



# Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition

## Newsletter

Digital skills for ICT professionals

Digital skills in education

Digital skills for labour force

Digital skills for all citizens

## Digital skills news from the European Commission

### European Digital Skills Awards: meet 24 outstanding finalists

24 exceptional projects and initiatives that help Europeans improve their digital skills were selected as finalists of the European Digital Skills Awards 2018. They will present their activities at ICT 2018 in Vienna. European Commissioner Mariya Gabriel will award 5 winners on 6 December.

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### Digital Skills @ICT2018: Plenary with Commissioner Gabriel, Digital Skills Awards ceremony and exhibition plus Networking session on Digital Opportunity Traineeships

On 6 December, Commissioner Mariya Gabriel and guests will discuss the need for advanced skills for societal breakthroughs. The discussion is part of the ICT 2018 conference. At the plenary, Commissioner Gabriel will also hand out the European Digital Skills Awards 2018 to five distinguished digital skills projects who will also exhibit their projects together with all runner-ups. A networking session on the Digital Opportunity Traineeship initiative will also take place on 5 December.

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### Commission launches new SELFIE tool to support digital teaching and learning in schools

On 25 October, the European Commission launched the SELFIE (Self-reflection on Effective Learning by Fostering the use of Innovative Educational Technologies) tool to help schools assess how they use digital technology for teaching and learning in 24 EU languages. All interested schools (upper primary, secondary and vocational education schools) can sign up on the SELFIE platform and run the self-reflection in their school. The Commission's goal is to reach 1 million students, teachers and school leaders by the end of 2019.

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### Code Week 2018 reaches new records and takes place in 72 countries

EU Code Week 2018 has proven to be the most successful to date. The total number of activities registered is now 41,000, involving hundreds of thousands of participants, most of them in schools.

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### I-DESI 2018: How digital is Europe compared to other major world economies?



The International Digital Economy and Society Index (I-DESI) provides an overall assessment of where the EU stands, compared to non-EU economies, in its progress towards a digital society and economy. First created in 2013, I-DESI compares the average performance of EU member States with 17 non-EU countries, using a similar methodology to the EU DESI index. It measures performance in five dimensions or policy areas: connectivity, human capital (digital skills), use of Internet by citizens, integration of technology and digital public services.

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