Path to the Digital Decade:
Upskilling in Emerging Technologies

9 December 2021
9:30 – 12:00 CEST

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PART I – PLENARY
Upskilling and reskilling practices for emerging technologies

What is the impact of emerging technologies on European citizens and businesses? How can we prepare to face the challenges and leverage the opportunities that they bring? How do we achieve an inclusive and sustainable upskilling process that leaves no one behind? Keynote speakers and selected experts will attempt to answer these questions by sharing their insights on what rapid technological development holds for European citizens and SMEs, and why it is essential to bridge the skills gap and make European society thrive in the digital future.

9.30 – 09.40

Towards a digitally skilled European population: The importance of upskilling to reach the Digital Decade targets
Opening speech

9.40 – 10.05

Path to the Digital Decade: Inclusive and sustainable upskilling for all
Keynote speech

10.05 – 10.15

The Digital SkillUp approach: needs analysis and co-creation of training
Overview of the Digital SkillUp methodology and the key findings, in terms of training needs and results.

10.15 – 10.55

Emerging technologies and society: challenges, trends, and the way forward
The panelists will discuss the state of the art of emerging technologies' uptake, the challenges in reaching the Digital Decade targets and the actions to be implemented in the near future.

10.55 – 11.00

Short break

11.00 – 11.40

PART II – INTERACTIVE SESSIONS
Reaching the Digital Decade´s targets: how to upskill the workforce and the society of the future?

Participants will have the opportunity to share their vision and ideas on how European citizens, SMEs and training providers can make the most out of the digital transformation and of mainstreaming emerging technologies in daily life activities and work processes.

11.00 – 11.40

Session 1 – Emerging technologies for SMEs: the challenge of upskilling employees and managers
This session will touch upon the importance for SMEs to "invest in talents", and the way forward for businesses to deliver effective upskilling training to all staff -from employees to managers.

Session 2 – Emerging technologies' training: creating learning pathways that reflect market needs
This session will focus on the importance of understanding citizens and businesses needs related to understanding and implementing emerging technologies and on how training providers are adapting to the new labor market requirements.

Session 3 – Emerging technology for citizens: empowering a digitally responsible society
This session will investigate how emerging technologies and upskilling should enhance social inclusiveness, boost employment, and make citizens digitally responsible through their active engagement in the community.

11.40 – 12.00

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The way forward to digital upskilling for all: feedback from the parallel sessions
This session will focus on the main takeaways from the parallel sessions, also in the perspective of creating and supporting future partnerships and collaborations.
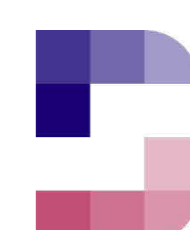
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Closing remarks

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