

Digital Agenda

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for Europe



Workers – right skills for the digital era

Today Europe is suffering from a growing ICT skills shortage. 150 million Europeans – some 30% - have never used the internet and Europe's educational and training systems have not kept up with the ICT skills needed in today's digital job market.

The Digital Agenda aims to increase and upgrade the digital skills of all EU citizens irrespective of age, location or economic situation so that they can participate fully in the digital society and the job market.

There is also a huge untapped potential in the millions of young people and millions of women of all ages who are regular ICT users and who could be attracted to a job in the ICT or technology sector. This massive pool of potential talent and resources needs to be tapped for European growth and competitiveness.

The Digital Agenda will aim to make sure that all citizens, especially young people, are made aware of the potential of ICT for all kinds of professions. The EU will call on Member States to make digital literacy and competences a priority for the European Social Fund.

For people already using ICT skills and working in the technology sector, the Digital Agenda will help identify and recognise the competences of ICT practitioners, so that the industry in need of employees with particular ICT skills can easily identify them.

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