

### Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition

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### News from the Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition

## Turning the Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition into a real movement boosting digital skills in Europe - Blog post by Anja Monrad

The Board of the Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition just presented a ninepoint Action Plan, outlining the Coalition's priorities for the coming months. It is now up to all members, pledgers and national coalitions to rise to the challenge, deliver on the identified priorities, and turn the Coalition into a genuine movement.

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## 10.9 million people reached by upskilling activities of the Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition

Between December 2016 and July 2018, members of the Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition offered 10.9 million Europeans a chance to improve their digital skills. In total, 7.4 million digital skills trainings were provided, 1.9 million certifications were delivered and 1.6 million people were reached through awareness-raising campaigns. Moreover, 23 National Coalitions are now working on the ground, promoting digital skills policies and actions.

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## The Governing Board of the Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition adopts an Action Plan to boost the Coalition

The Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition Governing Board presented a nine-point Action Plan outlining the Coalition's priorities for the coming months. The Plan sets out how to expand current membership to all sectors of the economy, especially small and medium enterprises (SMEs), how to include all actors and networks that work on the ground with digital skills actions and how to ensure that the EU's

digital transformation.

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### Digital skills news from the European Commission

## EU Code Week kicks-off with hundreds of thousands people coding across Europe and beyond

EU Code Week starts on 6 October with over 12,000 activities taking place in more than 45 countries. The EU Code Week is a yearly grass-roots movement supported by the European Commission as part of its strategy for a Digital Single Market, that promotes programming and wider tech knowledge, this year with a special focus on schools. More than a million people are expected to participate in the interactive events, including children, parents and teachers. This year, the initiative calls especially on teachers to try out coding and 'tech' related activities in their classroom.



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## The European Commission launches the European Digital Skills Awards 2018

The European Commission wants to put the spotlight on projects which contribute to the development of digital skills in Europe. The Awards will be presented by Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society on 6 December 2018. The Awards are a great opportunity for nominees to showcase their projects, as the winners and four runners up in each category will be invited to exhibit their project at the ICT 2018 conference in Vienna as a reward. The final deadline for the submission of projects is 21 October 2018.



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## Don't miss your Opportunity for a Traineeship in Digital: possibilities are open for thousands of European students!

With the beginning of the new academic year, university students can count on a new EU-funded programme to develop their digital skills: the Digital Opportunity Traineeship Initiative. Students from all faculties can access on-the-job training in a company abroad to improve their digital skills in fields ranging from digital marketing, app development and artificial intelligence. Students will be granted a monthly allowance of around 500 euro, which companies can top up. In the beginning of October over 500 students had started their Digital Opportunity Traineeship across Europe.



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### High-Level Group on the impact of digital transformation meets Commissioners Thyssen and Gabriel

During the first meeting of the High-Level Group on the impact of digital transformation, its members welcomed the opportunity to hear the views of Commissioners Thyssen and Gabriel, who underlined the political importance of the topics under consideration and the need to ensure that digital technologies would lead to innovation and growth while also fostering competitiveness and inclusiveness.

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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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### Back2School with the #SaferInternet4EU campaign

Commissioner Mariya Gabriel launches the Back2School month as part of the #SaferInternet4EU campaign

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### Coming up

#### 15 October 2018

Bringing coding to schools: Discussion with Commissioner Mariya Gabriel and guests

#### 8 November 2018

Skills for Jobs in the Digital Era

The <u>Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition</u> brings together Member States, companies, social partners, non-profit organisations and education providers, who take action to tackle the lack of digital skills in Europe. This newsletter provides the latest news related to digital skills and the Coalition.

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