

DIGITAL Europe Programme: Information Day for Potential Applicants to the 4th set of open calls in Advanced Digital Skills

2 June 2023 from 10:30 to 12:00 CEST

Agenda

Time	Item
10:30 – 10:35	Welcoming remarks and introduction
10:35 – 10:55	General: 4 th Call under DEP – Overview, Evaluation Process, Award Criteria and scoring - Basak Koyuncu, HaDEA
10:55 – 11:05	Q&As
11:05 – 11:20	Topic Session 1: Reinforcing skills in semiconductors (DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-04-SEMICONDUCTORS) Stefano Selleri, DG CNECT Unit A3.
11:20 – 11:30	Q&As
11:30 – 11:45	Topic Session 3: Boosting digital skills of young people and especially girls (DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-04-BOOSTINGDIGIT) – Stephanie Hille, DG CNECT.
11:45 – 12:00	Q&As and closing remarks

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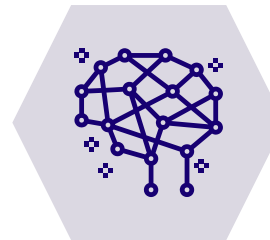
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REINFORCING SKILLS IN SEMICONDUCTORS

- (DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-04-SEMICONDUCTORS)
- [LINK TO JOIN THE DISCUSSION ON SEMICONDUCTORS](#)



BOOSTING THE DIGITAL SKILLS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND ESPECIALLY GIRLS

- (DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-04-BOOSTINGDIGIT)
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Welcome and introduction

2 June 2023

4th Call under DEP: Overview, Evaluation Process, Award Criteria, Scoring

Basak Koyuncu, HaDEA B2 – Digital Calls Team

2 June 2023



DEP Proposal Submission

Submitting a
proposal
via the Funding &
Tenders Portal



HADEA B2-Digital Calls Team

Basak Koyuncu

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General overview of the Call



Overview of 4 Call/Topic and Timetable

Calls/Topics	Available budget
DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-04	
DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-04-SEMICONDUCTORS- Reinforcing skills in semiconductors	10 M
DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-04-BOOSTINGDIGIT- Boosting digital skills of young people, in particular girls	6 M

Steps	Dates
Call open since	11 May 2023
Deadline for submission	26 September 2023 – 17:00:00 CEST (Brussels)
Evaluation	October to November 2023
Information on evaluation results	December 2023
Grant Agreement signature	June 2024



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Dear Implementing Partners, Due to ongoing structural changes concerning Interventions, in terms of methodology and in the IT system, you are requested to stop ...

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Data space for smart communities (deployment)

DIGITAL-2022-CLOUD-AI-03-DS-SMART

Programme	Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL)	Status	Open for submission
Type of action	DIGITAL Grants for Financial Support	Deadline model	single-stage
Opening date	29 September 2022	Deadline date	24 January 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time

Data space for media (deployment)

DIGITAL-2022-CLOUD-AI-03-DS-MEDIA

Programme	Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL)	Status	Open for submission
Type of action	Digital SME Support Actions	Deadline model	single-stage
Opening date	29 September 2022	Deadline date	24 January 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time

Data space for manufacturing (deployment)

DIGITAL-2022-CLOUD-AI-03-DS-MANUF

Programme	Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL)	Status	Open for submission
Type of action	Digital SME Support Actions	Deadline model	single-stage
Opening date	29 September 2022	Deadline date	24 January 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time

Specialised education programmes or modules in key capacity areas

DIGITAL-2022-SKILLS-03-SPECIALISED-EDU

Programme	Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL)	Status	Open for submission
Type of action	DIGITAL Simple Grants	Deadline model	single-stage
Opening date	29 September 2022	Deadline date	24 January 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time



Topic Page

Reinforcing skills in semiconductors

TOPIC ID: DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-04-SEMICONDUCTORS

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Advanced Digital Skills (DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-04)

See budget overview

Type of action

DIGITAL-SIMPLE DIGITAL Simple Grants

Type of MGA

DIGITAL Action Grant Budget-Based [DIGITAL-AG]

