DIGITAL EUROPE PROGRAMME

TOPIC INFOSHEET - CALL 7



SPECIALISED EDUCATION PROGRAMMES IN KEY CAPACITY AREAS

DIGITAL-2024-ADVANCED-DIGITAL-07-KEYCAPACITY

Deadline: 21. November 2024 **Available budget:** 55 Mio EUR (up to 10 Mio

EUR per project)

Type of action: Lump sum grant Funding rate: 50% funding rate

Project duration: 48 months



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Objectives

This is already the fourth time that this topic is addressed within the Digital Europe Programme. The primary goal is to support the design and delivery of higher education programmes to contribute to the target set by the Digital Decade¹ of 20 million ICT specialist employed in the EU by 2030 and contribute to closing the digital skills gap.

Scope

Jointly co-design of higher education programmes and self-standing modules between higher education institutions, industry and research partners in the consortium.

This time, the proposal must develop either programmes in one of given key digital areas (virtual worlds, edge computing, quantum computing, photonics, robotics and automatization) <u>or</u> interdisciplinary programmes in specific sectors related to the green transition (agriculture, transport, renewable energy, waste management) <u>or</u> targeting the government and public sector. A collaboration with <u>Digital Skills & Jobs Platform</u> is required.

Target group

Minimum of six independent applicants from four different eligible countries. It is highly recommended to include at least three degree awarding higher education institutions from three different eligible countries, which are part of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) and a minimum of two industry partners whose headquarters are located in two different eligible countries. At least one additional independent research organisation/hub or competence/excellence centre should be included as well.

Funded projects & linked topics

- □ <u>DS4Health</u> | <u>DIGITAL-2021-SKILLS-01-SPECIALISED</u>
- ☐ <u>CyberSecPro</u> | <u>DIGITAL-2021-SKILLS-01-SPECIALISED</u>
- ☐ GreenChips-EDU | DIGITAL-2022-SKILLS-03-SPECIALISED-EDU
- ☐ <u>Digital4Security</u> | <u>DIGITAL-2022-SKILLS-03-SPECIALISED-EDU</u>
- □ <u>DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-05-SPECIALEDU</u> (results not yet published)
- □ <u>DIGITAL-2023-SKILLS-05-SPECIAL-PROGEDU</u> (results not yet published)

¹ Digital Decade Policy Programme (DDPP) decision: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/2022/2481/oi