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.

Subscribe to the latest news on this topic and more
Access the Digital Skills and Jobs Platform

Follow the latest progress and learn more about getting involved.
Follow the Commission's work on digital skills at @DigitalSkillsEU

**Latest News**

PRESS RELEASE | 12 October 2022
Commission kick-starts work on the European Year of Skills

Following the announcement by President Ursula von der Leyen in her 2022 State of the Union address, the Commission has adopted its proposal to make 2023 the European Year of Skills.

PRESS RELEASE | 11 October 2022
Commission steps up action to tackle
The Commission has published Guidelines for teachers and educators in primary and secondary schools, on how to address disinformation and promote digital literacy in their classrooms.

PRESS RELEASE | 06 October 2022
10th anniversary of EU Code Week: bringing coding to schools and beyond

This year, EU Code Week is celebrating its ten-year anniversary and will take place from 8 to 23 October 2022.

DIGIBYTE | 05 October 2022
Anniversary edition of EU Code Week marks 10 years of bringing coding to classrooms across Europe and beyond

The tenth anniversary edition of EU Code Week will be launched with a kick-off on 6 October 2022. With a wide range of activities organised to bring coding into the classroom, this year’s Code Week will take place from 8 to 23 October 2022.
Browse Digital Skills and Jobs
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.
Skills in the DIGITAL Europe programme

The DIGITAL Europe programme will fund the design and delivery of specialised programmes and...

Human Capital and Digital Skills in the Digital Economy and Society Index

The Commission monitors ‘internet user skills’ and ‘advanced skills and development’ across the EU...

Source URL: https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/policies/digital-skills