

## EU Code Week 2020 kicks off to promote skills for the digital future

The 8th edition of the European Code Week, a grass-roots initiative supported by the European Commission, which aims to make everyone familiar with coding and digital technologies in an entertaining and engaging way, opened on Thursday 8 October with an online event. From 10 to 25 October Code Week will feature lots of online activities and an original #CodeWeekDance challenge in which schools, teachers, libraries, businesses and many more, will have the opportunity to participate.



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Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, Mariya **Gabriel**, said:

I am delighted to be working again with EU Code Week, which inspires people of all ages to learn about programming, computers and many technology activities. Although this year we had to move all events online due to the circumstances, our ambition is not lessened: we aim to reach millions of people across Europe to help them get acquainted with technology, acquire the right skills and be empowered through digital learning.

Commissioner for Internal Market, Thierry **Breton**, said:

*EU Code Week has given millions of people a brilliant opportunity to learn or teach others how to code by creating their own game or application, digging into robotics or learning how algorithms shape the world around us. It is a great initiative that helps everybody to enhance their digital skills, thrive at school and work and change their lives towards a*

better digital decade.

Last year, 4.2 million people in over 80 countries worldwide participated in EU Code Week.

## More information

- EU Code Week website
- Online kick-off event - live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

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