneficiaries of this call, and this information will be also included in the agreement.

7. Confidentiality and GDPR data protection

By submitting the application, the company consents that the content of the application form will be shared with DO Impact partners. The privacy policy is available [here](#) as well as linked in the [application form](#).

DO Impact consortium has the right to use non-sensitive information relating to the activities, materials and documents received from the beneficiaries for policy, information, communication, dissemination and publicity purposes – during the project implementation and afterwards. All this information will be included in the agreement that will be signed by the beneficiary and a partner of DO Impact.

8. ANNEX 1: Call Process

The following graphic shows the overall process for the **DO IMPACT OPEN CALL FOR PARTICIPATION TO THE DIGITAL AND DATA-DRIVEN PROGRAMME**.

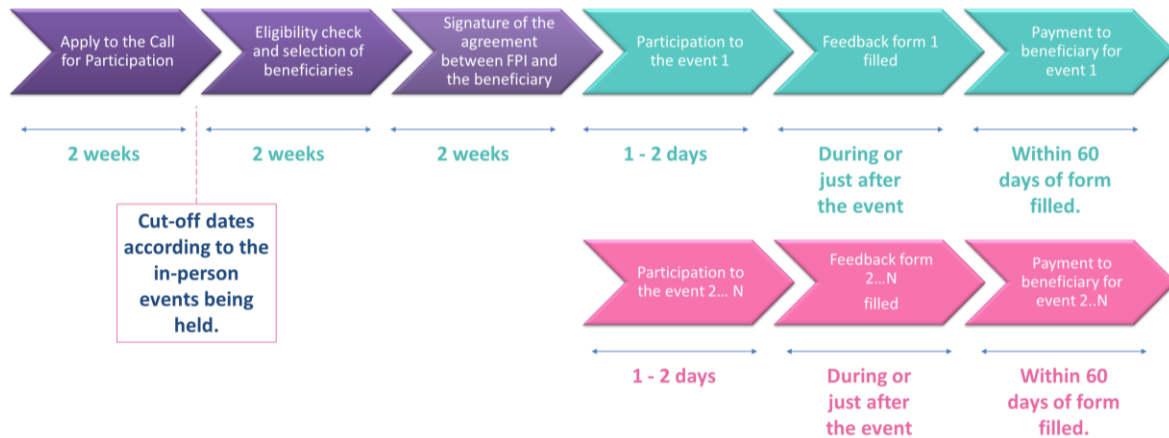


Figure 1 - Open call mechanism

9. ANNEX 2: Applicant checklist

In order to submit a complete application to **DO IMPACT OPEN CALL FOR PARTICIPATION TO THE DIGITAL AND DATA-DRIVEN PROGRAMME**, SMEs and Enabling Organisations must present the following documentation:

- Participation Form: completed within the deadline. Link: <https://forms.gle/sARqtH56UzyfVvaPg>
- If selected, entities must provide:
 - the Bank account reference (IBAN and BIC codes). The Bank Account must be linked to the SME/Enabling Organisation and not of a Natural Person.
 - Information about the grant recipient's legal representative (name and surname, position, telephone number, email address, signature).