

## **Staff working document on the policy programme: a path to the digital decade**

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The Commission's Communication "2030 Digital Compass: the European way for the Digital Decade" of 9 March 2021 laid out the vision for a successful digital transformation of the European Union by 2030. The EU's ambition is to be digitally sovereign in an open and interconnected world, and to pursue digital policies that empower people and businesses to seize a human centred, inclusive, sustainable and more prosperous digital future. This includes addressing vulnerabilities and dependencies as well as accelerating investment.

In the light of these ambitions and challenges, the Commission proposes a policy programme in the form of a proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Policy Programme "Path to the Digital Decade" .

To complement the Commission's proposal, this Staff Working Document (SWD) analyses the current digital situation in the European Union and, in light of this analysis, explains in more detail the rationale for the Digital Decade targets and corresponding KPIs as well as the proposed governance framework, mechanisms to set up Multi-Country Projects, and identified enablers.

In preparing the proposal, the Commission also carried out a targeted consultation on the 2030 digital compass.

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