Open for submission

Deadline model

single-stage

Opening date

11 May 2023

Deadline date

26 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time

Topic description

ExpectedOutcome:

Concerning the projects addressing the Academic network (point I in scope above)

- Definition of the required curricula using the ECTS system with capacity for around 500 students/year across at least 5 Member States, for BSc and MSc levels.
- A scholarship programme for selected semiconductors students enrolled in the common curriculum at BSc and MSc levels.
- On-the-job experiences for undergraduate students in companies involved in the consortium.
- Upgrade of laboratories used for the teaching activities delivered by the project.
- Communication initiatives toward the public, including social media.

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Conditions

1. Admissibility conditions: described in section 5 of the call document

Proposal page limits and layout: described in Part B of the Application Form available in the Submission System

2. Eligible countries: described in section 6 of of the call document

3. Other eligibility conditions: described in section 6 of the call document

4. Financial and operational capacity and exclusion: described in section 7 of the call document

5. Evaluation and award:

- **Award criteria, scoring and thresholds:** described in section 9 of the call document • **Submission and evaluation processes:** described section 8 of the call document and the [Online Manual](#)
- **Indicative timeline for evaluation and grant agreement:** described in section 4 of the call document

6. Legal and financial set-up of the grants: described in section 10 of the call document

Documents

Call documents:

Call document: [The CALL DOCUMENT can be accessed here](#)

Standard application form is available in the Submission System

[DIGITAL EUROPE PROGRAMME - General MGA v1.0](#)

[Guidance Classification of information in DIGITAL projects](#)

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Interface to submit the proposal

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To access existing draft proposals for this topic, please login to the Funding & Tenders Portal and select the My Proposals page of the My Area section.

Please select the type of your submission:

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Please confirm your choice

You selected this topic: **EBSI – Deployment of services - DIGITAL-2022-DEPLOY-02-EBSI-SERVICES**

You selected this type of action and model grant agreement: **DIGITAL Simple Grants [DIGITAL-SIMPLE], DIGITAL Action Grant Budget-Based [DIGITAL-AG]**

Related Call: **Accelerating best use of technologies**



Your selection cannot be changed subsequently in the submission system.

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Call: DIGITAL-2022-DEPLOY-02
Topic: **DIGITAL-2022-DEPLOY-02-EBSI-SERVICES**
Type of action: DIGITAL-SIMPLE
Type of MGA: DIGITAL-AG

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The register contains all participants of EU programmes.

Is your organisation already registered? PIC search

Please check whether your organisation has already been registered. If so, no need to register it again.

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Register your organisation

To register, you need to login in the Portal or, if you are a new user, create your account.

Check what information you need to register in the Online Manual - and keep it to hand during the registration procedure. To start registration, click on the button below.

Register your organisation

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New registration



PIC Number – Key aspects

- ✓ The self-registrant needs to have a valid email address
- ✓ The temporary PICs can be reused to complete or update data
- ✓ Please ensure that all information is updated such as LEAR, address, bank details etc...
- ✓ Ensure that all information has been validated
- ✓ The message exchange and documents upload should be done via the **Participant Register Only**



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Topic: **DIGITAL-2022-DEPLOY-02-EBSI-SERVICES**
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Part A
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Comprising of:
- Details of the coordinator & consortium partners
- Budget Table
- Fill in the security table (compulsory for this call)



Submitting a complete proposal

Part A +

Part B +

**Mandatory Annex (list of
previous projects)**



PART A of the Application

Administrative part of the application

Section 1 - General information

Call, Topic, Type of Action, Proposal number, Proposal acronym, Type of Model Grant Agreement

Section 2 – Participants

Information on the applicants and consortium

Section 3 - Budget

Attention: In the budget table the column **Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)** to be completed as this applies to this topic.

