



Sectorial Testing and Experimentation Facilities under DEP

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Why is the EC funding TEFs?

- Testing and experimenting state-of-the art AI-based soft-/hardware solutions and products in real-world environments, and at scale, is an important step to bring technology to market
- Support for European technology providers of AI solutions
- Support world-class reference technology infrastructures at EU level
- Improve uptake of Trustworthy AI

What is a TEF?

WORLD CLASS REFERENCE SITES FOR EXPERIMENTATION AND TESTING AI

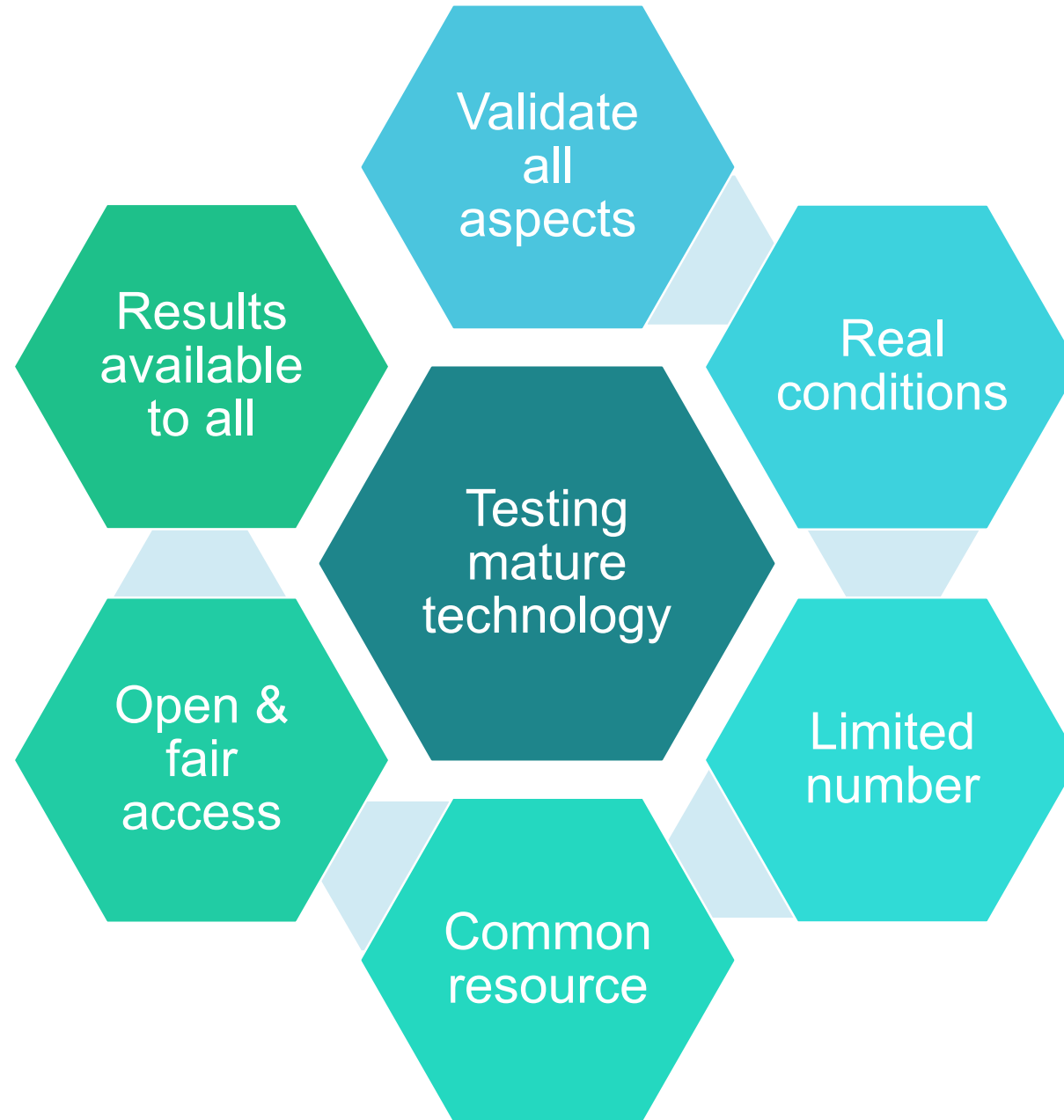
REAL SETTING

ESSENTIAL SECTORS: AGRICULTURE, HEALTHCARE, MANUFACTURING AND SMART CITIES & COMMUNITIES

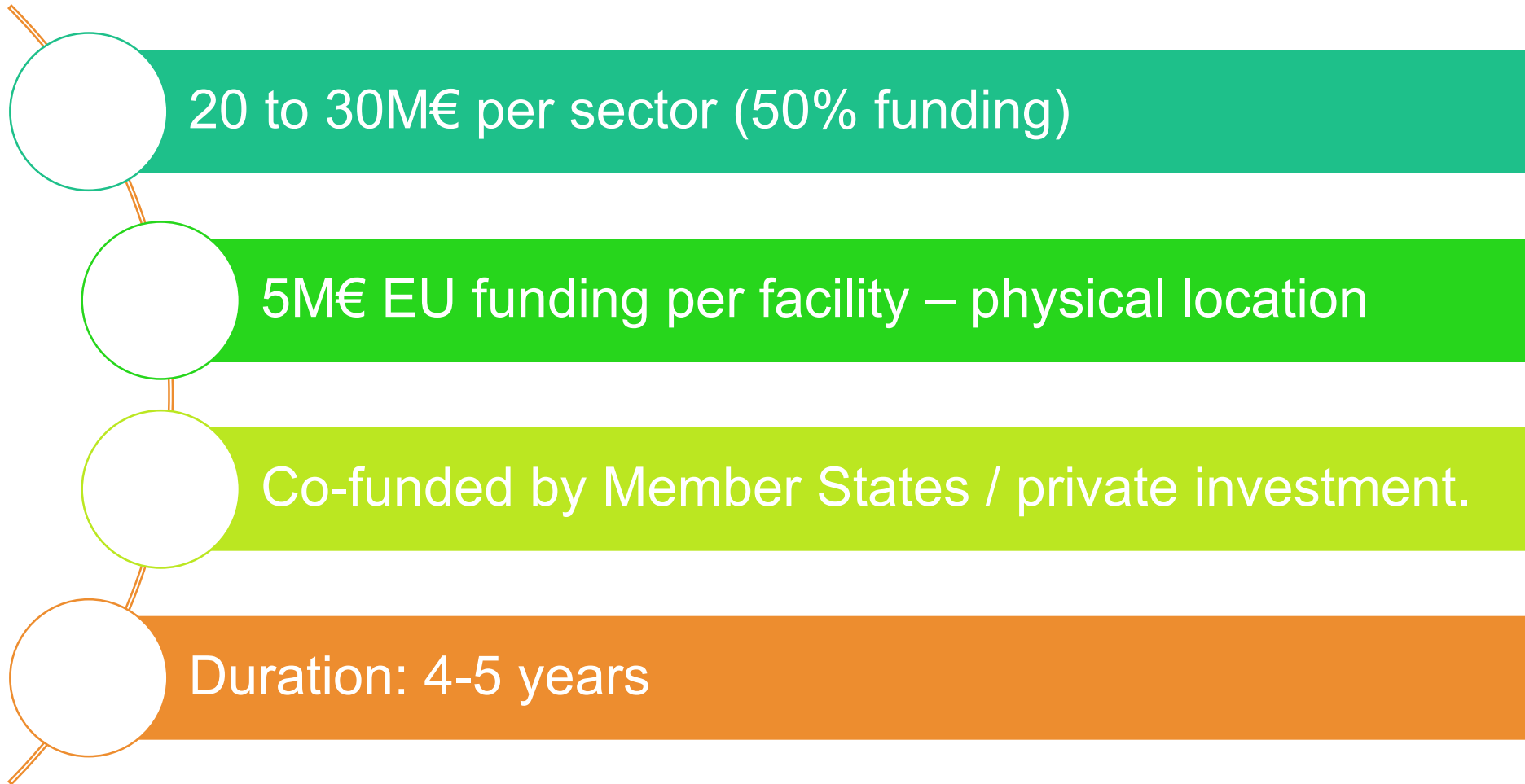
CONNECTED TO THE NETWORK OF DIGITAL INNOVATION HUBS

EQUIPPED WITH INFRASTRUCTURE & LATEST AI + ACCESS TO CLOUD/DATA/HPC...

