Digital skills

The EU has developed a range of policies and initiatives to increase digital skills in both the workforce and consumers.

Using a search engine to find out the result of a football match, managing our money through online banking, posting on social media to share a funny video with our friends, or requesting a birth certificate for a newborn. These all require digital skills. But digital skills do not only concern what is useful in our personal lives; they also help us in our workplaces.

In Europe, more than 90% of professional roles require a basic level of digital knowledge, just as they require basic literacy and numeracy skills. The use of digital is spreading across all sectors from business to transport and even to farming. Yet, around 42% of Europeans lack basic digital skills, including 37% of those in the workforce.

That is why the EU is investing in programmes to train Europeans and expand the talent pool in Europe so we can be confident our future in the digital world. These programmes include:

- European Skills Agenda
- Digital Education Action Plan
- Digital skills and jobs coalition
Improving our digital skills beyond a basic level is important too. Advanced digital skills can help us in jobs such as digital marketing, social media, and more. And, the need for digital skills at work will only increase.

More Europeans with stronger digital skills will strengthen Europe's competitiveness in the digital world, and drive us towards a more equal society.

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The Commission recently presented a vision, targets and avenues for a successful digital transformation of Europe by 2030. This is also critical to achieve the transition towards a climate neutral, circular and resilient economy. 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, sustainable and more prosperous digital future. This includes addressing vulnerabilities and dependencies as well as accelerating investment.

EU Code Week organisers register over 72,000 activities for the second year in a row

Despite the challenges that schools around Europe and the world faced in 2020, over 3.4 million students and teachers from 84 countries joined the EU Code Week initiative and took part in more than 72,000 coding activities. The next edition of EU Code Week will take place from 9 to 24 October 2021.

Safer Internet Day 2021: A better internet for children and young people

Last Tuesday, 9 February 2021, was Safer Internet Day. Launched in 2004 and promoted by the EU-funded network of Safer Internet Centres in Member States, the day was celebrated online in more than 170 countries worldwide. The theme "Together for a better internet" is a call for everyone to join in making the internet a safer and better place, especially for children and young people.
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The European Commission is determined to tackle the digital skills gap and promote projects and strategies to improve the level of digital skills in Europe.

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