Annex forms to be filled in

Only **security form** to be filled in under this Topic as a compulsory requirement

Acronym

3 - Budget

No.	Name of beneficiary	Country	Role	Personnel costs - without volunteers / EUR	Subcontracting costs/ EUR	Purchase costs - Travel and subsistence/ EUR	Purchase costs - Equipment/ EUR	Purchase costs - Other goods, works and services/ EUR	Financial support to third parties/ EUR	Indirect costs/ EUR	Total eligible costs/ EUR	Ineligible costs/ EUR	Total estimated project costs and contributions/ EUR	Funding rate	Maximum EU contribution to eligible costs/ EUR	Requested EU contribution to eligible costs/ EUR	Max grant amount/ EUR	Income generated by the project/ EUR	In kind contributions/ EUR	Financial contributions/ EUR	Own resources/ EUR	Total estimated project income/ EUR
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PART B of the Application

Part B - Technical part of the application	
Section 1 - Relevance In line with Award Criteria 1 in the next slide	1.1 Objectives and activities 1.2 Contribution to long-term policy objectives, policies and strategies — Synergies 1.3 Digital technology supply chain* 1.4 Financial obstacles*
Section 2 - Implementation In line with Award Criteria 2 in the next slide	2.1 Maturity 2.2 Implementation plan and efficient use of resources 2.3 Capacity to carry out the proposed work
Section 3 - Impact In line with Award Criteria 3 in the next slide	3.1 Expected outcomes and deliverables 3.2 Competitiveness and benefits for society 3.3 Environmental sustainability and contribution to European Green Deal goals*
Section 4 - Work plan, Work packages, timing and subcontracting	

* Sections 1.2, 1.4 and 3.3 are not applicable to this topic.

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Award criteria for this call

RELEVANCE

- Alignment with the objectives and activities as described in section 2
- Contribution to long-term policy objectives, relevant policies and strategies, and synergies with activities at European and national level
- ~~— Extent to which the project would reinforce and secure the digital technology supply chain in the EU*~~
- ~~— Extent to which the project can overcome financial obstacles such as the lack of market finance*~~

IMPLEMENTATION

- Maturity of the project
- Soundness of the implementation plan and efficient use of resources
- Capacity of the applicants, and when applicable the consortium as a whole, to carry out the proposed work

IMPACT

- Extent to which the project will achieve the expected outcomes and deliverables referred to in the call for proposals and, where relevant, the plans to disseminate and communicate project achievements
- Extent to which the project will strengthen competitiveness and bring important benefits for society
- ~~- Extent to which the project addresses environmental sustainability and the European Green Deal goals, in terms of direct effects and/or in awareness of environmental effects*~~

**NOT applicable to all topics. Within the framework of this call*

For further details, refer to the topic presentation and the Call Document - Section 2 - Specific topic conditions



Award criteria scoring during evaluation

Award criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
Relevance	3	5
Implementation	3	5
Impact	3	5
Overall (pass) scores	10	15

- Minimum threshold per individual criterion: **3/5 points**.
- Maximum threshold per individual criterion: **5/5 points**.
- Maximum points per proposals: **15 points**.
- Proposals that :
 - Pass the individual award criteria threshold that is: minimum **3 scores per criteria**
 - AND**
 - Overall scoring threshold of **10 points** will be considered for funding, within the limits of the available call budget.
- Proposals that do not achieve this threshold will be rejected.

For further details, refer to the Call Document Section 9 – Award Criteria



Mandatory annexes per topic

Call ID and Topic ID

Mandatory Annex
to be uploaded

CALL ID: DIGITAL-2022-SKILLS-03

TOPIC ID: **DIGITAL-2022-SKILLS-03-SPECIALISED** - Specialised education programmes in key capacity areas

1. Security (PART A FORM)
2. List of previous projects (to be uploaded)

Proposal forms

Deadline
22 February 2022 17:00:00 Brussels Local Time

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Call: **DIGITAL-2021-EDIH-01**
Topic: **DIGITAL-2021-EDIH-INITIAL-01**
Type of action: **DIGITAL-SIMPLE**
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Proposal data:

Acronym: **TEST DIGITAL**
Draft ID: **SEP-210812889**

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Proof of MS designation		Upload
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FAQS & Submitting topic related questions


Topic related FAQ

 **DIGITAL-2022-DEPLOY-02-ELECTRONIC-ID: How does this call incorporate the provision of support for the implementation of the Once Only Technical System (OOTS) under the Single Digital Gateway Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2018/1724)?**

As reflected in the introductory text on the F&T portal, this call is published under a work programme heading combining support activities for the the Once-Only Technical System...