Concept

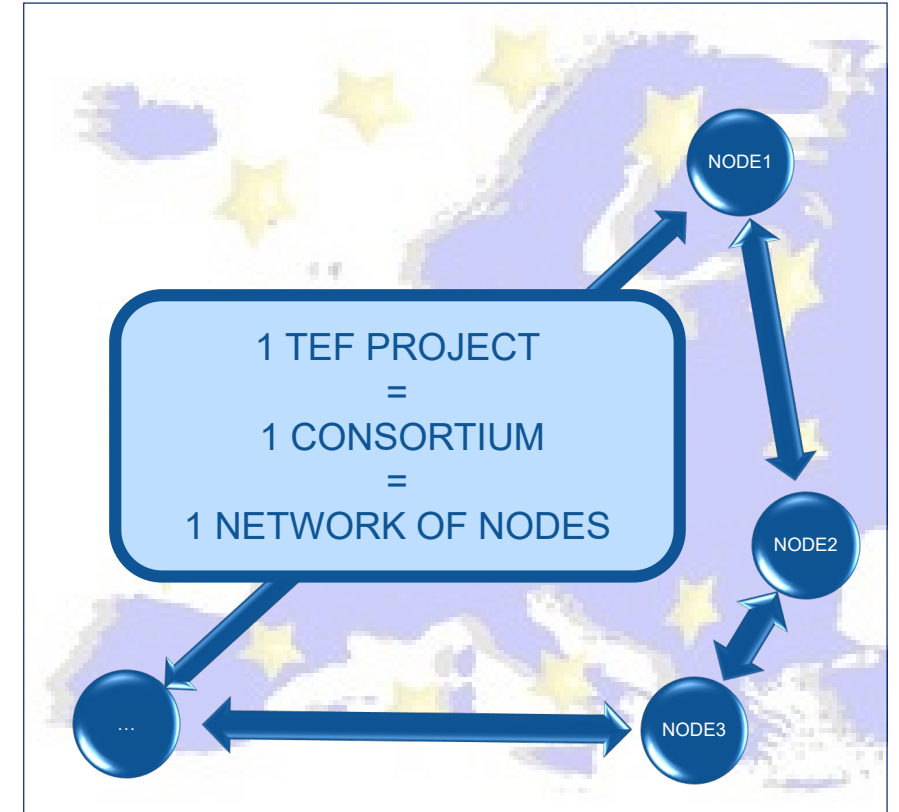


Sectorial TEFs in Numbers



How to apply as a network

- **Set-up of a network with nodes (and satellites)**
- A network of 4 nodes (approx. 5M€/node) would:
 - Be in 4 MS (ideally – good geographical coverage)
 - Receive 20 MEUR funding (and 40 MEUR overall)



Node & satellite



Indicative example!

Projects selection

STEP1: Proposers build a consortium & secure funding commitment from their Member State

- by relevant authority in **Member State** (before the DIGITAL Call Deadline)



STEP2:

DIGITAL Evaluation & Selection

- Check co-funding commitment (
- DIGITAL process selects the consortium → prioritised ranking list

!!! MIGHT BE RESTRICTION OF PARTICIPATION in DIGITAL

Next steps

Tentative timing

- 15 February: publication of call
- 22 February: launch of call
- 28 February (tbc): TEF infoday on how to write proposal
- 17 May: call end

More information available at <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/activities/testing-and-experimentation-facilities>

Thank you for participating in today's meeting!