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How to assign PLSIGN?	FAQ ?	SME Self Evaluation	IT how to
How do I fill in my bank account as an expert?	FAQ ?	Where can I find the National Contact Points (for Horizon Europe)?	Helpdesks



LESSONS LEARNT FROM PREVIOUS CALLS AND TIPS FOR APPLICANTS

- Please comply with admissibility requirements
 - Readable application forms
 - Only the provided standard template/NOT YOUR OWN
 - Attach compulsory annex
- Please comply with eligibility requirement/ CONSORTIUM COMPOSITION COMPLIANCE IS A MUST
- NO ETHICS for this call. ONLY reply to SECURITY QUESTIONS please with great attention please.
- Reply to all questions in Part A and B carefully, especially if you have sent your application to other calls.
- Please take into account award criteria as detailed in the call document and follow that logic in your application to provide all necessary information
- Please stick to the page limits as indicated. Information after that page limit will not be taken into account.



Support to Dissemination and Exploitation (D&E)

Call open

Coordination and support action for Dissemination and Exploitation in the Digital Europe Programme

Objectives

- Maximize the impact of the Digital Europe Programme and the take up of its results
- Provide a conceptual and operational framework, including the delivery of a number of practical actions



[DIGITAL-2023-PROGRAM-SUPPORT-04-DISSEM-EXPLOIT](#)

DEADLINE:
26 September
2023

Targeted stakeholders

- Entities with understanding of and expertise in D&E, in particular from the perspective of funding bodies
- Entities with experience in D&E in Information and Communication Technologies in particular those familiar with the programme and/or involved in key programme activities/actions



Thanks for your attention



Questions



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Topic Session #1: Reinforcing Skills in Semiconductors

Stefano SELLERI, DG CNECT A3



DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-04-Advanced Digital Skills

Reinforcing skills in semiconductors

HADEA INFORMATION DAY
2 June 2023
Stefano Selleri, DG CNECT.A3



Background

- The share of students choosing semiconductors disciplines is too low to satisfy the demand of the labour market resulting in a shortage of employees with specific knowledge in the sector.
- The problem is acute, given the unavailability of both technicians and high-level graduates, and it is even more exacerbated by a strong gender imbalance.



Objectives



Increase **visibility** of the semiconductor industry at early stages of education



Up-skilling and re-skilling of the workforce.



Provide **support** for Higher Education and VET institutions.

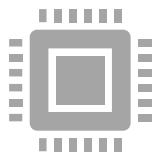


Promote **gender equality** in the semiconductor industry



Scope

All proposals must commit to **twofold** actions



(a) increase the **visibility and the attractiveness** of semiconductors



(b) support the development of:

Higher Education ...

or

Vocational Training ...

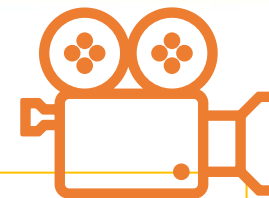
... Networks



A joint approach by industry and academia



Scope - increase the visibility



- **Communication campaigns** aimed at the public to explain the impact of semiconductors in daily life for the benefit of citizens, society, and environment.
- Events aimed at **secondary school students** introducing basics of chips and knowledge of educational offers, business environment, and future employment conditions – and events like bootcamps, summer/winter schools, hands-on activities at business sites, providing practical experiences.
- Address **gender imbalance** with ambassador programmes, career orientation, scholarship programmes, collaboration with STEMinist initiatives.
- Training for secondary **school teachers** to highlight links between STEM disciplines and the semiconductors sector.



Scope - Education & Training Networks



- identify **industry needs**



- **update** courses' contents and **upgrade** university laboratories accordingly



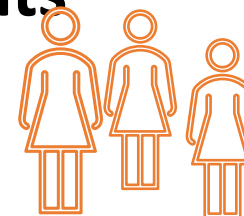
- organize learning activity in companies' premises and **involve SMEs** as hosts of students' internship



- enact initiatives addressing **migrants and immigrants**



- provide support to **attract female candidates**



- strive to **increase** the number of enrolled and graduated students





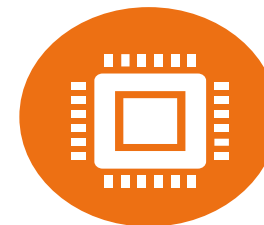
Scope - Higher Education Network

Focus on one or more of the following areas:

- **Chips Design**



- **Chips Manufacturing**



- **Packaging**





Avoid

Do NOT ...

- ... establish new higher education programmes ✗
 - The call focuses on programmes already delivered
- ... focus on generic higher education programmes ✗
 - The call focuses on Chips Design, Chips Manufacturing, Packaging.
- ... establish short-term partnerships ✗
 - The call pushes for long-term partnerships with continuity over years



Relevance

Explain how the activities:

- to reach out **public**, increase **awareness/visibility** on semiconductors
- for **secondary schools' students and teachers** sustain in the long-term
- on education programmes
 - ✓ address the **labour market needs** and contribute to train **specialists**
 - ✓ take into account new **trends of semiconductors technologies**.



Implementation - increase the visibility

Clarify the practical involvement of:

- **education institutions and industry** in the organization and delivery of public initiatives
- **secondary school** in the design and delivery of events for students and for teachers
- **business facilities and innovative equipment** to rise interest of secondary school's students
- **Institutions** to directly and user-friendly address the importance of STEM disciplines



Implementation - Education & Training

Explain how:

- courses will be **upgraded**
- mobility and employment of high-quality **teaching staff** will be encouraged
- students/trainees will be financially **supported** and **gender equality** sustained
- new education/training programmes will be **vett**ed by the relevant authorities
- define the minimum **number of cycles and courses**
- the consortium commits to establishing a **long-term sustainable partnership** among the members



Impact

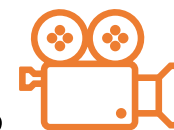
- Demonstrate that public dissemination has been delivered via national or international media
- Events for secondary schools' students and teachers organized
- Education programmes with capacity for 500 students/year across at least 5 Member States, for both BSc and MSc levels.
- VET courses with capacity for at least 1000 trainees/year across at least 5 Member States
- Improvement vs the existing education offer in place prior to this action



Targeted stakeholders

One consortium composed of **minimum of five** applicants:

- Organizations able to deliver communication events
- Semiconductors businesses
- Higher education institutions and VET providers





Additional documents

- European Chips Act: Staff Working document [European Chips Act: Staff Working document | Shaping Europe's digital future \(europa.eu\)](#)
- Skills and Occupational Profiles for Microelectronics, by METIS project, [Metis – Metis4Skills](#)
- ECOVEM project, [European Centre of Vocational Excellence in Microelectronics \(ecovem.eu\)](#)



Timeline and add info

Call opening	11 May 2023
Deadline for submission	26 September 2023
Evaluation	October to November 2023
Information on evaluation results	December 2023
GA signature	June 2024
Simple Grants	50% funding rate
Duration	48 months
call budget	EUR 10 000 000
Expected grant	EUR 5 000 000
Minimum number of applicants	5 from different eligible countries



Thank you



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Topic Session #2: Boosting digital skills of young people and especially girls

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Boosting digital skills of young people, particularly girls (DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-04-BOOSTINGDIGIT)

What do we want to achieve with this call?

Boost digital skills of young people

Increase chances that pupils, esp. girls, get interested in studying STEM/ICT and/or embarking on a digital career

Raise awareness about the relevance of coding and computational thinking, among pupils, teachers, school leaders and parents

Empower the digital transformation of teachers, educators and schools

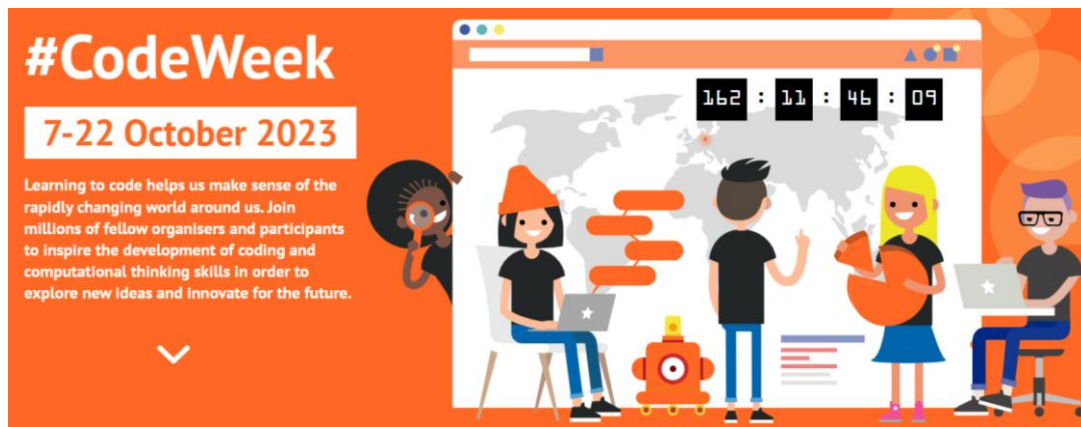
Debunk stereotypes and preconceptions (of girls, but also of their parents and teachers) regarding the accessibility of tech careers



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Objective 1

Improve and scale-up the existing EU Code Week
(currently funded until April 2024)



Volunteer
network
management

Strengthening
network of edu
coordinators

Training of
teachers

Active
engagement
campaigns

Incentivizing
schools (e.g.
School Label)

Promotion of
school coding
activities

Provision
of
learning
resources

Impact
studies

Partnership
management

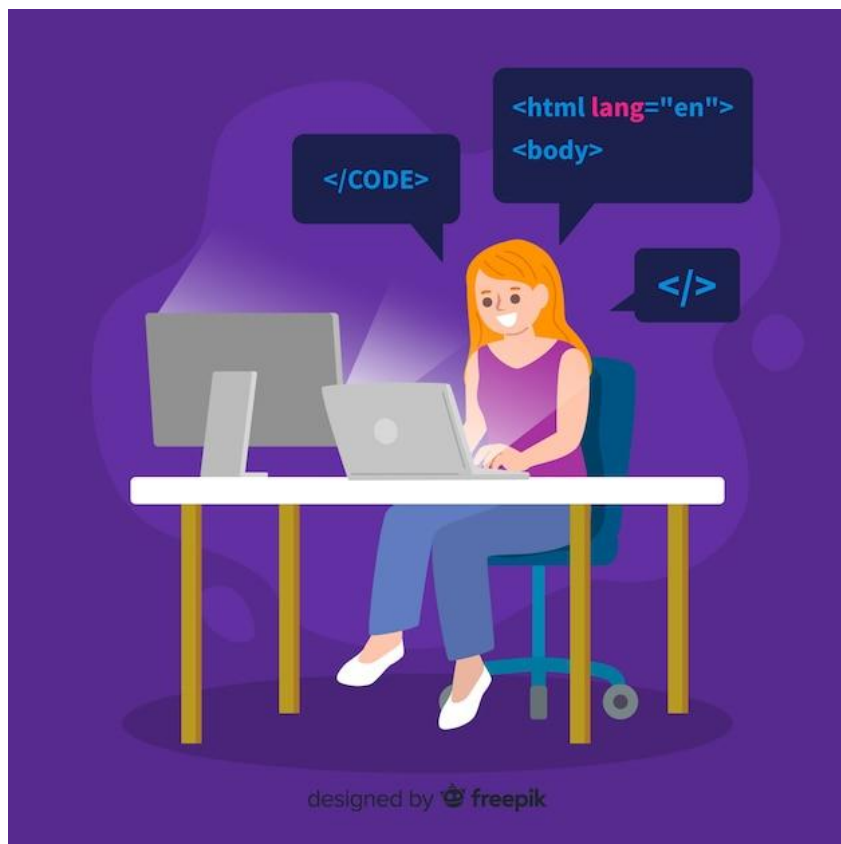
Website
develop-
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Innovative
multi-channel
reachout

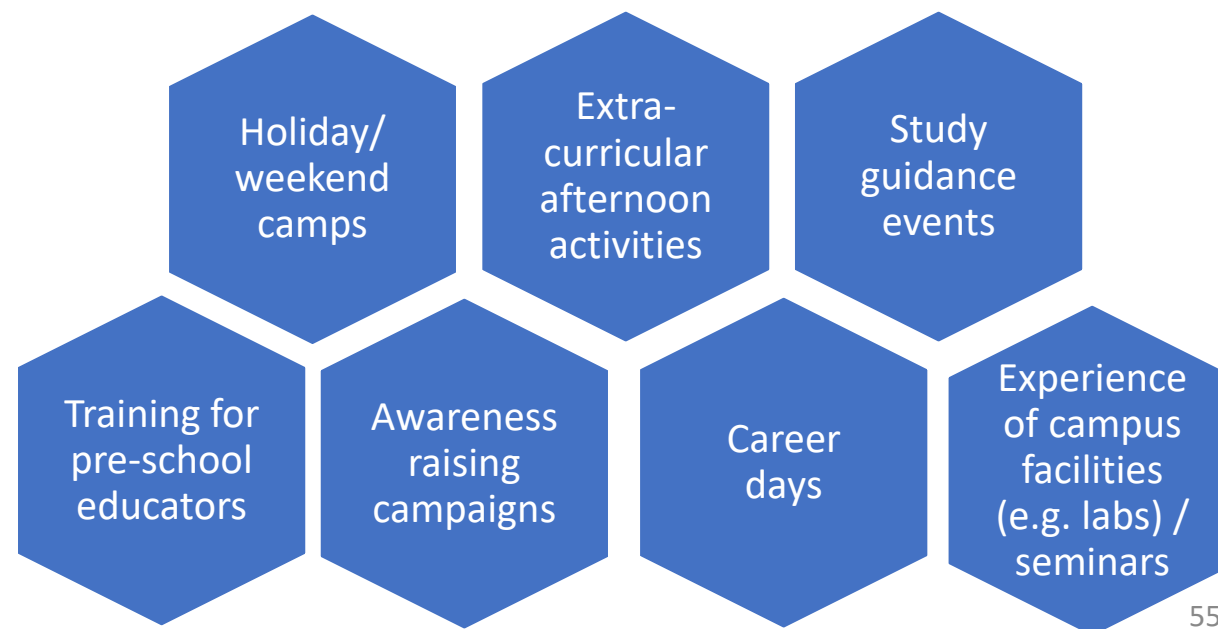


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Objective 2



To increase the pool of young people, and in particular **girls**, who would ultimately be interested in studying STEM and ICT and/or embarking on a digital career, by running **strategic initiatives** involving the full continuum across all sectors of education, e.g.:





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Skills expected of consortium of min. 4 applicants (short version)¹

- Project/event/community management skills
- Communication campaign / dissemination skills
- Deep understanding of education landscape & contacts with education ministries
- Deep understanding of gender digital divide
- Vast experience in organising training courses/workshops for teachers/educators
- Vast experience in developing, maintaining and managing IT infrastructure
- Deep knowledge in conducting accompanying impact studies

¹ For full list of required skills, consult the full call text



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Key actors

- **Educational institutions**, including higher educational establishments
- **Non-profit organisations**
- **Coding clubs**
- **Communication agencies**
- **IT specialists** (e.g. for website development, design of user interface and experience)
- **Research centres**
- **Companies**, including Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)
- **Public authorities**
- **Other actors** (e.g. libraries, makerspaces, etc.)



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Synergies and links

- **Digital Education Action Plan** and other long-term policy objectives, relevant policies and strategies in the area of digital education, digital skills and women/girls in ICT
- Other existing international, European and national **networks, initiatives and programmes** in the area of digital education, digital skills and women/girls in ICT
- **Digital Europe Programme** consortia already awarded under the first work programme (DIGITAL-2021-SKILLS-01-SPECIALISED and DIGITAL-2022-SKILLS-03-SPECIALISED - Specialised education programmes in key capacity areas).



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Possibility of Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)

- Possibility to launch **open calls** for participation through FSTP (max. 10% of the EU funding)
- Maximum amount, distributed through a grant, is EUR **10 000 per third party** (e.g. not-for-profit schools, NGOs, coding clubs, etc.)
- Grants could cover costs such as running Code Week events or carry out holiday campus/courses organised by schools or NGOs
- Grants could cover costs such as purchasing hardware, software, reimbursement of expenses for travel and accommodation and catering.
- FSTP can also be provided in the form of **prizes** (e.g. for smaller competitions among pupils)



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RELEVANCE CRITERIA

Alignment with the objectives and activities as described in section 2

- Describe how proposal addresses specific objectives and scope of the call
- Describe how proposal addresses expected activities listed
- Describe methodology to achieve both objectives
- Describe how to demonstrate impact of different elements of the proposal on learning processes and outcomes

Contribution to long-term policy objectives, policies and strategies & synergies with activities at EU and national level

- Describe how project contributes to the Digital Education Action Plan & other policy objectives, policies and strategies in the area of digital education, digital skills and women/girls in ICT
- Describe how project is planning to seek cooperations with other relevant networks, initiatives and programmes
- Describe cooperation with DEP consortia already awarded under the first work programmes



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IMPLEMENTATION CRITERIA

Maturity of the project

- Describe state of preparation and readiness to start the implementation of the proposed activities as soon as the Grant Agreement is signed

Soundness of implementation plan and efficient use of resources

- Describe work plan including work packages, tasks, deliverables, milestones and timing
- Describe resource allocation to work packages, tasks and partners
- Describe organizational/management structure, decision-making processes and measures for quality assurance/monitoring
- Describe management of FSTP (if applicable)
- Identify critical (and relevant) risks as well as the risk-mitigating measures

Capacity of applicants to carry out the proposed work

- Describe how consortium as a whole matches the project's objectives and requirements mentioned under "targeted stakeholders"
- Explain how members complement one another by having a clear role and how each member contributes to the proposed work



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IMPACT CRITERIA

How to achieve the expected outcomes and deliverables

- Provide KPIs that are specific, measurable, ambitious (yet realistic), relevant and time-bound
- Describe European dimension of the project and how wide geographical coverage is foreseen

Communication / Dissemination

- Describe in detail the plans to disseminate and communicate project achievements and how to tailor these activities to the needs of different target audiences

How to strengthen competitiveness and bring important benefits for society

- Describe how project will seek cooperation key stakeholders and actors from industry, with a particular emphasis on SMEs/start-ups/companies with headquarters located in the EU and eligible countries;
- Describe how to cooperate with and involve education policy makers (mainly Ministries of Education) and other education stakeholders



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Selected key performance indicators (min. to be included¹)

- Registered **activities**
(year 1: 70 000, year 2: 100 000)
- Number of **participants**
(year 1: 2.5 million, year 2: 3 million)
- Teachers/school leaders **trained** (min. 2000/year)
- Teachers in Code Week **Facebook group**
(min. 35 000)
- 1 **ambassador** per EU Member State
- 500 active **leading teachers**

Objective 1



- Number of **Member States** reached
- Number of **courses/camps** delivered
- Number of **extracurricular activities** organised
- Number of **career days** organised
- **Number of study** guidance/info days organised
- Number of **pupils** visiting higher education institutions (e.g. laboratories, seminars, etc.)
- Number of **awareness raising** campaigns

Objective 2



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